

**California Teachers Association
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- 1. Before you start to fill out your online application form, please make sure to read through this application checklist and the criteria & eligibility list first.
- 2. When questions do not apply to you, use “N/A” (not applicable)
- 3. Have your CTA/SCTA membership ID# available (required)
- 4. Make sure you talk to your recommender prior to emailing them the recommendation form, so they are aware of your scholarship application.
- 5. Submit two recommendation forms (required).
- 6. Submit official transcripts (required) to:

CTA Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee
CTA Human Rights Department
Post Office Box 921
Burlingame, California 94011-0921
Attention: Janeya Dawson
jdawson@cta.org
- 7. Application deadline: Friday, February 12, 2021

Approval and announcement of scholarship recipients will be made
by the CTA Board of Directors in May 2021.

Funding is for the 2021-2022 academic school year.



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2020-2021 Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria

Eligibility - To be eligible, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a degree, credential or certification for a **teaching-related career in public education** in an accredited institution of higher education
- A member of one of the following defined ethnic minority groups:
(African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic)
- Enrolled for summer or fall semester of 2021

Applicant must also be one of the following:

- An active member of CTA
- A dependent child of an active, CTA/NEA-Retired or deceased CTA member (per IRS ruling)
- An active member of Student CTA (SCTA)

To receive the scholarship, the active SCTA member **must** reside in California and maintain membership at the time of disbursement.

Criteria - Each Application is evaluated and scored on the following:

- Financial Need – 30 pts
- Applicant Statement – 30 pts

Applicant Statement Criteria (350 words or less):

Dependent child only:

1. Why are you choosing a career path related to public education?
2. What are your personal attributes and unique qualities that will help you succeed in a teaching related profession?
3. Do you agree there must be more ethnic minorities represented in the field education and why?

CTA and SCTA members only:

1. In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., who worked to promote civil rights and social justice, how do you intend to carry on his work in the following areas?
 - Social Justice, Equity and Diversity
 - Community Engagement
 - Advocacy in Education
2. Explain the importance of having more ethnic minorities in public education.

- Recommendation Forms – 20 pts
- Activities and achievements – 20 pts

Scholarship funds must be used for education-related expenses only.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted online by 11:59 pm on Friday, February 12, 2021.