



## Young Technology Scholar Award Application

OpenText and the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) are pleased to sponsor the annual Young Technology Scholar (YTS) Award. This award is granted to high school seniors who have demonstrated proficiency in computer information technology related courses and leadership abilities in their schools and communities.

Winners receive a scholarship award of **up to \$5,000**. Winners are selected by the YTS Award Committee, which consists of representatives from OpenText, the Utah State Board of Education, and industry.

All applicants must be high school seniors enrolled in a Utah High School program who have taken or are currently taking a Computer Science/Information Technology Course(s), have passed a specific industry exam certification(s), want to attend a Utah Institute of Higher Education, and who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. To apply for the Young Technology Scholar award, students are required to submit the following:

- YTS Award Application – student must be supported by their instructor
- Supporting instructor letter of recommendation
- One additional instructor or counselor letter of recommendation
- Resume
- **Official** academic transcript
- Essay between 700 – 1,200 words and must address three topics:
  1. Tell us your future education plans.
  2. How my industry exam certification(s) will help me achieve my future goals.
  3. Summary of a technology-based project that you have been a part of.
- Proof of one of the industry exam certifications listed below
- Signed Media Release Form

### Qualified Industry Exams:

- Any TestOut Industry Certification
- Any CompTIA Industry Certification
- Any Certiport Information Technology Specialist (ITS) Certification Exam (except for the HTML and CSS Industry Certification)

### Applications must be received via email by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2026 to:

Kristina Yamada

[Kristina.Yamada@schools.utah.gov](mailto:Kristina.Yamada@schools.utah.gov)

Please make sure you attach **all** documentation as **one** PDF File. If not submitted as ONE pdf, it will **not** be accepted. \*Applications will NOT be accepted through the US Mail.

### Direct questions to:

Kristina Yamada

IT/CS Education Specialist

Utah State Office of Education

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Student Name		
Student High School		
Student District		
Student GPA		Student ACT or SAT Score
Supporting Instructor's Name	Instructor Phone Number	Instructor's Email Address

### Student Information

Student's Address		City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone Number		Email Address – Please do not use your school email address		
Parent or Guardian 1 Name	Cell Phone Number	Email Address		
Parent or Guardian 2 Name <small>(if applicable)</small>	Cell Phone Number <small>(if applicable)</small>	Email Address <small>(if applicable)</small>		

### College/University Information

Student's 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Have you been accepted?
Student's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Have you been accepted?

**By typing your first and last name in the boxes below, you agree that all information included in this application is true to the best of your knowledge!**

Student Signature for accuracy of the application.	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature for accuracy of the application.	Date

Completed application packet must be received via email by **March 31, 2026**  
to Kristina.Yamada@schools.utah.gov.

## Young Technology Scholar Media Release Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**By typing or signing your first and last name in the area below, you agree to the YTS Media Release Form.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student for Media Release

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Date

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Signature of parent or guardian for Media Release

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Date