

## 2026 Scholarship Guidelines, Terms & Conditions

### Application Form

Online application for the DC scholarship can be found at <https://forms.gle/ARr7S9Z8gLNosoTQ9>. Online application for the CTA and CXT scholarships can be found at <https://forms.gle/scpUTpkpAtZKwNkK6>. Scholarship links are also posted on [www.tnchirofoundation.org](http://www.tnchirofoundation.org).

The TNChiroFoundation is dedicated to advancing chiropractic care, education, and research. Our mission is to ensure that every Tennessean has access to the highest standard of chiropractic services, fostering a healthier and more vibrant community for generations to come. To support this vision, we are proud to offer a **\$1500 scholarship to assist a chiropractic student who is committed to practicing in Tennessee. This commitment to serving the people of Tennessee is a requirement for scholarship eligibility**, reflecting our focus on building a strong future for chiropractic care in our state.

The CTA and CXT licensures referenced in these scholarship documents are specific to Tennessee. The **Chiropractic Therapy Assistant (CTA) license in TN** allows a chiropractic assistant to assist with therapies, modalities and other patient care tasks within the chiropractic office when ordered by the supervising chiropractor. The **Chiropractic X-Ray Technologist (CXT) license in TN** allows chiropractic assistants to take x-rays when ordered by the supervising chiropractor. As with the DC Scholarship, these scholarships are offered to assist current and future **chiropractic staff members who are committed to practicing in Tennessee. This commitment to serving the people of Tennessee is a requirement for scholarship eligibility**, reflecting our focus on building a strong future for chiropractic care in our state.

By submitting an application, the applicant gives TNChiroFoundation and/or Tennessee Chiropractic Association consent to use their essay, name and information for marketing and promotional purposes. There are no costs or fees associated with applying for this scholarship. When you have completed the online form, you will receive an email confirming your submission.

**Letter of Recommendation (LOR)** - In addition to the online application, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation. DC applicant LORs must be from a professor or academic advisor. CTA and CXT applicant LORs must be from a previous or current employer, or teacher, if recent graduate. LORs should be submitted to [info@TNChiroFoundation.org](mailto:info@TNChiroFoundation.org) no later than 11:59 PM EST on March 15, 2026. Please include the applicants full name and contact information in the body of the email.

**Proof of Current Cumulative GPA** - In addition to the online application and LOR, applicants for the DC scholarship must submit proof of current cumulative GPA. (This is not required for CTA or CXT scholarships.) A current grades report printout from the school is acceptable. Official transcript not required. This should be submitted to [info@TNChiroFoundation.org](mailto:info@TNChiroFoundation.org) no later than 11:59 PM EST on March 15, 2026. Please include the applicants full name and contact information in the body of the email.

**Submission Deadline:** The deadline to complete all application requirements for consideration is 11:59 PM EST on March 15, 2026. To be complete, applications must be submitted online and related letters of recommendation (and proof of GPA, if required) must be submitted to [info@TNChiroFoundation.org](mailto:info@TNChiroFoundation.org) by this deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



**Essay Requirements for DC, CTA and CXT Applications:** Essays should be 500-1000 words and should be submitted within the online application form. The essay questions are designed to elicit comprehensive responses that reveal the applicant's commitment, vision, and preparedness for a career in chiropractic care, as well as their potential fit for our scholarship. Essays should be written from the perspective of the career the applicant is seeking.

Please choose one of the following topics:

1. **Personal Aspirations:** Could you describe your personal objectives within the chiropractic field? How do you envision your career path and impact in this area?
2. **Motivation and Scholarship Importance:** Why are you passionate about pursuing a career as a chiropractor/chiropractic paraprofessional? Additionally, how will this scholarship support your educational and professional journey in chiropractic care?
3. **Vision for the Profession:** From your perspective, what does the future hold for the chiropractic profession? How do you see the role and practices of chiropractors/chiropractic assistants evolving?
4. **Addressing Healthcare Challenges:** In your view, what is the most significant challenge facing the American healthcare industry today? How do you believe you can contribute to addressing this issue through your work in chiropractic care?
5. **Commitment to Community Health:** How do you plan to use your skills in chiropractic care to improve community health and wellness? Can you provide examples of how you've already contributed to health promotion or community service?

## Scholarship Award Details

Application must be completed in its entirety. All fields are required unless otherwise noted. If any portion of the application is incomplete, you will forfeit your consideration for this scholarship.

**DC scholarship amount is \$1500** which will be paid directly to the educational institution. The funds may be applied to any eligible items related to the cost of attendance according to your school's financial aid office. These may include tuition, fees, room, board, books, personal/living expenses, and transportation for the 2026-2027 school year.

**CTA scholarship amount is \$215** which will cover the cost of the CTA training course, preparing the applicant to take the state exam for licensure.

**CXT scholarship amount is \$500** which will be applied to the cost of the CXT training course, preparing the applicant to take the exam for licensure.

CTA and CXT scholarship funds will be allocated to each recipient's TCA online account and must be used specifically for the CTA or CXT program outlined in the application and award notice. Funds awarded for the CTA program cannot be used for the CXT program, and vice versa.

DC, CTA and CXT scholarship recipients will be notified by email in April 2026. If you are selected to receive a scholarship, TNChiroFoundation will request a profile photo to be included with your scholarship announcement on our scholarship web page and in future promotions.



All scholarships are granted once during the year of application and selection. Receipt of scholarship award does not guarantee receipt of future scholarship awards. Recipients may reapply but will be subject to the requirements for the term for which they are applying. Applicants who do not receive the scholarship are not automatically considered the following year, but are welcome to reapply.

Failure to meet any of these terms and conditions may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship.

## How We Use Your Personal Information

Your email and/or phone number will be used to contact you concerning the scholarship. We will not provide this information to any 3rd party.

Your name, the name of your school, and your photo may be used if you are selected as a prizewinner.

By submitting your essay, you agree to our terms, namely that the TNChiroFoundation and/or Tennessee Chiropractic Association, may use your essay in future marketing and promotional materials. This is in effect regardless of whether you are selected as the scholarship recipient or not. We reserve the right to republish all submitted essays.

## Responsibilities of DC Scholarship Recipients

- Scholarship recipient must attend college on a full-time basis in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded and continue in college that entire academic year. The recipient is responsible for having the educational institution notify TNChiroFoundation of their enrollment each quarter or semester. In the event of illness or emergency that makes attendance impossible, recipient must contact TNChiroFoundation immediately. These situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Recipients must maintain a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA.
- Failure to meet these conditions may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship.

## Responsibilities of CTA and CXT Scholarship Recipients

- CTA Recipient must complete the educational program portion of licensure requirements and take the TN state exam within 6 months barring illness or emergency. The recipient is responsible for having the TNChiroFoundation notified of any delay in their training.
- CXT Recipient must register for and complete the CXT 50-hour training course and take the exam in the calendar year in which the scholarship was awarded. In the event of illness or emergency that makes attendance impossible, recipient must contact TNChiroFoundation immediately. These situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

