



## **Ukrainian American Society of Texas Young Adult Cultural Scholarship Guidelines**

Purpose: To provide a monetary award to a young adult under the age of 21 who has attended an event that will help to preserve and promote the Ukrainian Culture. This includes but is not limited to music, language or dance classes or instruction camps.

Criteria: The scholarship will be awarded without regard to creed, color, sex, religion; but is based upon participation in a class or camp involving Ukrainian culture and the demonstration of sharing the culture within their community. Refer to section Requirements/Eligibility for more details.

Award amount: The Ukrainian American Society will contribute to the scholarship a minimum annual amount of \$250. Additional funds will be added from any individual donations and/or from a selected fundraiser in the year the award is to be given.

If at the end of a given year, no qualified recipients are determined the following rules will apply: 1) The \$250 annual amount will be absorbed back into the general ledger. 2) Any individual donations or fundraiser monies received towards this scholarship will not be absorbed into the general ledger, instead it will be kept in a account to be used for Cultural event scholarship purposes. These donations will be added to the \$250 amount during the year a recipient is determined eligible for the award.

### **Recipient Requirements and Selection Guidelines**

To be considered for this award the following eligibility requirements must be met:

#### Requirements/Eligibility:

1. Applicant will have attended a fee based, structured, class or camp involving the Ukrainian culture.
2. Applicant will be less than 21 years of age.
3. Parent or legal guardian will have been a member in good standing with the Ukrainian American Society of Texas (UAST) for a minimum of 2 years.
4. Applicant will submit an application form and write a short essay discussing how they will share their cultural experience with others in the community.
5. Applicant will submit a receipt of attendance to the board.
6. Previous recipients of this award are ineligible for a period of 3 years.

Application Procedures:

Applicant will:

1. Request and complete an application form.
2. Include on the application your short essay as stated above.
3. Mail the completed application by October 21st to the current President UAST.

Selection Criteria/ Responsibility of UAST:

1. UAST will consider one award yearly.
2. The current UAST board and any ad hoc scholarship committee members appointed by the board will review each application received.
3. Selection of a recipient, if more than one application is received, will be based on following criteria in this order of significance:
  - Content of written essay and completeness of application
  - Participation in the promotion of Ukrainian culture in the community
4. Final selection will be at the board's discretion.
5. Payment of the award will be given directly to the recipient or legal guardian upon receipt of proof of attendance.

Scholarship Award Date:

1. Scholarship winner will be announced each year at the annual UAST election meeting, held in November. The recipients name will also be announced in the quarterly newsletter.

Enclosure:

Application Form