

The William H. Cotton Scholarship was established by Credit Union of Texas to honor the legacy of William H. Cotton for his 46 years of dedication and service to Dallas Independent School District (DISD) and Credit Union of Texas (CUTX).

The **\$20,000 William H. Cotton Scholarship** is awarded to one (1) DISD educator or administrator seeking to pursue continuing post-baccalaureate education, including certifications, to further their career in the field of education for the benefit of the DISD community and its students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship applicants must meet all the following requirements:

1. Must be a CUTX member with a checking account or a loan product prior to submitting an application. Please note that these eligibility requirements must be met annually for renewal.
2. Checking account, and all other accounts at CUTX, must be in good standing. Please note that these eligibility requirements must be met annually for renewal.
3. Must be a full-time or part-time DISD faculty or administrator. Please note that these eligibility requirements must be met annually for renewal.
4. Must be intended to further your career in education and serve the DISD community during the course of the scholarship term. Please note that these eligibility requirements must be met annually for renewal.
5. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.
6. All required attachments must be submitted with your application.
7. CUTX employees and family members of CUTX employees are **NOT** eligible for this scholarship.

REGULATIONS

1. All applications and essays must be typed.
2. Incomplete applications or those missing any required attachments will not be considered.
3. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.
4. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational institution. Continued disbursement of scholarship funds requires a grade of (C) or better in a graded course and passing in a pass/fail course.
5. **Scholarship value will be awarded in increments of \$5,000 per semester, employment must be provided to CUTX prior.**
 - a) Prior to the beginning of every new semester and disbursement of scholarship funds, scholarship recipients must complete the CUTX Scholarship questionnaire and return it to cottonscholarship@cutx.org. All questions must be completed for the questionnaire to be accepted.
6. Scholarship funds will be available for up to ten (10) years.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the application in its entirety. You may attach additional sheets of paper if necessary, for awards and extra-curricular activities.
2. Include all required attachments (see below) with your completed application. Scholarship applications and related attachments will not be returned. Please do not submit original documents.
3. Submit completed application and attachments to:
Email: cottonscholarship@cutx.org (*Email submissions are the preferred submission method.*)
or mail: William H. Cotton Scholarship Committee, Credit Union of Texas, P.O. Box 7000, Allen, Texas 75013-1305

DEADLINE

Your scholarship entry packet must be postmarked by March 31, 2024.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Please submit the following attachments along with your completed application.

1. A professional résumé.
2. Proof of current DISD employment (contract or pay stub).
3. Two professional/scholastic letters of recommendation. Each letter should be dated and include the name, address, and phone number of the referrer. The letter must state what capacity the referrer knows the applicant.

ESSAY

All applications must include a typed essay with a maximum of up to 1,000 words. Essays exceeding the word count will be disqualified. The essay topic is:

List the top 3 challenges Dallas ISD faces in the next 3-5 years and describe how your educational experience and future educational pursuits will help you meet each of these challenges.

To be eligible for consideration, please be sure to attach the required information along with this application. Any application that does not have the required attachments will be ineligible. You may use additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Send completed materials postmarked no later than March 31, 2024

Email to: cottonscholarship@cutx.org

Or mail to: William H. Cotton Scholarship Committee, Credit Union of Texas, P.O. Box 7000, Allen, Texas 75013-1305

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CUTX Member #: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Personal Email: _____ DISD Location: _____

Job Title: _____ Length of Employment: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Phone: _____ Supervisor Email: _____

What program or degree are you currently pursuing or intend to pursue? _____

Are you currently enrolled? Yes No If yes, where are you enrolled? _____

If no, what is the projected date you intend to enroll? _____

Please list any honors or academic awards you have received:

Please list any extra-curricular activities (including scholastic, cultural, religious, athletic, or community) that you have participated in:

My essay word count total is _____. I certify that everything I have stated and reported in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge at this time.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____