



Texas Classroom Teachers Association  
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# 2025-26 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 reverse side 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.**

**I WANT TO GO GREEN!** | \$5 of each member's annual dues is allocated for a subscription to *The Classroom Teacher* magazine.  
 Check here to save paper and only receive a digital copy of the magazine. (This will not affect the amount of your dues.)

 **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, enter their TCTA member number or name in the Take 2, Make \$25 box above to ensure they receive credit.

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express Total Amount to be charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Payroll Deduction (Complete and sign the bottom of this form.) Please see reverse for important information regarding payroll deduction. If required payments are not received, membership benefits, including professional liability insurance and legal representation, will not be in effect.

## PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Your authorization form must be signed and dated, and it must clearly indicate the total amount to be deducted.

I authorize the \_\_\_\_\_ school district to deduct the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total from the gray box above) in \_\_\_\_\_ equal payments to the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, including any local affiliate dues as indicated above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Identification No. \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to cancel payroll deduction of membership dues for:

- ATPE  TX-AFT  TSTA  UEA

This authorization will remain in effect annually, in the amount indicated by the Association, including any increase, until I request in writing that the deductions cease. I further authorize any unpaid balance to be deducted from my final paycheck.

**Submit this completed form to TCTA Headquarters via mail, email or fax, or use your phone to scan the QR code at right and join online at [tcta.org/join](http://tcta.org/join). Online sign-up begins in mid-May.**



We are pleased that you chose the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) as your professional organization. We have proudly served and represented Texas teachers 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 membership card within 30 days of our receiving and processing your membership.



## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### ACTIVE \$175

Open to a public school employee 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.

Eligibility requires direct involvement in the instruction of students and regular employment in a Texas public school or in 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, educational secretary or paraprofessional employed by a public school district.

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

Open to a retired public school employee whose former position qualified him or her for TCTA membership and who is no longer employed by a public school district in any capacity.

**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 July 31 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! ACT For TCTA is a well-respected force in Texas election campaigns.

## 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.

## PAYROLL DEDUCTION

If you choose to pay your TCTA membership fee through payroll deduction, you must sign the payroll deduction 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 the school district on your behalf. **If you leave the school district or discontinue the 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 deduction authorization form for your new district or pay your balance in full.

**TAKE 2, MAKE \$25** | Earn \$25 for every two new Active-level members recruited when they include your TCTA member number or name in the box marked **Take 2, Make \$25** on their application. For complete program details, go to [tcta.org/take2](https://tcta.org/take2).

## 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.