

JAYE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND VERIFICATION FORM

Student Name:		Contact Phone #:	
Email Address:		Student's Complete Mailing Address:	
Name of Court Reporting School:		Social Security #:	
Year Enrolled in CR Program:		Name of CR School Professor/Instructor:	
Professor/Instructor's Contact Phone #:			

This scholarship is established by the Texas Court Reporters Association (TCRA) to assist a court reporting student with education expenses and/or professional development expenses.

2021 Essay Topic: *What is the most unexpected thing you have learned in your journey to become a court reporter and how has it changed your life?*

Amount: Up to \$2,500 will be awarded at the TCRA Annual Convention.

Eligibility: Applicants must:

1. Be a Texas resident and Student Member of TCRA by six (6) months prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The (year) Annual Business Meeting will be held (month, day, and year). The deadline for a scholarship applicant to be a member is **March 28, 2021**;
2. Be reporting through use of shorthand machine method;
3. Be reporting at a minimum of 100 wpm; and
4. At time of application, be currently enrolled and in actual attendance in a court reporting program and provide a professor/instructor verification form; or
5. At time of application, if enrolled in an online program, offered by a Texas school, must provide a professor/instructor verification form and a letter of recommendation from a TCRA Professional member.

Ineligibility Criteria are as follows (but not limited to):

1. Any person who has **received** the Jaye Thompson Scholarship will be ineligible **from the date of receipt** for the next two annual Jaye Thompson Scholarship awards.
2. Any person certified as a court reporter in Texas or any other state or having previously worked under any equivalent state or national licensure shall be ineligible.
3. Present and past Student Committee members are ineligible to apply for the scholarship.
4. Any student of machine shorthand reporting who is NOT currently verified by a court reporting school professor/instructor or director as being currently enrolled in a shorthand reporting program is ineligible.

NOTE: *Failure to strictly comply with eligibility criteria and essay requirements will result in disqualification.*

Essay Requirements:

1. Must be a minimum of 1,000 words;
2. Must be accompanied by the application and verification form;
3. Must be double-spaced, typed on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper with one-inch margins;
4. Must be written using proper English grammar and punctuation; **and**
5. Do not include name or any identifying information on the essay.

Award of Scholarship:

The recipient will receive a check made payable to one of the following:

1. A court reporting school for tuition or related educational expenses;
2. A court reporting vendor to purchase a machine;
3. A court reporting vendor for purchase of a CAT system; or
4. Any other educational expense approved by the TCRA Student Committee.

Application Deadline: **July 26, 2021** (60 days prior to the TCRA Annual Convention)

Submit the Application, Verification Form, and Essay in one envelope DELIVERED on or before July 26, 2021 to:
 TCRA: PO Box 2379, Athens, TX 75751 or by email: TCRAHQ@EMBARQMAIL.COM

If you would like to explain any financial need, please do so on a separate sheet attached to your essay. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME.**

JAYE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP COURT REPORTING SCHOOL PROFESSOR/INSTRUCTOR VERIFICATION

I, _____, am a court reporting Professor/Instructor with the court reporting program at _____ in _____, Texas.

I do hereby acknowledge and verify that the student applying for the Jaye Thompson Scholarship, _____, has passed at least one five-minute examination at 100 wpm and is currently enrolled in this court reporting program.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Professor/Instructor

Date

Printed Name:	
Address:	
Work Phone:	
Cell:	
E-Mail:	