



2026 Creating Hope Scholarship Program Guidelines

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Submissions will be accepted from September 2, 2026, through September 30, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be announced in November 2026. Up to five scholarships will be awarded.

Void where prohibited. This scholarship may not be redeemed for cash value. This scholarship is in no way sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with, any social media platform or other program.

Up to five (5) applicants will each be awarded a \$1,000 reduction in eligible program fees for a participating #TEACH initial teaching certification program, for a total campaign value of up to \$5,000.

Each \$1,000 award is referred to in these Scholarship Program Guidelines as a “Scholarship.”

The Scholarship will be applied toward qualifying program fees owed by the Scholarship recipient. For a recipient who has already made qualifying payments toward eligible program fees, #TEACH will reimburse qualifying program-fee payments, apply the Scholarship toward the recipient’s remaining eligible program-fee balance, or use a combination of reimbursement and account credit totaling no more than \$1,000.

Program fee payments are narrowly defined as the candidate’s eligible program fees as outlined in the candidate’s applicable enrollment agreement, resident agreement, intern agreement, or other governing program agreement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship Application Period opens to the public on September 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM Eastern Time (“ET”) and ends on September 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM CT.

Applicants for the Scholarship must do the following:

1. Complete the #TEACH Creating Hope Scholarship submission form located on the official #TEACH website by filling out all requested fields.
2. Submit an original essay of 250 to 500 words responding to the following prompt: “How do you hope to create meaningful change in the lives of students, schools, or communities through your work as an educator? Share experiences, values, or goals that have shaped your commitment to education and explain how you plan to make a lasting impact.”
3. Submit the completed application and essay no later than September 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM CT.
4. Apply and qualify for admission to a participating #TEACH initial teaching certification program or be a current resident or candidate in good standing in a participating #TEACH initial teaching certification program.
5. Enroll in a participating #TEACH initial teaching certification program, including payment of any required non-refundable enrollment fee, and actively engage in applicable program requirements no later than October 23, 2026.

The Scholarship is available through participating #TEACH initial teaching certification programs in Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, and North Carolina.

Applicants must meet all applicable admissions, enrollment, certification, and program requirements established by the participating #TEACH initial teaching certification program. Submitting a Scholarship application does not guarantee admission to or enrollment in a #TEACH program. Scholarship consideration and program admission are separate processes.

Current #TEACH residents or candidates may apply, provided they satisfy the eligibility requirements stated in these Scholarship Program Guidelines and remain in good standing with their applicable #TEACH program.

Applicants must be legal residents of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of application.

After the submission and verification period, up to five (5) Scholarships will be awarded. Scholarship recipients are expected to be announced in November 2026.

VERIFICATION PERIOD

During the verification period, #TEACH will review all Scholarship submissions to determine eligibility as provided in these Scholarship Program Guidelines, including, without limitation:

- Completion of the Scholarship application;
- Submission of an original essay that meets the required word count;
- Compliance with all application deadlines;
- Admission to or current participation in an eligible #TEACH program;
- Completion of applicable enrollment requirements;
- Payment of any required non-refundable enrollment fee;
- Active engagement in applicable #TEACH program requirements; and
- Accuracy of the information provided in the Scholarship application.

Failure to comply with the application procedure or eligibility requirements may result in a voided submission in #TEACH's sole discretion. #TEACH reserves the right to request information or documentation verifying an applicant's identity, eligibility, enrollment status, program participation, account status, or application information.

An applicant's submission may be disqualified if it is incomplete, inaccurate, misleading, fraudulent, plagiarized, generated primarily by another person, or submitted after the applicable deadline.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION

Each applicant selected to receive a Scholarship will be notified by email using the email address provided in the Scholarship application. Scholarship recipients are expected to be notified and announced in November 2026 following completion of the application review and verification process.

A potential Scholarship recipient must respond within five (5) business days of notification to confirm acceptance, provide any additional eligibility information, and complete any documentation requested by #TEACH.

If a potential recipient cannot be contacted, does not respond within the required timeframe, declines the Scholarship, does not complete verification, fails to satisfy eligibility or enrollment requirements, provides false or misleading information, or is otherwise found ineligible, the Scholarship may become void and #TEACH may select an alternate recipient.

Being selected as a potential Scholarship recipient does not guarantee receipt of the Scholarship until the applicant's eligibility has been verified by #TEACH.

LIMITATIONS

The Scholarship will become void if the Scholarship recipient does not satisfy the application, qualification, enrollment, payment, and active-engagement requirements by October 23, 2026.

The Scholarship is non-transferable, non-assignable, not redeemable for cash, limited to the recipient selected by #TEACH, and limited to eligible program fees as determined by #TEACH. The Scholarship may not be sold, transferred, exchanged, substituted, or assigned to another person or program.

The Scholarship does not guarantee admission into or completion of a #TEACH program; teacher certification or licensure; approval by a state education agency; employment as a teacher; placement with a school or district; or satisfaction of any state-specific certification or licensing requirement.

Applicants and Scholarship recipients remain responsible for satisfying all admissions, academic, testing, certification, licensing, residency, internship, clinical, employment, and other requirements applicable to their selected teacher certification pathway.

The Scholarship may not be combined with another scholarship, promotional offer, discount, tuition reduction, incentive, or financial award applicable to the same program fees unless #TEACH expressly approves the combination in writing. Approved payment plans may remain available but do not increase the value of the Scholarship.

