

# The Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship

## Application Form

The *Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship* is awarded annually to two graduate students earning a Masters or Doctoral degree in a literacy related field. The scholarship assists with tuition, textbooks, or costs associated with completing a thesis or dissertation.

Awarded Amount: \$500

Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

Qualifications: To be considered for the Scholarship, applicants must be attending a graduate program at a public or private University, be earning a Masters or Doctoral degree in a literacy related field, and have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher in their program of study.

### How To Apply:

- Complete and submit this application form.
- Along with the completed application, attach the following documents:
  - A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume that highlights your presentations and publications
  - A letter of interest that includes a brief description of the planned area of study, career goals, and a specific description of how the scholarship will be used if awarded
  - A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the University being attended. In addition to serving as a recommendation, the letter should confirm enrollment in a graduate program within a literacy related field and whether the applicant's current academic standing includes a GPA of 3.0 or higher

The completed application form, CV/resume, and letter of interest must be emailed to [TALE@texasreaders.org](mailto:TALE@texasreaders.org) with the phrase *Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship* in the subject line.

Letters of recommendation from faculty members must be sent directly from the faculty member on university letterhead. Please inform the faculty member to email the letter to [TALE@texasreaders.org](mailto:TALE@texasreaders.org) with the phrase *Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship* in the subject line.

### Additional Information:

- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Applications will be reviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee. Selection will be based on the qualifications as listed above and applicant's commitment to the literacy field.
- Finalists may be contacted for an interview.
- Applicants will be notified by email of any decisions prior to the 2024 TALE Conference.
- Awardees will be asked to submit a headshot for the TALE website, newsletter, and conference publications.
- It is possible to reapply and to be awarded the *Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship* for consecutive or multiple years.

## **Applicant's Information**

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

## **Institution Information**

Name of Institution [Undergraduate Degree]:

Dates Attended:

Degree Earned/Field of Study:

Name of Institution [Masters Degree]:

Dates Attended:

Degree Earned/Field of Study:

Name of Institution [Doctoral Degree]:

Dates Attended:

Degree Earned/Field of Study:

If awarded, how will the scholarship funds be used? Please provide a specific description.

How did you find out about the *Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship*?

Applicant's Signature:

Date: