

California Teachers Association
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund



2016-17 Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria

Eligibility - In order to be eligible, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a degree, credential or certification for a **teaching-related career in public education** in an accredited institution of higher education
- A member of one of the following defined ethnic minority groups:
(African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic)
- Enrolled for summer or fall of 2017

Applicant must also be one of the following:

- An active member of CTA
- A dependent child of an active, CTA/NEA-Retired, or deceased CTA member (per IRS ruling)
- An active member of Student CTA (SCTA)

In order to receive the scholarship, the active SCTA member **must** reside in California and maintain membership at the time of disbursement.

Criteria - Each Application is evaluated and scored on the following:

- Financial Need – 30 pts
- Applicant Statement – 30 pts

Applicant Statement Criteria (350 words or less):

Dependent child only:

1. Why do you want to be in the field of education?
2. What are your personal attributes and unique qualities that will help you succeed in a teaching related profession?
3. Why should there be more ethnic minorities represented in the field education?

CTA and SCTA members only:

1. In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., who worked to promote civil rights and social justice, how do you intend to carry on his work in the following areas?
 - Social Justice, Equity and Diversity
 - Community Engagement
 - Advocacy in Education
2. Explain the importance of having more ethnic minorities in public education?

- Letters of Recommendation – 20 pts
- Activities and achievements – 20 pts

Scholarship funds must be used for education-related expenses only.

Application Deadline

All applications must be submitted online by 11:59 pm on Friday, February 17, 2017.