

The William H. Cotton Scholarship was established by Credit Union of Texas to honor the legacy of William H. Cotton for his 43 years of dedication and service to Dallas Independent School District (DISD) and Credit Union of Texas (CUTX).

The **\$20,000 William H. Cotton Scholarship** is awarded to one (1) DISD educator or administrator seeking to pursue continuing post-baccalaureate education, including certifications, to further their career in the field of education for the benefit of the DISD community and its students.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Must be a CUTX member with a checking account prior to submitting an application.
2. Checking account, and all other accounts at CUTX, must be in good standing.
3. Must be a full-time or part-time DISD faculty or administrator.
4. Must be intent to further your career in the field of education and serving the DISD community during the course of the scholarship term.
5. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.
6. All required attachments must be submitted with your application.
7. CUTX employees and family members of CUTX employees are **NOT** eligible for this scholarship.

## REGULATIONS

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1. Incomplete applications or those missing any required attachments will not be considered.
2. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.
3. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational institution. Continued disbursement of scholarship funds requires a grade of C or better in a graded course and passing in a pass/fail course.

## INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Complete the application in its entirety. You may attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.
2. Include all required attachments (see below) with your completed application. Scholarship applications and related attachments will not be returned. Please do not submit original documents.
3. Submit completed application and attachments to:  
Email: [cottonscholarship@cutx.org](mailto:cottonscholarship@cutx.org) (*preferred*)  
or mail: William H. Cotton Scholarship Committee, Credit Union of Texas, P.O. Box 517028, Dallas, TX 75251-7028

## DEADLINE

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Your scholarship entry packet must be postmarked by March 30, 2018. All finalists selected by CUTX will be contacted by April 20, 2018. The winner will be selected by May 10, 2018.

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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Please submit the following attachments along with your completed application.

1. A professional resume.
2. Proof of current DISD employment (contract or pay stub).
3. Two current letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a professional/scholastic reference and one must be from a personal reference. Each letter should be dated and include the name, address, and phone number of the referrer. The letter must state how long and in what capacity the referrer knows the applicant.

## ESSAY

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All applications must include a typed essay between 500-600 words. The essay topic is:

**List the top 3 challenges Dallas ISD faces in the next 5 years  
and describe your goals and vision to overcome each of these challenges.**



# WILLIAM H. COTTON SCHOLARSHIP 2018 OFFICIAL RULES AND APPLICATION

Please be sure to attach the required information along with this application. Any application that does not have the required attachments will be ineligible. You may use additional sheets of paper as necessary.

**Send completed materials no later than March 30, 2018**

Email to: [cottonscholarship@cutx.org](mailto:cottonscholarship@cutx.org) (preferred)

Or mail to: William H. Cotton Scholarship Committee, Credit Union of Texas, P.O. Box 517028, Dallas, TX 75251-7028

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CUTX Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DISD Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What program or degree are you currently pursuing or intend to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled?  Yes  No If yes, where are you enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any honors or academic awards you have received:

Please list any extra-curricular activities (including scholastics, cultural, religious, athletic, or community) that you have participated in:

## STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION

I certify that everything I have stated and reported in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge at this time.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_