

Faculty Scholarship Application 2019-2020



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

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.

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 member* of the PTA at their employed campus, as recorded at Texas PTA by December 1, 2019.
*The membership year begins August 1 of each year.
- Applicant must plan to enroll no later than July 31 immediately following the notification of the awarded 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, 2019**. Application can be found on the Texas PTA website at www.txpta.org/scholarships.

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

Texas PTA is a Windows-based association. Please submit documents in Microsoft Word or PDF format. We do not accept .gdoc and .pages as they are not supported file types. The applicant must complete the online application which includes:

- A resume, **limited to one page**, listing relevant work experience, community activities, PTA involvement and special recognition or awards.
- Four (4) questions requiring four separate responses to be completed during the application process or you may copy and paste previously prepared responses. 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 min/max)

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, 2020. All applicants will receive an email notification when the results have been posted. Awardees must claim their scholarship **no later than July 15, 2020** 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 applicant'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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