



High School Senior Scholarship Application 2020-2021

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 for the summer, fall, and/or spring terms immediately following applicant's high school graduation.

Through our scholarship program, Texas PTA works to support students who are focused on achieving career goals through higher education. In evaluating each application, service and participation in school activities, community involvement and scholastic merit will be considered. Funds for the scholarships are provided by gifts to the Texas PTA Endowment Fund.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a school in the state of Texas.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a high school with a Local PTA/PTSA that has achieved Active Status by December 1.
- Applicant must be a current member of the PTA by December 1 at their enrolled campus, as recorded by Texas PTA.
Note: PTA membership is a renewable, annual membership. Current membership year begins August 1.
- Applicant must plan to be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university or a technical institute in the summer or fall/spring semester immediately following high school graduation.
- Immediate family members of the Texas PTA Board of Directors or staff are not eligible to apply.
- A completed electronic application **must be received by November 15, 2020**. Application can be found at 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 school activities, community involvement, special recognitions, and awards the applicant received in high school. Also, list any work experience during the high school years.
- Copy of high school transcript (Does not need to be "Official".)
- Three (3) separate responses to the following questions. Each has a minimum and maximum word count.
 - 1) Describe your future goals for both your education and career. (150-300 words)
 - 2) How has your family and/or a mentor impacted your education and encouraged your post-high school studies? (150-300 words)
 - 3) Describe the role PTA has played in supporting and enriching your K-12 education. (150-300 words)

Note: Be prepared to provide your PTA President's name and email address, your Principal's name and email address, and your Counselor's name and email address.

SELECTION AND DISBURSEMENT

Applications will be reviewed in multiple rounds, depending on 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**. 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 retained digitally for seven (7) years.
Decisions of the Committee are final.

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