GRANT OF RIGHTS

By submitting an application for a Scholarship, each applicant agrees that the submission is gratuitous and made without restriction, that it will not place #TEACH under any obligation other than as stated herein, and that #TEACH may publish, disclose, or otherwise use the ideas contained in the application on a non-confidential basis without additional compensation to the applicant.

Each applicant acknowledges that acceptance of a submission does not limit or waive #TEACH's right to use similar or related ideas previously known to #TEACH, independently developed by its employees or representatives, or obtained from another source.

Each applicant irrevocably grants to #TEACH and its designees, affiliates, successors, and assigns a fully paid, worldwide license to use, copy, reproduce, modify, edit, publish, transmit, distribute, publicly perform, publicly display, sublicense, or otherwise use the applicant's Scholarship submission in any media now known or later developed, including electronic media, social media, print media, websites, email, advertising, marketing, publicity, and promotional materials relating to the Scholarship or #TEACH.

This license includes the right to use the applicant's name, city and state, photograph or likeness, voice, biographical information, essay, application responses, educator story, and statements relating to the Scholarship or the applicant's educational goals. #TEACH may edit, excerpt, reproduce, adapt, combine, or otherwise modify a submission for formatting, length, clarity, marketing, publicity, or promotional purposes.

Each applicant agrees that #TEACH and its related entities and representatives may exercise the rights granted herein without further notification or compensation, except for the Scholarship awarded under these guidelines. #TEACH may assign those rights, has no obligation to use a submission, may discontinue any use, and may request documents reasonably necessary to confirm the rights granted. Where prohibited by law, these publicity permissions will not apply.

APPLICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

#TEACH will give effect to each Scholarship awarded by reducing the Scholarship recipient's eligible program fees by \$1,000.

If the Scholarship recipient owes less than \$1,000 in eligible program fees when the Scholarship is applied, the Scholarship will reduce the remaining eligible program-fee balance to \$0. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will expire and will not be paid to the recipient in cash or applied to other fees.

For a current resident or candidate who previously made qualifying payments toward eligible program fees, #TEACH may reimburse up to \$1,000 in qualifying program-fee payments, apply up to \$1,000 toward the remaining eligible program-fee balance, or use a combination of reimbursement and account credit totaling no more than \$1,000.

The method of application will be determined by #TEACH based on the recipient's enrollment status, payment history, remaining eligible program-fee balance, and applicable program agreement.

The Scholarship does not apply to fees or costs that are not part of the eligible program fee. Excluded fees and costs may include, without limitation:

- Enrollment and application fees;
- Extension fees;
- Testing or examination fees;
- Background checks and fingerprinting fees;
- State education agency, certification, or licensure fees;
- Transcript fees;
- Tuition or fees charged by a college, university, or third party;
- Third-party study materials;
- Travel or relocation expenses; and
- Any other fee or cost not expressly included in the recipient's eligible #TEACH program fee.

Scholarship recipients remain responsible for all program fees and other costs exceeding the \$1,000 Scholarship amount. Any reimbursement will be limited to qualifying payments actually made toward eligible program fees. No recipient may receive more than the recipient's qualifying payments and outstanding eligible program-fee balance combined.

GENERAL

By applying for a Scholarship, each applicant agrees to release and hold harmless #TEACH and its parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, suppliers, distributors, advertising and promotion agencies, scholarship administrators, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents, as well as any other person or entity involved in the production, development, implementation, administration, or handling of the Scholarship, from and against any claim or cause of action, to the fullest extent permitted by law, arising out of participation in the Scholarship or receipt, application, use, or misuse of a Scholarship.

Applicants acknowledge that #TEACH has not made any warranty, representation, or guarantee, express or implied, concerning a Scholarship or its suitability for any particular purpose.

#TEACH is a for-profit entity, and Scholarships are not represented as tax-exempt grants. Scholarship recipients should consult their own tax advisors regarding any federal, state, or local tax consequences associated with receiving a Scholarship.

#TEACH assumes no responsibility for damage to an applicant's computer, mobile device, network, software, data, or other equipment arising from or related to participation in the Scholarship. #TEACH is not responsible for incomplete, corrupted, delayed, late, lost, or misdirected applications; failed submissions or notifications; unavailable networks, websites, or connections; technical malfunctions; incorrect capture of information; unauthorized intervention; or administrative or technological errors.

#TEACH reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual found to be tampering with the process, interfering with administration, violating these guidelines, providing false or fraudulent information, acting in a

disruptive manner, attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Scholarship, or threatening, abusing, or harassing another person. #TEACH reserves the right to pursue damages and other remedies to the fullest extent permitted by law.

If the Scholarship cannot be administered as planned because of fraud, technical failure, unauthorized intervention, human error, legal or regulatory requirements, or another cause affecting its integrity, fairness, security, or proper administration, #TEACH reserves the right to modify, suspend, cancel, or terminate the Scholarship and, if appropriate, select recipients from eligible submissions received before the action was taken.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision shall not affect any other provision. If a provision is invalid, unenforceable, or illegal, these guidelines will otherwise remain in effect and will be interpreted as though that provision were not included. Failure by #TEACH to enforce a provision will not constitute a waiver.

#TEACH's decisions concerning the interpretation and application of these Scholarship Program Guidelines are final and binding.