

## **2017 RACINE PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 each and are made possible through the donations from private individuals, corporations and organizations, local PTA units, and the Racine PTA Council. All graduating seniors from a Racine Unified High School with a PTSA in good standing are eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled to attend an accredited college, university, or tech school in fall 2017.

**Important—please note:** Often, students who rank very high in their class receive multiple scholarships from various sources. In an effort to make scholarship funds accessible to a broader range of students, we will not consider applications from students in the **top 3%** of their school's graduating class. We hope you will understand this goal of distributing funds to more students who are also deserving of support and assistance.

All work on the scholarship application **MUST** be completed by you, the student. While you may have received a paper copy of this form, **please find the PDF form online and fill it out electronically**. It is much easier for our judges to read and allows everyone the same amount of space to respond to the questions. The form is available electronically from your school counselor, on your school's website, and on the RUSD website; you may also request one at the email below. Thank you.

Applications **MUST** be completed according to the instructions or they will not be eligible for judging.

**Do not return this form to your counselor!**

**All applications MUST be sent by U.S. Mail, postmarked NO LATER than March 1, 2017.**

Applications are to be MAILED to:

Barb Larrabee  
PTA Council Scholarship Committee  
4118 Nantucket Place  
Mount Pleasant, WI 53405

Applications are evaluated and scored by a panel of three judges. Your application is anonymous—the judges do not see the cover sheet with your name and contact information. The panel of judges later convenes, discusses and compares their scores, ranks the applicants, and informs the PTA Council Scholarship Committee of the winners. Decisions of the judges are final.

Only the chosen applicants for a scholarship will be notified, first with a phone call in early April, then a detailed letter will follow via U.S. Mail. The scholarship recipients, along with up to two guests, will be invited to attend the annual PTA Council Banquet in early May (date and location to be determined). At that time, the checks will be presented and a photo will be taken for a press release to the local newspaper. **Scholarship checks must be used during the winner's freshman year.**

Thank you for your interest. We hope you will apply soon! If you have any questions, please contact the following member of the Scholarship Committee:

Kathy Holley  
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## Cover Sheet

(This form is designed as a PDF to make it easy to fill in electronically, then print for submission;  
otherwise please print legibly using black ink.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary \_\_\_\_\_

College/university/tech school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major area of study you hope to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic achievement, as computed at the end of first semester, senior year:

Class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (weighted) \_\_\_\_\_ (unweighted)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In the interest of distributing scholarships to a broader range of deserving students we will not consider applications from students who are in the **top 3%** of their graduating class.

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***This application must be submitted according to the following instructions or it will NOT be considered. It is the responsibility of the APPLICANT to see that these instructions are followed. Please fill out the PDF version of the form electronically and then print it out for copying and submission.***

***There should be 4 copies of each page. Assemble your application in this order:***

- A. This completed cover sheet***
- B. Completed form (three pages following this page) detailing your academic experience, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and work experience. You may not add any other pages to this section.***
- C. Personal essay: Attach a typed essay of 300–500 words. Tell us about an adult in your school career who has made a difference in your life. This could be a teacher, staff member, coach, administrator, or volunteer (but please, not your parents). How did this person impact you? What characteristics make them memorable? How might you emulate them in your future?***

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Applicant's Signature

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Date Completed

## ***Academic Experience:***

***Please write a brief statement about your high school academic journey. Remember, not every journey is sunshine and mountaintops. Share your ups and down, struggles and triumphs, goals and challenges. How have you changed as a student from your freshman year to your senior year? What is your plan beyond high school and what factors have influenced that decision?***

***List the 5 classes you have taken in high school that have been most important to you and briefly explain why:***

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## ***Extracurricular (school-associated) Activities:***

*List up to 5 extracurricular activities (associated with your high school) that you have been part of, the number of years, and details of your participation. Please do not list more; share only those you feel most strongly about. It's okay if you don't have 5; we are looking for commitment and engagement, not quantity.*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

*List up to 3 special honors, recognitions, or achievements (do not need to be school-related) you may have received:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Work Experience:***

*Please share dates and details of any employment you have had during your high school years. It does not need to be formal employment—yes, regular babysitting, mowing lawns, or shoveling snow counts.*

## ***Community/Volunteer Involvement (outside of school):***

*List up to 5 activities (not associated with your high school) that you have been part of, the number of years, and details of your participation. Please do not list more; share only those you feel most strongly about. It's okay if you don't have 5; we are looking for commitment and engagement, not quantity.*

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## ***Anything else?***

*Please share anything else you feel that the judges should know as we consider you as a scholarship recipient: unique challenges, financial needs, family situations, etc.*

***Thank you! Please print 4 copies of each of the pages you filled in and your essay, then assemble, staple, and mail them to the address on the instruction page by March 1, 2017.***