



TEXAS DIVISION - UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Educational Grant – Description

The Educational Grant provided by the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is to be awarded to a legal resident of Texas (United States Citizen, 18+ years old) who is a lineal or collateral descendant of a worthy Confederate. This one-time monetary award is intended to be used toward direct educational expenses associated with the pursuit of certification in a skilled trade or a certificate of specialized vocational training but shall not be utilized for courses that are or can be used as prerequisites for a post-secondary degree.

Candidates

UDC Chapters in Texas Division may present any number of candidates for an EDUCATIONAL GRANT. Two members of the same family may not hold UDC grants simultaneously.

Qualifications

1. Applicants must be lineal or collateral descendants of a worthy Confederate.
An applicant who is a collateral descendant must be a current or former member of the UDC or CofC. Requirements for proof of ancestor's Confederate service are identical to those required for membership in UDC or CofC.
2. The President and Second Vice President of the sponsoring UDC Chapter must sign the application.
3. Applicants must make application on the Texas Division Official Educational Grant form. Final approval of an application shall be made by the Texas Division Second Vice President (Chairman of Education Committee).
4. The applicant must submit all requested information.
5. Applicants must use full names (no nicknames).
6. Courses of study must be programs that lead to certification in a trade or a certificate of specialized training but shall not be prerequisites for a post-secondary degree.
7. All signatures will be original, in blue or black ink.
8. Applications must be complete and postmarked by the published deadline. Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

NOTE: A copy of applicant's approved UDC or CofC application signed and dated by the Registrar General is acceptable in lieu of other proof documents (CSA ancestor service record, lineage, birth certificate, etc).

Required Documents

In addition to the information on the application, the following letters, records, certificates and endorsements are to be furnished by the applicant.

1. Certified proof of Confederate Military Record of one ancestor with Company, Regiment in which he served. Documentation of Confederate Service is identical to that accepted for UDC or CofC membership.
2. Line of Descent from the Confederate ancestor to the present with all proof documents, including applicant's birth certificate linking the applicant to the ancestor by each generation. Please complete the lineage sheet enclosed with the application. One copy only of all proof documents is required.
3. Letter of endorsement from the sponsoring UDC Chapter.
4. Letter of recommendation from a current employer on company letterhead, or immediate past employer if unemployed.
5. If applicant is within 10 years of high school graduation and has attended a college or university or professional/trade school, an official transcript of grades from all schools attended must be provided. If not a High School graduate, please provide a copy of GED.
6. If it has been greater than 10 years since High School graduation, transcripts must be provided for all post-secondary schools or training programs attended within the previous 10 years.
7. Applicant must account for activities of the past 10 years or to last year of high school, whichever is most recent. Activities reported should include all employment, full & part time (name, address, dates, job title) as well as volunteer activities (church, civic, non-profit), military service (active and reserve), or time spent as an unpaid caretaker for family members. Include times of unemployment.
8. Course of study description downloaded from institution's website or official brochure. Course of study must be sponsored by a degree-granting Texas institution. Institution must have accreditations recognized by the Council for Higher Education (CHEA) or US Department of Education.
9. Personal letter from the applicant pledging to make the best possible use of the opportunity offered through the grant. The student should describe educational goals and discuss plans for attaining those goals, both short-term and long-term. The student should also evaluate the significance of a Southern heritage to the student of today.
10. Financial report: Please complete the financial report form enclosed with the application. This form requests an estimation of the applicant's expenses including tuition, books, specialized tools or equipment, and other course-related expenses per semester such as a certifying examination at the conclusion of the course.
11. Applicant may substitute three (3) prior years of Income Tax Returns (Pages 1 & 2) for proof of income documents.
12. List of other sources of grants or scholarships such as employee funding and VA or US Veteran educational benefits.