



TEO CHEW ASSOCIATION

2026 SCHOLARSHIP

Houston, TX

The Teo Chew Association-Temple (TCA) has been a staple in Houston, supporting the greater Houston community since the 1980s. As part of the TCA's mission to support the next generation of the Teo Chew community, we are proud to announce the **third** year of TCA's scholarship. The TCA will award 4 scholarships:

- **Golden Scholarship:** Two (2), \$5,000 Scholarships
- **Silver Scholarship:** Two (2), \$2,500 Scholarships

The scholarships will be awarded on a combination of:

- Academic performance
- Community service
- Leadership activities
- Athletic achievements
- Alignment with TCA's mission of service and community

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all the following:

- Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited U.S. higher-education program for Fall 2026. Eligible applicants include current high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students.
- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants with Teo Chew heritage or an established connection to the Temple, but all eligible applicants are welcome.

Reapplication policy: Past recipients of any TCA scholarship are not eligible to apply again.

Instructions:

1. Prepare one combined PDF that includes
 - Completed application
 - Transcript covering all years to date
 - Test scores
 - File name format: Lastname_Firstname_TCA2026.pdf
2. Email PDF to nextgen.teochewhtx@gmail.com subject line: "TCA Scholarship Application 2026 - First and Last Name"
3. Applicants under 18 must include a parent/guardian signature

THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20th, 2026.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted

All decisions of the Teo Chew Association Houston, TX Scholarship are final

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED APRIL 2026.

For questions, please send an email to nextgen.teochewhtx@gmail.com

PART A - CHECKLIST AND SIGNATURE PAGE

Dear Applicant,

- Please review the minimum requirements on Page One.
- Please complete the required Parts A to F.
- Please review the Checklist below for attached pages and sign the Signature section.
- Please send/deliver the application so it is received by **5pm on Friday, March 20th, 2026.**

CHECKLIST

Please place an "X" in the column for your attached and required pages:

	Part A	Checklist and Signature Page
	Part B	Personal Information
	Part C	Academic Information
	C1	School Transcript
	C2	SAT and/or ACT Scores (if available)
	Part D	Awards and Activities
	D1	Academic Activity Sheet
	D2	Cultural and Community Engagement Activity Sheet
	D3	Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Sheet
	Part E	Essays

Certification

I certify that the information submitted is true and complete. I understand that falsification may result in disqualification or revocation of an award.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Parent Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART B - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Personal information presented in this application shall be treated confidentially by the Scholarship Committee and be disposed of after the Committee's decisions.

Are you a USA Citizen or Permanent Resident? Y/N _____

What is your ethnicity? _____

Do you have Teo Chew heritage? Y/N _____

Are you affiliated with Teo Chew Temple? Y/N _____

If so, describe your connection: _____

Student's Full Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Student's Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Student's Phone Number: _____ Student's email Address: _____

If under 18, Parent/Legal Guardian Contact Information:

(Name): _____ (Email): _____ (Phone): _____

How did you hear about the scholarships: _____

(high school, counselors, family, friends, media, website, own research, or others)

Would you be interested in volunteering at the Teo Chew Temple: Y/N _____

PART C - ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of the high school attending/attended: _____

Name of the university you currently/will attend: _____

Current Grade: _____ Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Current GPA: _____

Intended Field of study: _____

Please submit a copy of the following:

- The high school or university transcript that covers the entire years of your attendance and
- The SAT and/or ACT scores (*for high school student applicants only*) and the scores are not on your transcript.

PART D - AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list your academic and extracurricular activities during the **last four years**. If you have additional activities, use **ONLY** additional copies of these pages. Information in attached resumes will not be considered.

1. Academic Honors and Awards

List up to six notable academic distinctions and the year received.

(ie: National Honor Society, any National Merit Awards, any Regional or Special academic achievement awards)

1.	Year:
2.	Year:
3.	Year:
4.	Year:
5.	Year:
6.	Year:

2. Cultural and Community Engagement

List up to six, for each entry: please list the activity and organization, your role, how many hours dedicated, and your responsibilities/impact.

(ie: Lion Dance, Cultural Dance, Chinese Language School, Martial Arts Class, Chinese Classical Garden, school government and clubs, musical bands and choirs, community-at-large, church or temple volunteer activities, social and civic activities, etc.)

Organization/Activity	Year(s)	Role/Position	Total Hours	Your Responsibilities

3. Athletic and Extracurricular Activities

List up to six, for each entry: please list the activity, how many years dedicated, and description.

(ie: sports, arts, karate, chess club, gaming, fishing, baking, cooking, hobby, job)

Activity	Year(s)	Role, leadership, award, achievement, description

PART E - ESSAY

All applicants must write TWO original essays each consisting of 300-500 words. Please attach your *typed* essays to your application.

ESSAY 1: Describe your long term educational, career, and personal goals.

AND

ESSAY 2: Community impact (choose one):

2A. Temple Operations / Facilities Improvement Plan

Present a creative idea to improve the Teo Chew Temple's space, programs, operations, or shared life in a way that strengthens the Teo Chew Association-Temple and community. Explain the need or opportunity you've noticed, how you picture the outcomes and how it would help or serve the community. Lastly, share your vision for the experience: what it should feel like and what could be different for the community once the project is complete.

2B. Next-Gen Community Initiative

Imagine the Teo Chew Temple and Next Generation group as your partner. Describe a program or initiative that could build and foster a stronger younger generation within the Teo Chew community. Explain the need and help us picture the outcomes by describing what would feel different if your idea worked. Close by sharing the role you'd play and why this matters to you.

2C. Service With Measurable Impact

Describe a time you created measurable positive change in any community/organization. Explain the problem, what you did, describe the results and impact and what you would do differently.