

## **Scholarship Fund Overview**

### **For High School Seniors Pursuing a Career in Maryland Public Schools**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE FUND**

The Maryland PTA Scholarship Fund offers assistance to qualified individuals pursuing careers in Maryland public schools.

#### **NATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Recipients of the scholarship are free to choose the accredited college or university that he or she desires to attend. The recipient is also free to choose the content area in which he or she desires to specialize while working in public schools within the State of Maryland.

Scholarship awards are granted annually as funds permit. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1000.00.

#### **METHOD OF SELECTION**

Selection of scholarship recipients is based upon interest in, and potential for, a career in Maryland public schools, academic record, and student résumé.

Applications must be forwarded to the Maryland PTA office, via postal mail or electronically to [info@mdpta.org](mailto:info@mdpta.org) by 4:30 p.m., June 29, 2020. The Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the scholarship recipients in early July.

The Scholarship Committee will notify the selected recipients, the school principal, the sponsoring PTA/PTSA and the appropriate PTA Council President. Checks will be mailed to the scholarship recipients.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Fees received from Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards are the primary financial support of the Scholarship Fund. This award is the highest honor Maryland PTA can grant to an individual who has served children and youth in a special way. Applications for the Lifetime Achievement Award are available from Maryland PTA. Individuals or organizations may make contributions, at any time, to the Scholarship Fund.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants are eligible upon completion of the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a high school senior with at least a 2.75 un-weighted GPA.
- Applicant agrees to prepare for a career in public schools in the State of Maryland.
- Applicant must obtain sponsorship of a Maryland PTA local unit in good standing, which can sponsor more than one student.
- Applicant must be a member of a Maryland PTA/PTSA but need not attend the school nor does that PTA/PTSA need to be compliant.
- **Application, to be considered, MUST be completed with signatures in all indicated areas.**
- ***Forward complete application packet by 4:30 p.m., June 29, 2020 either electronically to [info@mdpta.org](mailto:info@mdpta.org) or via postal mail to:***

**Maryland PTA**  
**c/o Scholarship Committee**  
**5 Central Avenue**  
**Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061**

MARYLAND PTA  
Scholarship Application



I hereby make application for a Maryland PTA Scholarship for August 2020.

(PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (County)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City & Zip code) (Phone)

High School presently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation (or anticipated date) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of College/University or Technical School to which you have applied	Accepted? Yes or No

*My application for this scholarship assures Maryland PTA of my intention to pursue a career in the public schools of Maryland.*

*My application for this scholarship assures Maryland PTA that I am a member of*

*(Name of Local PTA/PTSA) \_\_\_\_\_*

*and am being sponsored by*

*(Name of sponsoring PTA/PTSA) \_\_\_\_\_*

*which is a unit in good standing.*

➤ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

Submit the following materials as the application packet: 1) Application signed by applicant and sponsoring PTA/PTSA officer; 2) Student Essay; 3) Academic Record; 4) Student Résumé.

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PTA Sponsorship



APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

*I verify that our PTA/PTSA sponsors this scholarship applicant and that our PTA/PTSA has met the standards of affiliation as defined in our bylaws, Article IV, Section 1 A.*

A local PTA meeting the standards of affiliation is one that:

- a. Adhere to the purposes and basic policies of the National and Maryland PTA;
- b. Remit the national and state dues to the Maryland PTA office by dates designated;
- c. Have bylaws approved every three (3) years according to the procedures of Maryland PTA;
- d. Have a minimum of twenty-five (25) members;
- e. Shall submit the name and contact information including phone number, address and e-mail address of all elected officers to the MDPTA office within two (2) weeks of their election.
- f. Remit bonding, liability and directors and officers insurance premiums by the date designated;
- g. Have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on file with Maryland PTA;
- h. Maintain its status as a corporation, have as required by MD Non-Profit law, at a minimum a president, a secretary and treasurer;
- i. Files the appropriate tax forms, by the required dates, with the IRS and submits a copy to the Maryland PTA office within thirty (30) days of filing;
- j. Each local PTA shall submit a copy of its annual financial review, to Maryland PTA within one hundred (120) days following the end of the local's fiscal year;
- k. Files all appropriate state forms with the appropriate state authorities by the required date and submits a copy to the Maryland PTA office within 30 days of filing;

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of PTA/PTSA Meeting the Standards of Continuing Affiliation*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*County*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Sponsoring PTA/PTSA Officer*  
*(an electronic signature is acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Position*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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Scholarship Application Requirements



APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1. **STUDENT ESSAY** – In a minimum of 500, but not more than 750 words (typed 12-point font, double spaced), please answer each of the following questions:
  - A. How will you utilize the skills and knowledge of volunteers, colleagues, or experts in your classroom or public school environment?
  
  - B. What field of study will you pursue toward your career in public school education and why?
  
2. **ACADEMIC REPORT** – Please include a transcript (may be informal) of high school grades as well as two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) letter must be from a teacher and the other letter from a community member. Only two letters will be accepted for scoring.
  
3. **STUDENT RÉSUMÉ** – Résumé must include: Awards, School Activities, and Community Involvement. Please include work experience/internships if applicable.

**Disclosure Information**

Maryland PTA will keep all applicant's information confidential and will destroy all information once the winners are announced.

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