

Deadline March 1, 2009

## TEXAS PTA TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT GUIDELINES

Texas PTA has for many years offered study scholarships to educators. This financial aid has allowed recipients to enhance their professional skills through professional development they otherwise might not have been able to pursue or complete. This program is tangible evidence of PTA's desire to improve the quality of education for Texas students. Funds for the scholarships come from gifts to the Texas PTA Endowment Fund.

The Texas PTA offers scholarships to **teachers, teacher's aides and administrators** in Texas enrolled for **six (6) hours credit** at a community college, college or university, or its equivalent in certified continuing education credits which may include online or correspondence courses.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a teacher, teacher's aide or administrator with three (3) or more **completed** years of experience in Texas schools **prior** to application. Anything less than three (3) years does not qualify).
- Applicant must be employed in a school with a Local PTA in good standing and be a member of that PTA. Applicant's name must be on the membership list and recorded in the Texas PTA Office at time of application.
- Applicant must plan to take at least six (6) hours of college credit (or a workshop/course where the continuing education credit is the equivalent) in a field which improves the applicant's teaching proficiency or to work toward a specific certification (includes middle management, administrator, counselor, etc.)
- 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.
- Recipients must agree to continue to be employed in Texas schools for the ensuing year or to repay the amount of the grant.
- A completed application and required paperwork **must be received by March 1, 2009** to be eligible for consideration.
- Applicant must not be a previous recipient within the last twelve (12) months.

### GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION

In order to qualify, this application **must** be accompanied by a statement **not to exceed 300 words** explaining:

- How the course the applicant proposes to take will improve their proficiency in professional skills and will benefit students and their families at their school
- The value parent involvement has had in the applicant's classroom or at their campus
- How the scholarship grant will impact the applicant's ability to take the proposed course (financial need)

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

### SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

Selection is made by the Scholarship Committee of the Texas PTA Board of Directors. Scholarships are awarded to individuals. Recipients will be notified in April.

Applicants chosen to receive the Texas PTA Teacher/Administrator Scholarship must submit a copy of a letter of acceptance/proof of enrollment from the educational institution to the Texas PTA Office. Upon receipt, a check made payable to the institution will be sent directly to the institution.

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