

**THOMAS A. CASWELL AND REBECA DIAZ CASWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION – SPRING 2018**

This scholarship was established in 2001 and is sponsored by the Thomas A. Caswell and Rebeca Diaz Caswell Memorial Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit corporation. Thomas and Rebeca were graduates of the University of Texas at Austin and Austin-area high schools. Both were extraordinary students, musicians, and leaders. To honor their memories, this scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who excel in four areas: music, academics, leadership and community service. Although the amount and number of awards is subject to change, this year we expect to award a total of **\$5,000** in scholarships.

**Qualifications:**

- Senior currently enrolled in band in a high school within UIL Region 18 or 26 (if you do not know whether your school is in Region 18 or 26, check [www.tmea.org/divisions-regions/regions/alignment](http://www.tmea.org/divisions-regions/regions/alignment) or ask your band director).
- Applying for admission to the University of Texas at Austin (disbursement of the scholarship is dependent on confirmation of Fall 2018 full-time enrollment at UT-Austin).

**Scholarship Requirements:**

- Completed application form
- Official, sealed high school transcript
- Recorded submission

Each Applicant should perform (on his or her primary band instrument) a piece of music or excerpt no more than 5 minutes long, either accompanied or unaccompanied. Please submit recordings in digital format either by mail or by email to [applications@caswellscholarship.org](mailto:applications@caswellscholarship.org).

**Mail materials to:**

Caswell Scholarship Foundation  
P.O. Box 90785  
Austin, Texas 78709-0785

Please note: Because most commercial carriers do not deliver to post office boxes, please use the U.S. Postal Service when submitting scholarship materials.

<p><b>Deadline:</b> All materials must be postmarked by <b><u>March 9, 2018</u></b>. Incomplete packets will not be considered.</p>
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The scholarship recipient will be announced in May. All award decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Thomas A. Caswell and Rebeca Diaz Caswell Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

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Name:	School:
Address:	Instrument:
Email Address:	Band Director:
Phone:	Band Director's email address and phone number:

**Music**

Please list your musical honors and accomplishments in high school:

**Academics**

Please list your academic awards and accomplishments in high school:

Briefly describe your plans and goals for college:

**Leadership**

Please list any leadership positions you have held in high school (including in band):

**Citizenship**

Please describe your involvement in your community:

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

What if I haven't decided on a college yet? This is not a problem. You should apply for the scholarship even if UT-Austin is only one of the schools you are considering. If the scholarship recipient is not accepted to UT-Austin or decides to attend another school, the award will be given to an alternate or rolled over to the following year.

I never made All-State or All-Region, and I don't plan to major in music. Should I still apply? Yes. The scholarship is not limited to music majors, and musical accomplishments are only one factor. We are looking for well-rounded students who excel in all four areas described above.

What music should I select for my audition tape? Think of the audition tape as an Olympic diving competition. The recording will be judged by both level of difficulty and execution. Select a piece or an excerpt that best demonstrates your strengths as a musician. District music or a UIL solo are good choices, but you should not feel limited to those options.

Do you require professional sound quality on the recording? No. We do not expect you to go to a recording studio to make your tape. An ordinary home recording is fine, but use common sense and try to minimize background noise so that your performance can be heard clearly.

Can I just send a copy of my transcript? No. In fairness to all applicants, an original sealed transcript is required.

What if I can't get all the application materials in on time? We reserve the right to reject any untimely or incomplete applications. However, if you miss the deadline for some unexpected reason, send the materials in as soon as possible, preferably with an enclosed explanation.

Are orchestra or choir members eligible? No. The scholarship is currently limited to seniors enrolled in band.

I am not a student, but I would like to make a contribution to the scholarship fund. What should I do? We are always delighted to receive contributions in order to continue and strengthen this annual scholarship. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to: Caswell Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 90785, Austin, Texas 78709-0785

Do you have a website? Yes. Please visit us at [www.caswellscholarship.org](http://www.caswellscholarship.org). You can also find the Caswell Scholarship Foundation on Facebook.

Who should I contact if I have more questions? Talk to your high school counselor or band director, call Zach Wolfe (832-707-5883) or Alan Hutcheson (512-965-0328), or email us at [questions@caswellscholarship.org](mailto:questions@caswellscholarship.org)