

Katy Area Retired Educators

2026 Scholarship Application

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Katy Area Retired Educators Scholarship is available to a 2026 graduating senior in Katy ISD. The Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- ▢ Demonstrated financial need. (would be referenced in essay, or family information)
 - ▢ Clearly defined career goal **in education** for teaching grades K – 12, please note what grade level(s) or subject(s) the applicant plans to teach.
 - ▢ Typed essay (1 page) describing what has inspired the applicant to want to teach and why applicant thinks he/she would be a worthy recipient of the scholarship.
 - ▢ A 3" x 5" photograph will be required from selected scholarship recipients.
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Other considerations include:

- ▢ Community involvement, extracurricular activities, work experience
- ▢ Letters of recommendation pertaining to your potential success while working with students/youth
 - o One (1) letter from a teacher
 - o A second letter from a community leader, counselor, pastor, employer, or different teacher, etc.
- ▢ Overall GPA of at least 3.0 on a weighted scale (copy of transcript **must** be included)

Overview of the K.A.R.E. Scholarship application process:

- ▢ Scholarship will be in the amount of \$1200.00 and awarded based on criteria and considerations listed above.
- ▢ Scholarship winner will be notified by phone/email by a member of the KARE Scholarship Committee.
- ▢ **Payment of scholarship funds will be made directly to the university or student based on the university's financial aid policy.** It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate the university's procedures to the KARE Scholarship Committee. Details of the payment process will be conveyed to the recipient after notification of award.
- ▢ **All completed scholarship applications are due in the counselors' office by March 17, 2026, OR by the high school scholarship deadline, if earlier, set by the counselors' office at the applicant's school, whichever is earlier.**
- ▢ The Katy ISD College and Career Specialist will pick up all completed applications on March 19, 2026 .
- ▢ **Students selected as recipients of the K.A.R.E. Scholarship are expected to attend a reception on Tuesday, May 5 at 4:30 pm at Legacy Stadium.** The student may bring parent(s), teacher campus administrators or other guest to the reception.

The student will also be recognized at the school Senior Awards Ceremony.

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED (Please attach after last page of this packet):

Along with this application, the student MUST submit, as previously noted:

- ✓ Typed essay (1 page in length) describing why applicant wants to teach and why applicant thinks he/she would be a worthy recipient of the scholarship
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation as specified in the eligibility requirements
- ✓ A copy of your high school transcript
- ✓ A 3" x 5" business photograph will be required from selected scholarship recipients.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY STUDENT AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Applicant's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE BY MARCH 17, 2026, OR BY LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE SET BY THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE AT THE APPLICANT'S SCHOOL, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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I. STUDENT INFORMATION (please print or type all information - must complete all blanks):

Name:

Address:

_____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone #:

Home _____ **Mobile** _____

Email address:

Home Campus:

_____ **GPA:** _____

Work plans during college:

II. FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Names, Address, Phone Numbers

Parent/Guardian #1 _____

Parent/Guardian #2 _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone #

Home: _____ Mobile (1): _____ Mobile (2) _____

Parent/Guardian 1 occupation: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 occupation: _____

Names of siblings in household and their ages, (include any in college and where they attend):

_____ **Age** _____

_____ **Age** _____

_____ **Age** _____

_____ **Age** _____

III. APPLICATION:

~~A.~~ What grade level(s) and/or course(s) do you want to teach when you begin your career?

B. List all colleges to which you have applied, indicating those to whom you have already been accepted. Also, indicate which college/university you are planning to attend.

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_____	_____
_____	_____

I plan to attend: _____

C. Do you have any work experience? If so, please list your employers and briefly describe your responsibilities:

D. Describe any extra-curricular and community involvement activities (this may include civic and church activities). A separate detailed resume may be used.

E. List scholarships for which you have applied. Indicate any that you have already received.

(Attach Letters of Recommendation, Work/Community Experiences, Transcript after this sheet)