



Graduate Scholarship Criteria & Instructions

The Applicant Must:

- Be attending or provide proof of intention to attend an athletic training program of graduate study.
- Have been an athletic training student on the collegiate level for a period of one year prior to application **OR** be admitted into an Entry-Level Athletic Training Master's Degree Program.
- Be enrolled as a full time student in a program of graduate study (Applicant may not be employed as a full time Athletic Trainer.)
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on 4.0 scale.
- Must not be on full athletic or academic scholarship.
- Must be a member of the NATA in good standing at the time of application.
- Must upload a copy of your unofficial transcript with the application to be considered.

The application must include two recommendation forms to be submitted electronically.

- One recommendation must be completed by a licensed and/or certified member of the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association. This recommendation must come from a person with knowledge of the applicant's clinical abilities and skills. Or for the applicant entering an Entry-Level Athletic Training Master's Degree, a statement of admission must be provided by the intended Program Director to verify the applicant's acceptance into the graduate athletic training education program. This letter must also include the Program Director's evaluation of the individual's characteristics/qualities that will prepare them to become an athletic training student.
- One recommendation must be completed by a faculty member that is not associated with direct clinical education or with the applicant's athletic department.
- Each recommendation and associated letters must be submitted electronically.
- The applicant's Curriculum/Program Director may complete the personal recommendation form **OR** the supervising athletic trainer forms but **NOT** both.

Additional materials or recommendation letters must be submitted electronically to

ElizabethRoberts@texashealth.org

The completed applications must be submitted electronically by April 15th.

Incomplete application or applications submitted after this date will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Questions or concerns should be directed to:

Elizabeth Roberts, M.Ed., ATC, LAT

SWATA Scholarship Chair

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The Scholarship Committee/Executive Board will determine the award recipients from the applications received and from the information submitted. The committee's recommendations will then be submitted to the Executive Board for final approval. The Board, upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee, reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship prior to actual presentation of the award in the event of extenuating circumstances whereby the recipient displays behavior not in compliance with the SWATA standards.

The recipient will be notified prior to and presented their award at the SWATA Annual Business meeting. They must inform the Scholarship Chair of legitimate circumstances for missing the presentation to receive their award. If unable to attend, the applicant will inform the Scholarship Chair of an appointed individual who will receive their award at the business meeting.

The following documents should be submitted electronically via the SWATA Website.

Application Checklist For Your Use:

- Application**
 - SWATA Scholarship Personal Information Form
 - Applicant Scholarship Narrative
- Uploaded Copy of Unofficial Undergraduate and Graduate Transcripts**
- Recommendation Forms**
 - Supervising Athletic Trainer Recommendation Form or Program Director Letter of Acceptance
 - Personal Recommendation completed by a faculty member that is **NOT** associated with direct clinical education or with the athletic department of the applicant's school.