



Scholarships, Grants, and Contests

For Academic Year 2026-2027

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<https://texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships>

ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship (Grand Lodge)

The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any Texas high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants compete nationally on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$30,000 paid over 4-years. To learn more about the MVS Scholarship and to begin your online application, visit www.elks.org/scholars. Application online submission opens 8/01/26 and deadline is **November 12, 2026**.

ENF Legacy Awards (Grand Lodge)

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Award is open to Texas high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Elks members in good standing. Applicants compete nationally for scholarships of \$6,000 paid over 4-years. For eligibility requirements and to complete the online application visit www.elks.org/scholars. Application online submission opens 9/01/26 and deadline is **February 1, 2027 Noon PST**.

ENF Emergency Education Grants

Emergency Education Grants are awarded by ENF for financial assistance ranging up to \$5,000 per year (renewable) to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education. For complete eligibility requirements and application instructions, visit www.elks.org/scholars Applications must be filed **between May 1 and December 31, 2026**.

TESA Teenager of the Year Scholarship

Program is open to 2027 graduating high school seniors who are US Citizens and Texas residents. Applicants compete based on scholastic achievement, strength of character, leadership and extra-curricular activities. Male and female applicants compete separately for three scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 each. Visit www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

TESA Four-Year Scholarship

Program is open to 2027 graduating high school seniors who are US Citizens and Texas residents seeking a 4-year bachelor's degree. This Program awards six scholarships to three male and three female students. Each award is in the amount of \$1,250 per academic year, for a total of \$5,000 over 4-years. Applicants compete on financial need, scholarship, strength of character, leadership and extra-curricular activities. Visit www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

TESA Eagle Scout Scholarship (Boy Scouts of America new name is Scouting America)

Program is open to Eagle Scouts who are 2027 graduating seniors, US Citizens, and Texas residents. Award is \$2,500 scholarship. Applicants must include Eagle Scout Certificate, a description of their project and personal recommendations. Visit www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

TESA Gold Award Scholarship

Program is open to Girl Scouts who are 2027 graduating seniors, US Citizens, and Texas residents who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and seeking financial assistance for post-secondary education. Award is a \$2,500 scholarship. Visit www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships. Applications and proof that the Girl Scout Gold Project is expected to be complete by May 1, 2027 must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

TESA Vocational Grant NOT limited to HS Seniors.

Program is open to ANY prospective student, 18 years of age or older, planning to pursue a vocational/technical (VO/TECH) course within the United States. Applicant must be US Citizen and Texas resident. Award is a \$2,000 Scholarship. **Program is not limited to high school students - ANYONE OVER 18 CAN APPLY.** A high school diploma or equivalent GED is **not** required. Visit www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

TESA Essay Contest NOT limited to HS Seniors.

Contest is open to any Texas high school student (grades 9-12) who is a US Citizen and Texas resident. Scholarships of \$1,500, \$1,300, and \$1,200 will be awarded for the top three essays. The application and essay topic can be found at www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships. Applications and completed essay must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

TESA-Ellie-Grace True Grit and Perseverance Scholarship (NEW)

Scholarship is open to any 2027 graduating high school senior who is a US Citizen and Texas resident who has/had significant medical challenges OR a learning disability, and who has exhibited perseverance and "true grit" throughout their education. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to the top male and top female for college or vocational/technical school or a certification. Visit www.texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships for application and essay topic. Applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair by **January 29, 2027**.

Americanism Essay Contest

This Elks Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee contest is for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to promote Americanism in our local communities. The application and essay topic can be found at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/americanismEssayContest.pdf>. Cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 are given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade nationally. The application must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair no later than **December 15, 2026**.

For Applications and additional information on TESA Scholarships see

<https://texaselks.org/tesa-scholarships>