

# Scholarship and Grant Committee

## Dr. Ralph E. White Graduating Senior Scholarship Program

### OVERVIEW

Each year, California State PTA awards this special scholarship to two graduating high school seniors who intend to pursue a career in a medical field.

The two students selected are recipients of a California State PTA Graduating High Senior Scholarship and, if awarded the Dr. Ralph E. White Graduating Senior Scholarship, receive:

- An additional \$500 - for a grand total of \$1,000 - for their continuing education.
- A personal letter of congratulations from the Scholarship and Grant Committee as a recipient of this recognition scholarship.



### The Story of Dr. Ralph E. White

In 2010, California State PTA received a gift from a very special friend, Dr. Ralph E. White. He was affiliated with St. Joseph Hospital for 70 years: first as a practicing physician and, after his retirement, as a hospital volunteer. Both he and his wife, Eleanor, contributed more than 24,000 hours of volunteer service during the last 32 years of his life.

He attended high school in the early 1930's in Santa Ana, California. As a senior getting ready to graduate, he was awarded a California State PTA scholarship. This allowed him to attend Santa Ana College, then Whittier College, as an undergraduate before receiving his medical degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. White didn't forget this early assistance. Many years later, he singled out the California State PTA and its scholarship as the reason he was able to attend college and fulfill his dream of becoming a doctor.

Upon his passing, he generously left a donation of \$25,000 to the Scholarship and Grant fund of the California State PTA. This act of kindness will continue for many years to come, helping graduating seniors pursue their own dreams of a career in a medical field.

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