



# Scholarship

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## Policy

Purpose: To provide guidance for the Association for education and scholarship matters.

1. The ATAT website will be utilized to post potential scholarship opportunities for ATAT members and their children, including the ATAT Scholarship.
2. The committee will review the scholarship application and guidelines and make any necessary updates and/or changes.
  - A. The Agriculture Teachers Association offers the ATAT Scholarship to members' children upon their graduation from high school. Scholarships are awarded to all eligible applicants as long as VATAT membership requirements are met and the applicant meets all scholarship requirements listed.
  - B. The applicant must be a graduating senior and the son/stepson, daughter/stepdaughter in good standing with the ATAT and meeting the following requirements.
  - C. Active Members: must have been a member for the past four consecutive years.
  - D. Associate members: before becoming an associate member they were an active member for three consecutive years and have maintained associate membership.
  - E. Retired members: Honorary Life member (a member for 25 years+ prior to retiring).
  - F. Required information to be completed Online:
    1. Application
    2. Essay: Minimum 100-word essay
  - G. Application and supporting materials must be submitted online on or before April 1. Late applications will NOT be accepted. Once you submit your application the ATAT will send a confirmation email letting you know it was received.
  - H. Proof of Enrollment: Scholarship recipients must submit a scholarship acceptance agreement form along with proof of college enrollment for the fall semester (i.e. tuition statement, schedule, etc.) via email by August 24 to the ATAT office to receive scholarship funds. Scholarship payment will be mailed to the College or Educational Institution you will be attending.
  - I. Scholarship may be used for other educational needs, if not needed for tuition.
  - J. Recipients may defer the payment of their scholarship for a maximum of two years.
3. The Association scholarship account will be invested by the Investment committee to ensure optimal return and security.
4. The ATAT will receive payment for hosting the Texas FFA Convention Dance with funds derived from registration fees based on the agreement with the Texas FFA.
5. Any scholarship activity such as the fun run, golf tournament, or archery tournament, etc., will have the funds raised put in the youth fund after expenses are paid.

6. Legacy Endowment funds may be used to supplement the Scholarship Fund depending on the decisions of the Investment Committee.
7. The Membership Services Coordinator will coordinate the acceptance of applications and distribution of scholarship funds to recipients according to scholarship guidelines.
8. Any deviations from the scholarship guidelines by the applicant will be approved by the current members of the Education and Scholarship Committee.
9. A Hall of Fame for Agricultural Science teachers will be established. Members will qualify for it if they are eligible for honorary membership and can be inducted into it one year after retirement. A donation of \$1000 must be made with the letter of nomination.

## Operational Protocols

1. It will be up to the discretion of this committee, in conjunction with the Budget committee, to recommend an appropriate increase the scholarship amounts based on the previous fiscal year's fundraising. The Scholarship was set at \$1000 in 2020 and will remain for 2021.
2. A list of the current ATAT Scholarship recipients should be posted on the ATAT website.