

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The College of Education is proud to offer several scholarship opportunities to graduate students. Our scholarships have been established to honor individuals who believed in the importance of education, life-long learning and the TCU College of Education. Each scholarship represents a dedication to excellence in TCU graduates. Each scholarship is described below. Please read carefully the criteria for each scholarship before applying.

- *Hal & Nancy Bearden Scholarship*

Nancy Roberts Bearden, through a bequest gift, established this scholarship in January 1992. Mrs. Bearden attended TCU where she earned a bachelor of business administration in 1930 and a master's in education in 1946. She served Fort Worth as a teacher for many years - teaching at the elementary level and at Paschal High School. Preference is given to a full-time graduate student.

- *Laura Lee Crane Scholarship*

M. J. Neeley, along with colleagues and friends of Ms. Crane, established this scholarship in 1991 at the time of Ms. Crane's retirement from TCU. Ms. Crane joined the TCU faculty as an instructor in the Speech Communication Department in 1962, moved to the Starpoint School faculty in 1966, earned her Master of Arts degree in 1968, and served as the director of Starpoint from 1972 to 1990. Ms. Crane deeply impacted the community with her contributions. The scholarship benefits full-time graduate students studying special education.

- *Shirley Gibson Chapman Scholarship*

Ms. Shirley Chapman of Dallas and the TCU class of 1927 established this scholarship in 1987 to honor her father, Charles W. Gibson who served on the TCU Board of Trustees from 1889 to 1920 and the Brite Divinity Board of Trustees from 1914-1919. The scholarship benefits currently enrolled students who:

- ~ have completed 12 or more graduate hours at TCU
- ~ maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- ~ have taught 3 or more years in public school
- ~ Currently be employed in education

- *Dr. & Mrs. Jeff L. Horn Scholarship*

Students and friends of Professor Emeritus Dr. Jefferson L. Horn established this scholarship in 1984. The scholarship benefits currently enrolled students who:

- ~ graduated from TCU
- ~ have completed 12 or more graduate hours at TCU
- ~ maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- ~ hold teacher certification
- ~ have taught in public schools for three or more years

- *Kelly Kyle Cumpiano Scholarship*

This scholarship was established by the Robert J. and Edith K. Schumacher Foundation in honor of Kelly Kyle Cumpiano '12 '13. The scholarship enables graduate students to receive an education at TCU. Primary consideration will be given to a student with financial need entering the Accelerated Master's Program. Graduate financial aid awards are based solely on merit.

- *Lay-Williams Scholarship in Special Education*

The Lay-Williams Scholarship in Special Education is for a new graduate student in the Special Education Program. The scholarship benefits newly enrolled students who:

- ~ maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- ~ Depth of content & pedagogical knowledge
- ~ Excellence in planning & delivering instruction
- ~ Demonstrate the ability to teach students with diverse background and skill levels
- ~ Stated passion for the field of Special Education

- *Redman Foundation Graduate Education Scholarship*

The Redman Foundation of Dallas, Texas established this scholarship in 1986 to benefit students currently enrolled in the College of Education graduate program who:

- ~ have completed 12 or more graduate hours at TCU
- ~ maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- ~ have taught three or more years in public school
- ~ graduated from TCU
- ~ holds teacher certification

- *Dr. Sherrie Reynolds Graduate Scholarship*

Established in 2014, this scholarship memorializes Dr. Sherrie Reynolds, a former TCU College of Education faculty member. Primary consideration is given to graduate students in Curriculum Studies.

- *Marilyn DeMoss Sumner & Tom Sumner Endowed Fellowship in Educational Leadership*

Provided by the generosity of Marilyn DeMoss Sumner '68 and Thomas G. Sumner '67, this scholarship enables graduate students to receive an education at TCU. Graduate financial aid awards are based solely on merit with first consideration to students with the best qualifications. Primary consideration will be given to support graduate students with the College of Education who aspire to transform education through innovative and productive leadership approaches. This award is given to one student for a 3 year term, selected by the Dean. For 2026-27, primary consideration will be given to doctoral students in Higher Education Leadership.

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Please attach a resume and a one-page typed statement of your current and anticipated work at TCU, aspirations, and how this scholarship would support your professional goals and studies.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TCU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check degree sought: M.Ed. ☐ Ed.D. ☐ Ph.D. ☐

Check which scholarship/s you would like to be considered for:

Bearden ☐ Crane ☐ Gibson ☐ Horn ☐ Kyle Cumpiano ☐

Lay-Williams\* ☐ Redman ☐ Reynolds ☐ Sumner (Higher Ed doctoral only)\*\* ☐

Graduate Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you earn your undergraduate degree at TCU? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently enrolled in a COE graduate program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently a full-time student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Record the number of hours you have completed in a TCU graduate program.

Do you currently hold teacher certification? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently teaching in the public schools? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, where do you teach?

Record the number of years you have taught in the public schools.

Do you currently work in the public schools in a capacity other than teacher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Record your current overall GPA.

Are you currently receiving financial assistance from the COE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what type of assistance do you receive?

- Scholarship funds are for tuition credit only and are directly deposited into your tuition account.
- Deadline to apply is February 1<sup>st</sup> for doctoral students and March 1<sup>st</sup> for master's students.

**\*Lay-Williams scholarship only**-Please submit application, 2 letters of recommendation, 500-word narrative describing reasons for pursuing a Master's degree, undergrad transcripts.

**\*\*Sumner Ed. Leadership endowed fellowship only** – Please submit a 1-2 page Word document that describes how a TCU degree will enable you to transform education through innovative and productive leadership approaches.

**Mail to: Graduate Studies, TCU Box 297900, Fort Worth, TX 76129 or email [coegraduate@tcu.edu](mailto:coegraduate@tcu.edu).**