



## Faculty Scholarship Application 2020-2021

Texas PTA offers scholarships in an amount not to exceed \$500 to **teachers, teachers' aides, or other faculty members** planning to take college credit courses, workshops or other continuing education which improves the applicant's teaching proficiency or applies to a specific education-related certification (includes middle management, administrator, counselor, etc.). These courses may include online and correspondence courses. Awarded scholarships apply to the summer, fall, and/or spring terms following the current school year.

The Texas PTA scholarship program is tangible evidence of our desire to improve the quality of education for Texas students. Funds for the scholarships are provided by gifts to the Texas PTA Endowment Fund

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a teacher, teacher's aide, or other faculty member with three (3) or more **completed** years of experience in Texas schools prior to application.
- Applicant must be employed in a school with a Local PTA/PTSA that has achieved Active Status by December 1.
- Applicant must be a current PTA member by December 1 at their employed campus, as recorded by Texas PTA.  
**Note:** PTA membership is a renewable, annual membership. Current membership year begins August 1.
- Applicant must plan to enroll no later than July 15 immediately following the notification of the award scholarship.
- Immediate family members of the Texas PTA Board of Directors or staff are not eligible to apply. Affected applicants must allow for one (1) year to elapse before eligibility is restored.
- Applicant cannot have received a Texas PTA scholarship within the past 24 months.
- A completed electronic application must be received **by November 15, 2020**. Application can be found on the Texas PTA website at [www.txpta.org/scholarships](http://www.txpta.org/scholarships).

### PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

Texas PTA is a Windows-based association. Please submit documents as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf (preferred) format. File types not accepted are .gdoc., .pages, or .webarchive. The online application requires:

- A resume, **limited to one page**, listing relevant work experience, community activities, PTA involvement, and special recognition or awards.
- Four (4) separate responses to the following. Each response has a minimum and maximum word count.
  - 1) Describe the coursework you will undertake and how that will benefit students and families. (150-300)
  - 2) How have you engaged families in their children's education and what impact has that had on your classroom/school? (150-300)
  - 3) Describe how PTA has supported and enriched your classroom/school. (150-300)
  - 4) Briefly detail how receiving this scholarship will impact your ability to pursue this coursework. (no minimum or maximum)

**NOTE:** Be prepared to provide your PTA President's name and email address.

### SELECTION AND DISBURSEMENT

Applications may be reviewed in multiple rounds depending on the number of applications received. Finalists may be asked for additional information. Results will be posted on the Texas PTA website no later than April 1, 2021. All applicants will receive an email notification when the results have been posted.

Awardees must claim their scholarship **no later than July 15, 2021** by providing proof of enrollment at an eligible institution. Awardees will receive further instruction for submitting documentation for disbursement of funds. Disbursements will be made directly to the awardee's institution of enrollment. Failure to meet the deadline will result in forfeiture of scholarship.

All entries submitted to Texas PTA become the property of Texas PTA and will be digitally retained for seven (7) years. Decisions of the Committee are final.

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