

TKC Scholarship

Unlocking Opportunities: Scholarship to Expand Access to Culinary and Nutrition Education in Underserved Communities

Thanks to the generous support of the David R. Clare and Margaret C. Clare Foundation, the Teaching Kitchen Collaborative (TKC) is thrilled to announce a scholarship opportunity to expand access to hands-on culinary and nutrition education in underserved communities. This scholarship will provide three organizations with two years of TKC membership plus travel support for up to two individuals from each organization to attend the Annual Members Meeting. This scholarship includes full access to TKC resources, networks, and tools to support the implementation and growth of teaching kitchen programs.

Who Should Apply?

This scholarship is open to non-profit, community-based organizations that meet the following criteria:

- **Population Focus:** Must serve low-income, under-resourced, and/or food-insecure populations across any geographic region in the U.S.
- **Program Focus:** Must currently have an existing, hands-on teaching kitchen program (built-in, borrowed space, or pop-up) that is focused on nutrition education, culinary medicine, or healthy cooking.
- **Impact:** Priority will be given to organizations that can demonstrate the impact of their program(s) in their communities, particularly in addressing public health issues related to diet and food-related behaviors.
- **Participation:** Must be willing and able to be an active participant in TKC committees and/or interest groups and to have at least one senior leader attend the TKC's Annual Members Meeting (December 11-12 in Scotts Valley, CA).
- **Membership:** Can not have applied for TKC membership or been a TKC member in the past.

The Why: Expanding Access to Hands-On Nutrition Education

The TKC was founded in 2016 with a mission to build and support a global network dedicated to improving lives through transformative culinary and lifestyle education. Since inception, we have worked to develop and disseminate resources, best practices, and tools that make culinary education more accessible to communities nationwide. Our Organization Members range from medical schools and federally qualified health centers, to K-12 schools and museums.

In line with our commitment to the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities (launched in March 2023 by the Biden-Harris Administration), TKC seeks to expand access to hands-on nutrition education, specifically for communities that are food-insecure and those that are disproportionately impacted by diet-related chronic disease, in order to equip



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these individuals with essential skills and knowledge related to healthy eating and cooking, and in order for them to pursue lifelong health and wellness.

This scholarship directly supports that vision, helping the TKC engage with organizations that are currently doing this important work, and eliminating financial barriers that are the primary deterrent from their participation in our growing community. By removing the financial burden, we look forward to working alongside these new members to create meaningful, long-lasting change.

What's Included in the Scholarship?

Each recipient of the scholarship will receive:

- **Two Years of Full Organization Membership:** Access to all TKC Organization Member benefits, including:
 - A robust network of professionals, educators, and organizations
 - A comprehensive library of tools, templates, and resources to support and enhance teaching kitchen programs
 - Invitations to TKC's Annual Members Meeting, educational webinars, speed networking sessions, and training opportunities
 - Opportunities to engage in TKC's active committees and interest groups
 - Collaboration opportunities with other member organizations on impactful projects
- **Ongoing Program Support:** TKC's expert staff will offer personalized consultation and guidance, helping each organization maximize the benefits of their membership. To ensure long-term success, scholarship recipients will have the option to continue their TKC membership beyond the initial two years at a discounted rate.
- **Promotional Opportunities:** Scholarship recipients will receive special recognition as part of the TKC community, gaining national visibility among a network of industry leaders.
- **Sharing Impact & Learnings:** To foster knowledge-sharing and inspire the TKC community, scholarship recipients may be asked to submit a final report or deliver a presentation showcasing their progress, key learnings, and the impact of TKC membership on their organization.

Application Process & Timeline

The application process will open on Friday, February 28 and close on **Friday, May 9**. Selected organizations will be notified by **mid-June** and begin their TKC Membership on July 1.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit the following:

- **Completed Online Application Form:** Provide key details about your organization and its teaching kitchen facilities, programming, team members, and the populations served.



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- **Cover Letter:** Introduce your organization and highlight the community-driven strategies employed by your teaching kitchen team. Explain how your organization meets the scholarship criteria and how TKC membership will support your mission and long-term sustainability.
- **Financial Documentation:** Demonstrate financial need by submitting one or more of the following: Your organization's most recent Form 990, the organization's 2025 budget, recent audited financial statements.

To apply, please visit: <https://teachingkitchens.org/application-details/>

The Impact of Your Participation

By joining the TKC, your organization will gain access to a broad community of leaders, resources, and knowledge. Our aim is to support organizations like yours in building sustainable, impactful programs that empower individuals and communities to take control of their health and nutrition through hands-on cooking and culinary education.

Through the TKC's shared commitment to equitable access to nutrition education, we hope to cultivate a future where every individual has the resources and knowledge to make informed and healthy food choices.

