

The William H. Cotton Scholarship was established by Credit Union of Texas to honor the legacy of William H. Cotton for his 46 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

Scholarship applicants must meet all 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

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.
4. **Scholarship value will be awarded in increments of \$5,000 per year over a period of four years.**

INSTRUCTIONS

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 (*preferred*)
or mail: William H. Cotton Scholarship Committee, Credit Union of Texas, P.O. Box 7000, Allen, Texas 75013-1305

DEADLINE

Your scholarship entry packet must be postmarked by May 31, 2020. All finalists selected by CUTX will be contacted by June 30, 2020. The winner will be selected by July 31, 2020.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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

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

2020 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 May 31, 2020

Email to: cottonscholarship@cutx.org (*preferred*)

Or mail to: William H. Cotton Scholarship Committee, Credit Union of Texas, P.O. Box 7000, Allen, Texas 75013-1305

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: _____