

## GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

California State PTA offers Graduating High School Senior Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to acknowledge the achievements of high school seniors for volunteer service in the school and community.

### AVAILABILITY

Applicant must have volunteered in the school and community and must be graduating from a California public high school between January 1 and June 30 of the current academic year. Applicant must be a member of the PTA/PTSA in good standing at his/her high school, or if the high school does not have a PTA/PTSA, the applicant must be a member of a PTA/PTSA in good standing and a council, district or state PTA board member.

### QUALIFICATIONS

This scholarship recognizes volunteer service in the school and community and does not have a grade point average restriction or requirement.

Applicant must be

1. a California resident;
2. graduating from a high school in California;
3. a member of his/her high school PTA/PTSA in good standing, or if the high school does not have a PTA/PTSA, a member of a PTA/PTSA in good standing and a council, district or state PTA board member;
  - a. a copy of applicant's current PTA/PTSA membership card must be submitted with application.

### APPLICATION AND DUE DATE

The application and accompanying reference forms may be obtained from:

- the California State PTA office;
- the *California State PTA Toolkit*;
- the website at capta.org.

The final application packet must include:

1. a completed application form;
2. a legible copy of applicant's current PTA/PTSA membership card on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper;
3. an essay describing
  - a. any PTA/PTSA responsibility you may have;
  - b. your career plans, goals, objective and any other information you feel would be valuable to the selection committee;
  - c. all school service-related activities;
    - i. including any service you provide to others in your school;
    - ii. without using abbreviations for any organizations listed;
  - d. your volunteer service in the community; (Do not include school activities listed in 3c, above.)
4. reference forms and letters;
  - a. reference form and letter written specifically for this scholarship application;
  - b. first reference form and letter completed by a community volunteer leader with whom student applicant has served (may not be related to student);
  - c. second reference form and letter completed by a member of the high school faculty; and
  - d. copies of recommendation letters for college admission are NOT acceptable.
  - e. **Note:** Each completed reference form and letter should be given to the applicant directly.

Submission instructions:

1. Original application, and reference forms with letters must be mailed together in ONE envelope.
  - a. Faxed submissions will not be accepted.
2. **The application must be received in the California State PTA office by close of business February 1, if mailed, or by 11:59 PM PDT if emailed.**
  - a. Postmarks will not be accepted. Application will not be considered if received after due date or if any of the required materials are missing.
  - b. When February 1 falls on a weekend, applications are due in the State PTA office by close of business the following Monday.

### SELECTION

Recipients are selected by members of the California State PTA Scholarship and Grant Committee. All applicants will be notified of their standing by letter by the end of March. A check for the scholarship will be sent directly to the recipient.

### FOLLOW-UP

Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment and completion of coursework to the California State PTA office by June 1.

\*Accreditation acceptable from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.; Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; New England Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges; and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.