



## Turtle Wing Foundation 2026 Scholarship Rules 12/18/25

### Scholarships Offered

- Turtle Wing Foundation offers the following scholarship opportunities to qualified applicants.
- **Grow Wings Scholarship** – this applicant must be actively participating in Special Education or following a 504 Plan. The committee may award up to three scholarships per year for a period of two consecutive years, at \$1,000 per year. The total scholarship amount per recipient may not exceed \$2,000. Funds for year 2 will require follow-up with the Scholarship Committee and verification of continued eligibility.
- **Give Wings Scholarship** – this applicant must be pursuing an education that will lead them to working with children with learning challenges in some way. The committee may award one scholarship per year for a period of two consecutive years, at \$1,000 per year. The total scholarship amount per recipient may not exceed \$2,000. Funds for year 2 will require follow-up with the Scholarship Committee and verification of continued eligibility.
- **Jack Hooper Memorial Scholarship** – this will be awarded to a student who has exhibited the qualities of acceptance, kindness, inclusion, and service. This might be through volunteerism, work, or life experiences. The committee may award up to two scholarships per year, each valued between \$500 and \$1,000. The total scholarship amount per recipient shall not exceed \$1,000.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be a resident of Lavaca, Fayette, or Colorado counties or attend a high school in Lavaca, Fayette, or Colorado counties.
- Applicants must be a senior in high school or the equivalent thereof.
- Applicants must intend to further his/her education and training beyond his/her high school diploma at an accredited university, college, or trade school.
- You may apply for more than one scholarship but may only be awarded one scholarship.

### Application Process

- Applicants must submit a completed Turtle Wing Foundation Scholarship Application, along with an academic transcript and essay (one page—double spaced) about why he/she is deserving of the specific Turtle Wing scholarship they are applying for.
- Applicants must scan and submit a copy of his/her transcript through mid-term of their senior year, rank, and GPA with their application.
- Applicant guidelines will be available on the Turtle Wing website on or around February 1, 2026.
- Applications must be received no later than midnight, Friday, March 13th, 2026.



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**Use and Award**

- Scholarships may be used toward tuition or other education-related expenses.
- The scholarship must be accepted in the year that it is won. If this does not occur, the scholarship money will be released back to the Turtle Wing Foundation general funds.
- Money will be awarded upon receipt of proof of registration for classes. Follow the online instructions for submission of this document.
- The winners are asked to attend the Turtle Wing Foundation Scholarship Award Event to receive recognition. Date and time to be announced.
- Scholarship recipients will be chosen by Turtle Wing Foundation Scholarship Committee members, whose decision is final.
- Questions may be directed to the Turtle Wing Foundation [info@turtlewingfoundation.org](mailto:info@turtlewingfoundation.org) or the foundation office (979)505-5090.