



2026 HCA SCHOLARSHIP - QUALIFICATIONS

A Houston Chemical Association member must be 'qualified' in order for their children to participate in the Association's Scholarship Program. A 'qualified' member must meet all the following criteria:

1. Be a member of the Houston Chemical Association and in good standing for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the HCA season in which their child will submit a scholarship application, aka the 'qualifying season'.
(Example: If a member's child wishes to submit a scholarship application in which the application deadline is July 31, 2026, the member must have been a member of the Association and in good standing prior to June 30, 2025.)
2. Attend (in person) a minimum of four (4) monthly meetings/luncheons during the 'qualifying season'.
3. Participate in a minimum of two (2) special events during the 'qualifying season'.

Note: Criteria #2 and #3 are subject to temporary changes based on extenuating circumstances that might impact the number of luncheons and events available to attend during the 'qualifying season'. Any revision, if any, to these criteria will be communicated to the general membership at the time such changes become necessary.

By meeting all three of the above criteria, a member's child becomes eligible to participate in the Houston Chemical Association Scholarship Program in pursuit of advanced education at an accredited university, college, or vocational school. The applicant must be registered as a full-time student (12+ credit hours per semester). Scholarship applications are accepted May 1st through July 31st. Application forms can be downloaded from the website or by contacting the Association's Administrative Assistant, Mary Martinez, at marymartinezhca@gmail.com, or by writing to Houston Chemical Association, 12436 FM 1960 W, PMB #158, Houston, TX 77065.

The President of the Houston Chemicals Association appoints a Scholarship Committee Chairperson as the position becomes vacant. The Committee consists of a minimum of five (5) members, which shall be selected by the Scholarship Chairperson. Scholarship Committee Members must be unaffiliated with the applicants and unbiased in the selection and scoring process.

Presentation of the Houston Chemical Association Scholarships will take place during the first Association luncheon in September. Scholarship recipients, at no charge, may attend this luncheon with their parent(s) to receive their scholarships. If a recipient is unable to attend the luncheon, then the scholarship check will be presented to the parent(s), if in attendance. If neither the recipient nor the parent is in attendance, the scholarship check will be sent via U.S. Mail to the recipient's address listed on the Scholarship Application Form.

All Houston Chemical Association Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the annual Houston Chemical Christmas Scholarship Social held in December. A poster with the recipient's photo and short biography will be displayed at the event.

In addition to the above qualification criteria, Association members seeking to become eligible for the scholarship program may also achieve such qualifications as follows-

1. In lieu of attending any of the Association's regularly scheduled "Events" as a paying participant (per criteria #3 above), a member may also obtain qualification credit for that particular Event by-
 - a. Make a monetary donation. The following rules shall apply-
 - i. The amount of the donation shall be no less than the current Hole Sponsorship amount for golf outings. (\$175 for the Spring 2026 golf outing)
 - b. Volunteer to assist at the event. The following rules shall apply-
 - i. The volunteer must be present (on site) the duration of the event.
 - ii. In addition to assisting in-person at the Event, the volunteer shall also make a donation equal to one-half the then current Hole Sponsorship amount. In no event shall the donation be less than \$87.00 per volunteer.
 - iii. No more than three (3) volunteers shall be given scholarship credit at any given Event.
2. The above "in lieu of attendance" criteria shall apply solely to Special Events (golf outings, etc.) They **DO NOT** apply to the monthly luncheons. (Members must always attend a minimum of 4 luncheons per HCA year in person to qualify their children for the Scholarship Program.)
3. All "in lieu of attendance" requests shall be reviewed and approved by the Scholarship Chairperson prior to the event.
4. Spouses attending any special event shall pay the full price of the event.