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.