

## GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

The California State PTA will offer 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

Scholarship funds are available to high school seniors graduating between January 1 and June 30 of the current academic year from high schools in California with a PTA/PTSA unit in good standing. Scholarship is to be used during fall semester/quarter following high school graduation at an accredited\* college or university, community college or trade or technical school.

### APPLICATION AND DUE DATE

An application (including two reference forms) may be obtained from the California State PTA office or on the website at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org). References are to be completed by a community volunteer leader with whom student applicant has served and a member of the high school faculty. Completed reference forms and letters should be given to the applicant in a sealed envelope to be included with application packet. Reference form and letter must be written specifically for this scholarship application. Copies of recommendation letters for college admission are NOT acceptable. Do not submit more than the requested two reference forms and letters.

Reference forms and letters in sealed envelopes, a legible copy of applicant's current PTA/PTSA membership card on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper and completed application are to be mailed together in ONE envelope to the California State PTA. Application envelope must be received in the California State PTA office by close of business February 1. When February 1 falls on a weekend, application is due in the State PTA office by close of business on the following Monday. Postmarks will not be accepted. Application will not be considered if received after due date or if any of the required materials are missing. Application and reference forms with letters must be mailed; facsimiles will not be accepted.

### 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 a California resident, graduating from a high school in California with a PTA/PTSA unit in good standing, and must be a member of his/her high school PTA/PTSA. A copy of applicant's current PTA/PTSA membership card must be submitted with application.

### SELECTION

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

\*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 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## APPLICATION

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#### DUE DATE FOR RETURN — FEBRUARY 1

APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF RECEIVED AFTER DUE DATE

Please type or print **legibly**.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Street Address	City/State	Zip Code
Telephone	E-mail	
Complete Name of High School	Telephone	
High School Street Address	City, State	Zip Code
Date of Graduation (Month, Day, Year)	Intended major/course of study at college/university, trade or technical school	

SIGNATURE of applicant (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

List names of accredited colleges/universities, community colleges or trade or technical schools to which you have applied and/or been accepted. Recipient must attend an accredited college/university, community college or trade or technical school as a full-time student (12 units or more) for the current fall semester/quarter.

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:** (Limit - two pages.)

1. Describe any PTA/PTSA responsibility you may have.
2. State your reason for applying for this scholarship. Include your career plans, goals, objective and any other information you feel would be valuable to the selection committee.
3. Describe all school service-related activities—include any service you provide to others in your school. Do not use abbreviations for any organizations listed.
4. Describe in detail your volunteer service in the community. Do not include school extracurricular activities (previous question refers to school-related activities).

**RETURN APPLICATION PACKET IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER, ATTACHING A PAPER CLIP TO THE UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER (DO NOT STAPLE):**

1. Complete application form, two (2) pages
2. Legible copy of your current membership card on 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper
3. Essay response to information items 1-4, no more than two (2) pages
4. Two (2) reference forms with letters, in sealed envelopes

Do you give permission for your name to be used in a news release concerning these scholarships?

Yes  No

**RETURN TO:** California State PTA, 2327 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816-5014

**FACSIMILES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Copy of current membership card

Two (2) reference forms with letters

Unit ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in good standing

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### REFERENCE FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL FACULTY/COMMUNITY MEMBER

*DUE DATE FOR RETURN TO CALIFORNIA STATE PTA OFFICE BY APPLICANT*  
**FEBRUARY 1**

The purpose of this scholarship is to acknowledge the achievements of high school seniors for volunteer service in the school and community and to provide an incentive for students to continue their education.

#### Name of Student

This student has applied to the California State PTA for a scholarship. Please include this reference form and a separate letter of recommendation, which MUST be written specifically for this graduating high school senior scholarship application. Copies of recommendation letters for college are not acceptable. Attach the letter of recommendation, written on an additional sheet. Information provided will be considered confidential. Please limit letter to one page.

In what capacity do you know student

Provide a description of each activity and the student's involvement. Give your evaluation of the abilities, attitudes and potential of the student and comments regarding student's volunteer service, activities, achievements and personal qualifications.

Name of Faculty/Community member completing form

Faculty/Community position

Mailing Address

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Telephone (     )

E-mail

SIGNATURE

Date

**RETURN REFERENCE FORM WITH LETTER IN A SEALED ENVELOPE  
DIRECTLY TO APPLICANT TO BE INCLUDED IN APPLICATION PACKET**