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Texas Task Force Foundation 2026 Travis L. Maher Public Service Scholarship

In 2026, the Texas Task Force Foundation will award one scholarship to a high school senior planning to pursue a public service career in memory of Travis L. Maher. Travis honorably served with the Austin Fire Department and Texas Task Force 1 and was a founding member of this foundation. Travis was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and friend. Travis passed away from 9/11 related cancer in 2022.

The Texas Task Force Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit organization established in 2020 whose mission includes awarding scholarships to Texas Task Force members pursuing their degree and to high school seniors who are children of current Texas Task Force members.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a fall 2025 or spring 2026 high school graduate with plans to go into a public service career (fire service, police, healthcare, etc.)
2. The applicant must be a US citizen.
3. The applicant must become a full-time student at an accredited university, college, or trade school in the year in which the applicant applies.
4. The applicant must not be in default of a federal or state loan or owe a refund on any previously received financial aid.
5. Children of current Texas Task Force Foundation officers or board members and members of their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

Award Amounts

A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to one applicant this year. The Foundation's Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the Selection Committee, may also choose to award additional scholarships at its sole discretion.

Application Process

Applicants must complete and return the Travis L. Maher Public Service Scholarship Application to:

Texas Task Force Foundation
P.O. Box 10913
College Station, TX 77842

Applications must be postmarked no later than: **15 April 2026**

Only applications completed correctly and submitted as one package will be considered. Incorrect applications or applications sent to the incorrect address will be discarded and the Texas Task Force Foundation will accept no responsibility for those applications. Incorrect or incomplete applications will not be returned. Do not include ancillary items such as memory books, keepsakes, or photos.

We will make every effort to respond to all applicants after the selection process has closed.

Travis L. Maher Public Service Scholarship Application

Date: ___/___/_____

Applicant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: Mobile/Home: _____ Work: _____

High School Attending: _____

Intended Career Path: _____

SAT or ACT Score: _____

Class Rank: _____ Number of Students in Senior Class: _____

Name of Educational Institution(s) at which you have applied:

Institution	City	State

List extracurricular activities, organizations, and community involvement during high school:

Please list all honors, awards, or special recognition you have received in school, work, or community activities:

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Please list any leadership roles you have held in school, work, or community:

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Texas Task Force members must exhibit important qualities in order to make a difference in the communities that they serve. They must be leaders, skilled, caring, dedicated, and have a relentless work ethic. They must put the needs of others before their own, and work as a team in order to be successful. They must have character and integrity, and never act in ways that would tarnish the privileged reputation of the Texas Task Force.

In a short essay (*please attach), describe how your qualities (moral, academic, leadership) exemplify those of the members of the Texas Task Force and, based on this criteria, you should be awarded this scholarship.

Also, please provide two (2) reference letters, one from an educator and the second from someone familiar with you through your community, church, or extracurricular activities. Family members should not be used as references.

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate:

Signature: _____ Date: _____