

Northside Board of Trustees Future Teacher Scholarship Guidelines 2025-2026

The Northside Independent School District (NISD) Board of Trustees Future Teacher Scholarship was established in 2024 to assist a graduating senior who plans to attend the college/university of their choice to prepare for a career in the field of education. The goal is to encourage scholarship recipients to teach in NISD upon graduation.

Recipient(s) will be selected from the completed applications and notified of the award. The scholarship winner will be formally announced prior to graduation at the April or May Board meeting.

The monetary value of the scholarship is \$2,500. Checks will be mailed directly to the college/university that the student will attend in the current academic year.

Information relevant to the Northside Board of Trustees Future Teacher Scholarship is listed below.

Scholarship Eligibility

The recipient must:

- Have attended an NISD high school for at least 1 full academic school year.
- Be a 2026 NISD high school graduating senior.
- Have a G.P.A. of 70 or above
- Be in good academic standing
- Upon award, provide proof of acceptance to one or more learning institutions upon notification. (If acceptance has not been received by the time of application for this scholarship, proof of submission of the college application will suffice pending notification of acceptance).
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in a College or University in the Summer or Fall 2026 session AND pursuing a degree to enter the education field (Pre-K thru 12).
- Upon college graduation, intend to seek a teaching position within Northside ISD.
- ***Submit the online application by 11:59 pm, Thursday, January 8, 2026***

Scholarship Review Committee

- The committee will consist of 4-6 reviewers.
- No committee member can be the parent/guardian or family member of a student who is applying for the scholarship.

Application Process

- To access the application, [click here](https://forms.gle/MjHqp1EbTsYncGa86) (link: <https://forms.gle/MjHqp1EbTsYncGa86>)
- Application Guidelines are available on the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) website at <https://www.nisd.net/community/nef/scholarships>
- Application information will be dispersed through each NISD high school.
- Students can access the application with their NISD student email.
- ***Applications must be received by 11:59 pm, Thursday, January 8, 2026.***
- For questions contact the NISD Grants & Recognitions Department at grants@nisd.net

Review Process

- The Scholarship Committee will receive a copy of all completed applications.
- Incomplete applications will not be scored.
- A rubric will be used to evaluate and to ensure impartiality.

Notification and Awarding of Scholarship

- The recipient and their high school counselor will be notified so that the scholarship can be announced and presented at an NISD Board of Trustees meeting.
- The scholarship recipient may be announced on social media platforms once the award has been presented.
- Once proof of enrollment is established, a check for \$2,500.00 will be sent to the student's account at the college/university by the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) on behalf of the NISD Board of Trustees.

Application Questions

- I certify that I plan to pursue a career in the field of education.
 - Yes. Click "Next" to complete the Scholarship Questions.
 - No. You are not eligible to apply.
- Student Name
- Student NISD Email
- Student ID #
- Name of NISD High School
- Assurance that applicant plans to pursue a career in Pre-K through 12th grade
- Parent or Guardian Name
- Parent or Guardian Email
- High School Counselor Name

- High School Counselor's district email Please note that your high school counselor will receive an email to confirm that you are in good academic standing and are on track to graduate at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- In 500 words or less, describe yourself and discuss your future academic plans and why you want to pursue a career in the education field. What experiences or influences led you to pursue a career in teaching? How do you envision making a positive impact on students' lives as a teacher? Can you recall a moment from your own education that inspired you to become a teacher? What specific qualities, skills or passions do you possess that you believe make you well-suited for teaching? Essay responses should not exceed 500 words.
- List extracurricular activities you participated in while in high school (Clubs, Athletics, Choir, Theater, Debate, Church, Scouts, etc. and any offices held in each)
- List any honors, awards and/or achievements received while in high school (Clubs, Athletics, Awards, Offices held, and etc.)
- List any volunteer work and/or employment you participated in while in high school (Church, Community Services, Work and etc.)
- The Scholarship Committee will consider the whole person. Please briefly describe any experiences, challenges, uniqueness, creativity and/or extra effort you would like the committee to recognize.