

REACTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

January 15, 2026

Dear REACTA Scholarship Applicant,

As the REACTA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, I am delighted that you have an interest in our Scholarship opportunity. To assist you in being qualified for this award, I offer the following suggestions and guidelines:

1. Make sure that your application is neat, grammatically correct, accurate, and that it reflects who you are and aspire to be.
2. Spend time on this application. It should reflect effort and thoughtfulness. All sections must be completed in a minimum 12-point font size.
3. Applications that do not contain each of the required sections will not be considered.
4. The deadline is hard and fast. All application packets **MUST** be submitted electronically on or before March 31, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.
5. All REACTA Scholarship awardees are required to submit a 1–2-minute video clip showcasing how their REACTA Scholarship impacted their life. (Video clips are due on October 1, 2026)

Best of luck to you, and thanks again for your interest.

Anita Benitas Gardella

REACTA Scholarship Chair

REACTA 2026 Scholarship Application Packet

REACTA, the Retired Employees Association of the California Teachers Association, is an organization that works with CTA employee unions and CTA management to advance, protect, and enhance the pension and health care benefits of all employees who retire from the California Teachers Association. We are awarding one or more scholarships up to the total amount of \$6,000 as determined by the Scholarship Committee to students currently attending or registered to attend an accredited, degree granting institution or college.

THE APPLICANT MUST BE A CHILD, GRANDCHILD, GREAT-GRANDCHILD, NIECE, NEPHEW, OR GREAT-NIECE / NEPHEW OF AN ACTIVE REACTA MEMBER.

DEADLINE for the scholarship application is **March 31, 2026**. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. Copies of this application may be obtained on the REACTA website at www.REACTA.org or upon request from the REACTA Scholarship Committee at REACTAscholarships@gmail.com

NOTIFICATION of FUNDING You will be notified by email, and/or phone on or before **June 1st, 2026**, regarding the status of your application. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Anita Benitas Gardella at REACTAscholarships@gmail.com or call (916) 202-5903.

SUBMISSION of APPLICATION

Email To: REACTAscholarships@gmail.com

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to students upon evidence of registration in an accredited college or institution for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applicants are expected to enroll in college during this calendar year.

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Personal Data Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

High School, Vocational, and College Level Institutions Attended:

High School:

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Yrs Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Vocational School: *(if applicable)*

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Yrs Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College or University: *(if applicable)*

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Yrs Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Please complete the following 6 questions and the Essay:

1. Tell us more about yourself:
2. How would the REACTA Scholarship benefit you?
3. Please describe your educational and career goals:

4. What are your interests or hobbies?

5. Please list any academic, extracurricular, community activities, awards, internships, or work experience:

6. Please tell us about the educator who influenced you the most, and why:

REACTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY

In 300 words or less, as someone who has completed or is completing their K-12 education, describe what changes to the K-12 education system you would recommend to enhance the educational experience for future generations.

Scholarship Information Release/Certification

I (applicant) certify that all the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete, and accurate. This information may be reviewed by the REACTA Scholarship Application Committee for the purpose of identifying and assessing me as a potential scholarship recipient.

Name: _____

REACTA Member or Guardian Sponsor: _____

Relationship to REACTA Member: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

REACTA Scholarship Photo Release

I (applicant) hereby grant permission to the Retired Employees Association of the California Teachers Association, to use all images and/or voice recordings of me by film, videotape, audio recordings, still photography or any other medium, which I provide to them. REACTA may use the images and/or voice recordings on their website and all other social media platforms to promote the REACTA Scholarships Program without compensation to me.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the REACTA Scholarship applicant applying is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian signature is required:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____