

## TAFCE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education (TAFCE) offers one individual a \$1,000 Scholarship per year to a TAFCE member who desires to further her/his education. The scholarship is for a student who is an active member in a FCE club and has shown leadership skills, provided service to others, and contributed to the community.

To apply, the following criteria **MUST** be met:

1. Applicant **MUST** be a current member of the TAFCE organization with membership being current for the past two (2) or more years.
2. The TAFCE Scholarship is open to any student who **WILL BE ENROLLED** in an accredited degree program or vocational school.
3. Applicant must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credited hours per semester.
4. Candidate must have a 2.5 or greater cumulate GPA. Attached to the scholarship application: an **OFFICIAL** transcript of courses completed, two (2) letters of reference, and a 250 word statement regarding your future goals.
5. Applicant must have financial need, but not necessarily qualify for financial aid.
6. Candidates must be willing to be interviewed by the scholarship committee if requested.
7. Deadline for **COMPLETED** application is **MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>** and must be received by the appropriate TAFCE board member.
8. Recipient's school will be paid two (2) installments of \$500.00 each, one for the spring semester and one for the following fall semester. These payments will be made shortly after each semester begins and may be utilized for school related expenses of your choice such as tuition, books, fees, etc.
9. To initiate the disbursement process, the winner will need to contact and provide the following information **each semester** to the TAFCE treasurer.
  - A. An official transcript indicating proof of current and past enrollment. Registration for fall and then again for spring classes.
  - B. Your student identification number.
  - C. The name and direct contact information for your school's bursar.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE and APPLICATION PROCESS**

Scholarship information and applications are available on the TAFCE website. The scholarship is available for four (4) years, but a new application must be submitted each year following the current established guidelines.

### **FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The TAFCE Treasurer **MUST** be notified of any change in financial situation or status that would make the applicant ineligible for the scholarship. If the recipient should drop out of school without a valid reason, the scholarship is forfeited for the next semester.

