

Deadline March 1, 2009

TEXAS PTA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Texas PTA offers 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 state of Texas. Texas PTA will provide funding each academic year for scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to a minimum of two graduating high school seniors.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose is 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

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a school in Texas.
- Applicant must be a member of a Local PTA in good standing. 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 state of Texas.
- Applicant must not be in the immediate family of a member of the Texas PTA Board of Directors or professional staff or an Area PTA president.
- Completed application and required paperwork must be **received by March 1, 2009** to be eligible for consideration.

The Texas PTA Scholarship Committee will review applications, and recipients will be notified in April.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION

In order to qualify, the application **must** be accompanied by the following:

- 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 photograph is not necessary.
- A 300-word essay discussing how parent involvement and PTA have impacted the applicant's education and decision to continue their education
- Applicant must be current member of the Local PTA at their school or another school if their school does not have a PTA.

Enclosure of additional material other than requested materials will result in disqualification.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

The Scholarship Committee of the Texas PTA Board of Directors makes selections. Scholarship awardees will be notified by mail and email once the selection process is complete.

Applicants chosen to receive scholarship awards must submit a copy of the acceptance letter from the educational institution to the Texas PTA Office by August 1, 2009. 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 St., Austin, TX 78701-2113. Upon receipt, a check for the scholarship amount will be sent directly to the educational institution.

All entries submitted to Texas PTA become the property of Texas PTA and will not be returned.