

## TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

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**Purpose:** The Tega Cay Lions Club Ron Kazel Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 and Reggie Nefzger and Bob Cullen Jr. Scholarships were established in 2014 by the Tega Cay Lions Club, a charitable non-profit organization with the mission statement “We Serve.” The purpose of the fund is to provide a one-year scholarship to a graduating high school senior in the Fort Mill School District and/or a student who has an equivalent educational program. The Tega Cay Lions Club is interested in awarding scholarships to students who have an economic need or are physically disabled.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, the candidate shall be a graduating Fort Mill High School and Nation Ford High School student or student of an equivalent educational program, which meets the following requirements:

- Applicant is not eligible if he or she is notified of and accepted a significant scholarship to a university, college, community college, technical college or military academy.
- Applicant must provide proof of residing in the 29708 zip code, the area west of Interstate 77, via the official school transcript or other educational documentation or
- Provide a notarized letter from applicant’s Guidance Counselor, Principal or other educator stating the applicant is a legal resident and why there is a discrepancy on the transcript regarding his/her address.
- Be a graduating senior who has applied for admission to a four-year college or university, a community college or a technical college. The scholarship is contingent upon the student’s final acceptance.
- Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or above.

**Selection Procedure:** A committee composed of three Tega Cay Lions Club members and four non-related citizens will review all final applications and determine the recipient, using a scoring system based on the application and personal interview.

**Scholarship Amount:** The funds for this scholarship are sponsored by The Tega Cay Lions Club and shall be maintained by The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools. An award of **one \$2500 award and two \$1500 awards** shall be made in 2016 for use in an accredited institution.

**Application:** To apply, complete the Application (which can be obtained from your school counselor) and provide all documents listed on the Application Checklist. Application and associated attachments should be sent via United States mail and postmarked no later than **3/15/16** to **Tega Cay Lions Club Scholarship, 2764 Pleasant Road PO Box 4793, Fort Mill, SC 29708.**

**Disbursement:** The scholarship check will be made payable to and sent directly to the accredited institution upon receipt of the Student Scholarship Acceptance Form (provided at award notification). The Tega Cay Lions Club maintains the exclusive right to determine from year-to-year the amount and eligibility requirements for a Tega Cay Lions Club Scholarship.

**Interview/Awards:** After review of applications, selected applicants will be chosen for a personal interview. If selected to receive a scholarship, recipient, his or her immediate family and other students recognized for their academic excellence (and their immediate families) will be guests of honor at the Tega Cay Lions Club Scholarship Awards in June of **2016.**

# Tega Cay Lions Club Scholarship Application Checklist

1. Completed Application—signed and dated
2. Official Transcript
3. Most current SAT and/or ACT scores (separately, if not indicated on transcript)
4. Class ranking and GPA at the end of the first semester of the senior year (separately, if not indicated on transcript)

## The following attachments are to be individual computer-generated documents:

1. **Biographical Sketch:** At least one page in length, but not more than two pages, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Reasons for wanting to be considered for the scholarship,
- Career goals and life ambitions,
- Financial situation,
- Statement discussing your disability or economic need.

2. **Two Letters of Recommendation:**

- One letter from a professional educator, which describes your activities and leadership record while in high school,
- One letter from an unrelated adult (non-school personnel), which describes your personal traits, character and initiative,
- Additional letters will be accepted from other sources of your choice.

3. **Academic Information:**

- List any academic awards or honors you have received, including the year and nature of the award.
- List any offices/positions of leadership held, including organization, position and year.
- List names of school organizations in which you have been involved and held no office: band, sports, etc., including the year.

4. **Community/Church Activities:**

- List your non-scholastic community activities, including any offices held and the year.
- List extra-curricular, non-scholastic activities, such as jobs, sports, music, in which you have been involved, including the year.

5. **Family Information and Financial Need Information:**

- Parents/ guardians' names,
- Home address,
- Home phone and cell phone numbers,
- Place or places of employment,
- List of dependent brothers and sisters and/or extended family members living at your home, along with ages,
- Estimated total college expenses (per year).
- Net income reported on last year's income tax form
- List sources and percentages of income/assistance you anticipate you will receive in order to continue your education: parents, other family; summer job; scholarship/grants; student loans; savings, other.
- List the scholarships that you have applied for and your percent expectation of receiving one.

# Tega Cay Lions Club Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ CellPhone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Other Schools Attended Since 9<sup>th</sup> Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT and/or ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

In order of preference, list three colleges, community colleges, or trade schools to which you have been accepted or applied for admission. (The scholarship is contingent upon acceptance.)

Institution Name	Location
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to start? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career plans? \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards or Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Positions of Leadership (include organization, position and year)

School Organizations (include the year) \_\_\_\_\_

Community/Church Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Scholastic Activities (jobs, sports, music) \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

Parents/ Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent Siblings or Relatives (and age) \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

Estimated College Expenses (per year) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Family Income (taken from your last income tax statement)

Other Sources of Income (summer job, student loans, savings) \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships Granted or Applied For \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of Recommendation

**Please attach a biographical sketch (one or two pages), which includes:**

- Reasons for wanting to be considered for the scholarship,
- Career goals and life ambitions,
- Financial situation,
- Statement discussing your disability or economic need.

Student Name: (print): \_\_\_\_\_