



Guidelines High School Senior Scholarship 2011-2012

Texas PTA offers \$1000 scholarships to **graduating high school seniors** in Texas who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university or a technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following applicant's high school graduation. All funds for the scholarships are provided by gifts to the Texas PTA Endowment Fund.

Through our scholarship program, Texas PTA works to support students who are focused on achieving career goals through higher education. In evaluating each application, the scholarship committee will also consider service and participation in school activities, community involvement and scholastic merit.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a school in Texas.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a high school with a Local PTA/PTSA in good standing with Texas PTA, and be a member of that same PTA/PTSA. Applicant's name must be on the current membership list and recorded in the Texas PTA office at the time of application.
- Applicant must plan to be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university or a technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- Applicant cannot have an immediate family member on the Texas PTA Board of Directors, staff or as an Area PTA president.
- A completed electronic application must be **received by March 1, 2012** to be eligible for consideration.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

All documents should be submitted in Microsoft Word or PDF format. In order to qualify, the applicant must complete the following:

1. The online application which includes:
 - A one-page resume listing school activities, community involvement, special recognitions and awards the applicant received in high school. Also, list any work experience during the high school years.
 - A 300-word essay discussing how parent involvement and PTA have impacted the applicant's education, and any future goals relating to education and/or career.
 - Copy of SAT or ACT results.
 - Copy of high school transcript with class ranking provided.
 - Name, email address, and phone number of two individuals submitting a letter of recommendation. Please note that one of the references must be a campus faculty member or administrator.
2. Texas PTA will immediately contact each of your references via email to request the required letters of recommendation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that both letters of recommendation are received by March 1, 2012 or within ten (10) days of application submission.

SELECTION AND DISBURSEMENT

Selection is made by the Scholarship Committee of the Texas PTA Board of Directors. Results will be published via the Texas PTA website on May 1, 2012. Recipients will be notified by email and U.S. mail once the selection process is complete.

Applicants chosen to receive the High School Senior Scholarship must submit verification of enrollment from the educational institution to the Texas PTA office by September 1, 2012. This may be done electronically to programs@txpta.org, by fax to 512-322-9326, or by mail to Texas PTA, Attn: Programs Department, 408 W. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2113. The funds shall be paid to the educational institution. Failure to meet the above deadline may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

**All entries submitted to Texas PTA become the property of Texas PTA and will not be returned.
All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.**