

The Nora Tamara Collins Scholarship (NTC) for High School Students of German

Application Form

Deadline: April 15, 2026

To be considered for the NTC Scholarship, you are required to submit the scholarship application package consisting of the following items to the Dallas Goethe Center at info@dallasgoethecenter.org

- Completed **Application Form**.
- **Personal Essay** as a separate Microsoft Word document (approximately 300 words) in German.
- **One Letter of Recommendation** to be submitted directly by the recommender.

Only complete applications with all required supporting materials that are received until April 15th, 2026 will be considered by the NTC Scholarship Review Committee. Finalists will be invited to take part in short interviews with the NTC Scholarship Review Committee. Please complete this application form in English.

Eligibility: Any Junior or Senior high school student of US citizenship residing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, who has attained beginner to intermediate German language proficiency, may apply. **Please note that native or heritage speakers of German are excluded from consideration.** The NTC Memorial Scholarship may only be awarded once to any individual applicant.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- I hereby certify that I am not a native or heritage speaker of German:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Number of Years I have studied German Language: _____

- School attended _____
- Current grade level _____
- My current proficiency level in German (highlight one):
Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Low Advanced _____
- I certify that I am willing to report to the Dallas Goethe Center on my experiences with the scholarship after the funds have been used:

Signature _____ Date: _____

II. RECOMMENDER INFORMATION:

Please provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or other appropriate referent (not a family member), who can comment on your character, language abilities, and interest in German language and culture.

Name and Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

IMPORTANT: Recommenders should send their recommendation letters directly to the Dallas Goethe Center at info@dallasgoethecenter.org

III. REQUEST FOR NTC SCHOLARSHIP:

Below, please provide a brief description in English of your reasons for wanting to further your German studies and your plans for using the scholarship funds. Your description should include the following points:

- Your personal, educational, and/or professional goals.
- Description of your experience with the German language and German culture thus far.
- A detailed description of your plans for using the scholarship funds, including the time frame in which you anticipate using them. Include information about the organizer of any formal educational program, if applicable.
- Describe how you think the scholarship funds will have a positive effect on your future plans/goals beyond the award.

IV. ESSAY IN GERMAN:

Please submit a personal essay in German as a separate Microsoft Word document. Your essay may be a fictional story, a creative work, or a narrative about a topic of interest.

Guidelines: All submissions should be text only and approximately 300 words in length. The essay must be double spaced with 1-inch margins and written in a 12-point Times New Roman font. Submissions far beyond or below this length will not be considered. **All essays should be original submissions written without the aid of second parties or reliance on online translators.** Dictionaries may be consulted for use with individual words. Any quotes, paraphrased material, or unoriginal ideas should be properly cited using endnotes or citations within the text. Essays will be judged on basis of originality, depth of subject matter discussion, correctness of German vocabulary and grammar, and general interest.

Statement of Understanding:

I _____ hereby verify that no uncited sources, persons or other prohibited aids were used in writing this essay beyond dictionaries and/or grammar guides. This essay represents the sole intellectual property of the writer.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Failure to hold to this policy will result in the disqualification of the essay submission.