



Texas Classroom Teachers Association  
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# 2026-27 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_ School Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Email address:  Personal  School

Have you joined TCTA before?  Yes  No If yes, enter your TCTA Member # if you know it \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held:  Teacher  Librarian  Counselor  Coach  Diagnostician  Nurse  Speech Pathologist  
 Paraprofessional  Teacher's Aide  Substitute Teacher  Other \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ Campus \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Subject Taught \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level:  EC  EL  MID/JH  HS

Ethnicity:  White  Black  Hispanic  Asian  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

(See second page for eligibility criteria)

- Active \$175
- First-Time Active \$110
- Associate \$85
- Retired (no professional liability insurance) \$15


Local Affiliate Dues (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ACT For TCTA (recommended) \$ **5.00**

**TOTAL DUE TO TCTA \$**

**NOTE: Failure to make membership payments when due or joining in the wrong membership category will result in a loss or denial of membership benefits.**

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION | Your TCTA membership includes a subscription to *The Classroom Teacher* magazine. Your subscription will be ONLINE ONLY unless you check a different option below.**  
 Mail all four issues to me.  Mail the fall *Survival Guide* only.

 **Nationwide®** The coverage included with membership for Active, Associate and Student members is provided by a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide® with an A.M. Best Rating of A+XV (superior). The coverage is provided through a purchasing group, and the insurer may not be subject to all insurance laws and regulations of the state.

### TAKE 2, MAKE \$25:

If someone asked you to join TCTA, please enter their member number or name in the Take 2, Make \$25 box above.

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check or Money Order: Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check/money order should be payable to TCTA for the full amount owed in the gray box above.

**For other forms of payment (credit/debit/PayPal/payroll deduction), use our online forms at [tcta.org/join](https://tcta.org/join).**

**MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM AND YOUR CHECK/MONEY ORDER TO:  
 TCTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT, PO BOX 1489, AUSTIN, TX 78767.**

We are pleased that you chose the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) as your professional organization. We have proudly served and represented Texas educators since 1927, and we appreciate your confidence in our ability to protect your interests and meet your professional needs. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding your membership benefits. You will receive a digital membership card within 10 days of our receiving and processing your membership.



## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### ACTIVE \$175

Open to a person who is employed as a classroom teacher, counselor, librarian, diagnostician, speech pathologist, social worker, school nurse, athletic trainer, coach or other nonsupervisory professional whose position does not require an administrative certificate; or anyone who holds a bachelor's degree, is pursuing teacher certification, and is a salaried teacher in a Texas public school district or charter school.

Eligibility requires direct involvement in the instruction of students and regular employment by a Texas public school district or charter school or a state-supported institution of higher learning in Texas.

### FIRST-TIME TCTA ACTIVE \$110

Open to an individual eligible for Active membership who is joining TCTA as an Active member for the first time.

### ASSOCIATE \$85

Open to a substitute teacher, teacher's aide, paraprofessional or secretary employed by a public school district or charter school.

### RETIRED \$15 (Does not include professional liability insurance)

Open to a retired employee whose former position qualified them for TCTA membership and who is no longer employed by a Texas public school district or charter school in a capacity that would qualify them for Active or Associate membership.

**You must be eligible for TCTA membership and join in the appropriate membership category to receive benefits.**

## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

TCTA members (other than retired members) are covered by up to \$8 million in professional liability insurance with \$2 million for civil rights coverage. The policy period begins on Aug. 1 of the current year or upon the effective date of membership, whichever is later, and continues until the following Aug. 1 unless the membership is terminated prior to that date. As with comparable policies, the coverage is for lawsuits against an insured member in a covered employment-related civil suit not arising from criminal conduct. Coverage for attorney fees in criminal cases is limited to \$15,000, except in cases involving sexual indecency with a child, which are limited to \$10,000. The policy covers up to \$5,000 for bail bonds. All coverage is subject to the terms of the policy.

## LOCAL AFFILIATES

You may be required to pay local affiliate dues if you are employed in a school district with a TCTA local affiliate. **YOU MAY JOIN TCTA AND RECEIVE FULL BENEFITS EVEN IF THERE IS NOT A LOCAL AFFILIATE IN YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

## ACT FOR TCTA

ACT For TCTA is the political action committee for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. The fund is supported through voluntary contributions. Through ACT, TCTA members can combine forces to make significant political contributions to education-friendly candidates for legislative and state-level offices in Texas. Every donation counts!

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE

Legal services, as determined appropriate by the legal staff, are available only to members regarding employment-related matters arising after the effective date of membership. Your membership and professional liability insurance coverage become effective when your completed membership application

and full payment, or a signed payroll deduction authorization and required payments, are received at TCTA Headquarters.

## FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

Dues, donations or gifts to TCTA are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions; however, up to 85% of your dues may be deductible as ordinary business expenses.

## PAYROLL DEDUCTION

**If you choose to pay your TCTA membership fee through payroll deduction, you must sign the payroll authorization form and send it to TCTA Headquarters.** This form must indicate the total amount to be deducted for the school year. Your membership benefits and professional liability insurance coverage will not be in effect unless we receive the signed authorization and the appropriate payment from your school district on your behalf. **If you leave the district or discontinue payroll deductions before the total amount owed is paid in full to TCTA, ALL BENEFITS WILL CEASE.** If you change districts, you must submit a payroll authorization form for your new district or pay your balance in full.

**TAKE 2 — NEW & IMPROVED! Encourage your colleagues to join TCTA and earn cash back through our expanded Take 2 member recruitment program.** Any member can earn money for recruiting not only new-to-TCTA Active-level members, but also new Associate-level members, AND for bringing back former Active and Associate members who did not renew in 2025-26. Earn \$25 for every two new or lapsed Active-level members and \$10 for every two new or lapsed Associate members who include your TCTA member number or name in the box marked **Take 2** on their membership application. The program ends Nov. 30. Find all the details at [tcta.org/take2](https://tcta.org/take2).