

TCATA Educational Fund

A Two-Year Trade and Vocational Scholarship

TCATA sponsors scholarships through its Education Fund for students interested in pursuing certification in a trade or vocational program. It is desirable — but not mandatory — that those receiving these scholarships select courses of study that will prepare them to participate in and materially contribute to the textile care industry. The following questions and answers provide information regarding qualifications, administration and the awarding of these scholarships.

Questions & Answers

Who is eligible?

To qualify, applicants must be full-time employees, or the children or grandchildren of full-time employees, of a Textile Care Allied Trades Association member company in good standing for at least three years. The employee must have worked in a division related to the textile care industry for over a year.

Applicants may be entering, enrolled in, or continuing education at an accredited U.S. trade school or vocational program and must be actively studying in the semester following the scholarship award. Applicants must engage in studies during the fall semester immediately following their scholarship award.

What is the amount of the scholarship?

Each recipient will receive a check for \$5,000 made payable to both the student and the qualifying school or program involved. Checks will be sent to the recipient prior to the beginning of the semester.

What must be submitted for application?

Applicants must complete an application and provide the following:

- A letter of acceptance to an accredited trade or vocational school or program.
- A letter of recommendation describing their vocational goals and other relevant information.
- A letter from the applicant to TCATA describing their personal accomplishments, immediate goals and future career objectives.

On what basis will scholarships be awarded?

All scholarships will be awarded on the following priority basis:

- **Vocational Goals:** Candidates will be evaluated on their accomplishments and vocational goals as indicated by supporting paperwork filed with their application.

- **Courses of Study:** Consideration will then be given to applicants who, upon graduation, plan to work in the textile care industry and who will pursue a course of study for that purpose.

What is the deadline for applications?

Applications, with supporting paperwork, must be received by April 30 of the year the applicant plans to enter an accredited trade or vocational program. The scholarship award will be announced in May of that year.

Can other scholarships be accepted?

Yes, the acceptance of other scholarships is permitted and will not affect your TCATA Scholarship.

What is the process for selecting scholarship recipients?

Applications will be screened for qualification compliance. Non-compliant applications will be eliminated, and eligible ones will be reviewed by an academic representative, who will award scholarships based solely on competitive merit.

Can scholarships be transferred to others?

No, all awards are made to a specific individual and are not transferrable to another at any time.

Can scholarships be transferred to other schools?

Yes, transfers from one accredited program to another are permitted providing the other program is accredited.

What happens if studies are interrupted?

Recipients who must interrupt studies may request a one-year scholarship postponement from TCATA. If granted, failure to resume within a year cancels the scholarship. Each case will be reviewed individually, and TCATA's decision is final.

Are awards made for more than one year?

Scholarships cover two years of study, with payments made before each fall semester, contingent on the student maintaining good academic standing and eligibility.

How can continuance of scholarships be guaranteed?

Recipients must submit academic transcripts to the Association by July 1 each year to confirm continued study. Scholarship funds for the next year will be awarded upon receipt.

Upon graduation, must the student be employed by a TCATA member?

No, there is no obligation to accept employment with a TCATA member upon graduation. However, this scholarship program was created to stimulate interest in people pursuing a career in some segment of the textile care industry.

For Additional Information:

Requests for additional information concerning procedures, processing, administration or awarding of scholarships should be made to:

TCATA College Scholarship Program

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About TCATA

Since 1920, Textile Care Allied Trades Association (TCATA) has been the national association representing manufacturers, distributors, trade magazines and service organizations in the textile care industry. Its members are the leading allied trades companies producing and selling most products sold in the industry.

Among its services, the Association collects market data, monitors government regulation and legislation affecting the industry, conducts business education programs and holds annual conferences and seminars where member companies meet to solve mutual problems.

TCATA member companies are dedicated to the principles of quality, integrity and service.

About the TCATA Scholarship

TCATA's scholarship is in memory of two outstanding individuals who contributed greatly to both the Association and to the textile care industry – Dean Allen and Max Zimmerman.

About Dean Allen

In 1938 at the age of 15, Dean C. Allen started working for Allen and Vickers, a family business based in Atlanta, Georgia, distributing laundry and dry cleaning equipment. Until his untimely death in May 1980, Dean Allen spent 42 dedicated years working for his company, supporting TCATA projects and continuously and tirelessly striving for the improvement of the entire textile care industry.

Dean Allen had served as a Vice President of the TCATA Distributor Group, was a member of the TCATA Board of Directors and was elected President of TCATA for two terms. At the time of his death, Dean Allen was active in developing this scholarship program, which was established in 1980.

About Max Zimmerman

Max Zimmerman got his start in the industry in 1924 by working in his father's dry cleaning plant in Dayton, Ohio. In 1953, he started his own dry cleaning company and went on to invent one of the first spray finishes for fabrics.

Max was a tireless promoter of TCATA, having served on TCATA's Board of Directors as well as Secretary-Treasurer. In recognition of his work, he had received all three major awards from the Association – the Young Timer Man of the Year, the Silver Circle Club Man of The Year and the Morry Friedlander Award. The Max Zimmerman Fund—established in 1990—was made possible by a generous donation by Max himself. Mr. Zimmerman passed away in 2000.

Continuation of this Scholarship Program

TCATA reserves the right to revise or discontinue this Scholarship Program at any time. Such action, however, will not affect any scholarships previously awarded.



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