

JAYE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND VERIFICATION FORM

Student Name

Social Security Number

Name of CR School

Year Enrolled in CR Program

Contact Phone Number

E-mail Address

Student's Complete Address, City, State, & ZIP Code

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.

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

Eligibility: Applicants must:

1. Be a Student Member of TCRA by November 1;
2. Be reporting through use of shorthand machine method;
3. Be reporting at a minimum of 100 wpm;
4. At time of application, provide court reporting school professor/instructor verification form; and
5. Be currently enrolled and in actual attendance in a court reporting school in the State of Texas. Student Members enrolled in an online program must provide 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.

2011 Essay Topic: The Difference Between Closed-Captioning and CART and How They Serve Our Community.

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: May 1

Submit the Application, Verification Form, and Essay in one envelope ***postmarked on or before May 1*** to:

Elizabeth Faulk
TCRA Executive Director
Attention: Student Committee
P.O. Box 2379
Athens, TX 75751

If you would like to explain any financial need, please do so on a separate sheet attached to your essay.

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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

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____