



TSRA Foundation 2021-2022 Memorial Scholarships In Memory of Mr. “William Travis Clarke Jr.”

Note: Clarke Scholarship applications are due in the TSRA office by June 15, 2021

The Texas State Rifle Association Foundation (“TSRAF”) will be awarding at least one “William T. Clarke, Jr.” scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2021-2022 Academic year to a new recipient.

Criteria:

- Applicants may be active in any firearm related discipline.
- Applicants must be a Texas/U.S. resident and a TSRA member.
- High School Seniors may apply but must show proof of acceptance to their selected Texas institution of higher learning.
- Current college students must have an overall GPA of 2.75 or greater on the 4.0 scale to apply.
- Applicants must be enrolled/accepted as a full-time College/University student in Texas. (Graduate students are not eligible.)
- Automatic renewal of awarded scholarship is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors annually.
- Applicants may apply for any and all TSRA/TSRAF related scholarships; however, recipient may only be granted one annually.
- Applicant must submit a 250 -500 words, double spaced essay based on the subject of the Missions I or II of the Texas State Rifle Association. (shown below and listed in the TSRA Sportsman)
 - TSRA Mission Statement I- *To champion and support the rights of law-abiding Texans to own, enjoy and use firearms as guaranteed by the constitutions of the State of Texas and the United States of America*
 - TSRA Mission Statement II - *To protect and defend the inalienable rights of the individual Texan to acquire, possess, transport, carry, transfer ownership and enjoy the right to lawful use of firearms for self-preservation, for the defense of family and property, and for the common defense of the republic and the individual liberties of the people.*

Application Evaluation:

The TSRA Scholarship Committee will review applications and submit a recommendation to the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors for award. The Committee will consider the following information in the evaluation of applicants:

- Academic achievement, honors-awards or special accomplishments
- school service (extra-curricular activities/volunteer work)
- Community and or Work experience
- Financial need for scholarship
- Essay quality and content
- Academic or Community references (non-family)
- Applicants are not required to be a competitive shooter, but must have experience in a shooting/marksmanship or 2nd amendment activity. (example: 4H, FFA, BSA, SCTP, CMP, NRA or hunting). Currently shooting on a university, TSRA, or USA Shooting team enhances your application

The TSRA Scholarship Committee

*Note: Funding for the scholarships is from the TSRA Foundation Endowed Fund. The **William T. Clarke Jr Estate** has provided significant funding for the endowed fund as have many other contributors. Donations to the TSRA Foundation are encouraged and are tax deductible. Contributions support Youth shooting and Scholarships.*



APPLICATION FORM FOR 2021-2022

“WILLIAM TRAVIS CLARKE, JR.” MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,000)

(Awarded scholarship will be issued in two installments, (\$1,000 Fall semester 2021 & \$1,000 Spring semester 2022)

Please print or type the following information.

Applicant Information:

Full Name _____ TSRA Membership Number _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State Texas Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Parent/Guardian information:

Father’s name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Mother’s name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Documentation/information to submit with this application: (typed and double-spaced)

- List all high schools/colleges the applicant has attended and provide dates and transcripts (copies are OK).
- List any awards, scholarships, honors or special recognition received.
- List any community volunteer service/organizations in which you have participated and describe your position or responsibilities.
- List any high school or college activities in which you have participated and describe your position or responsibilities.
- List your work experience
- Provide information relating to shooting/marksmanship experience, hunting, wildlife conservation, or 2nd amendment activities.
- Submit an essay on TSRA missions I or II. Your response should not exceed 500 words.
- Submit one or two reference letters from coaches, teachers, mentors, sponsors etc. (not family)

By signing this application the applicant, and/or the applicant’s parent or guardian, agree(s) to the release of publicity information, including, but not limited to, the applicant’s name and photograph. Such publicity would be related to the award of the scholarship.

Applicant _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

(Only if the applicant is under 18 years of age)

**Send completed application form, supporting documents, and information to the mailing address below
no later than June 15, 2021.**

Texas State Rifle Association
ATTN: TSRAF “William T. Clarke Jr.” Scholarship Application 2021-2022
944 Hwy 71 East
Bastrop, TX. 78602

Submit completed Scholarship application by email in a PDF to (outreach@tsra.com)

Questions – contact Angela Gerlich at 512-426-1329 or email (agerlich@tsrafoundation.com)