



## Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs 2017 Scholarship Application Information

### Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must:

- 1) be a 2017 graduating senior of a Florida high school;
- 2) be a member of your school's PTA/PTSA or the Sunshine State PTSA; Note: The PTA/PTSA must be in good standing. Verify this information about your school's PTSA at <http://www.dccpta.org/goodstanding>. If your school does not have a PTSA, you may join the Sunshine State PTA at <http://floridapta.org/index.php/about-us/membership/sunshine-state> by completing the form and returning it with payment.
- 3) have an unweighted cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- 4) submit completed application form, including reference letters and transcript Cumulative Summary page (in a sealed envelope), and essay pages to the DCCPTA, Attention Scholarship Committee, postmarked no later than April 15, 2017
- 5) enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in any accredited postsecondary institution within the state of Florida for the 2017-2018 year. For a list of accredited institutions, please visit <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>.
- 6) proof of registration and Social Security Number are required upon award of this scholarship.

### Value of Scholarship

This is a one-time \$500 scholarship, which will be sent directly to the school of your choice.

### Steps in Applying

- 1) Type or print answers of the application. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. Be sure to answer all questions.
- 2) Enclose the following items in a large manila envelope:
  - A. Completed two-page scholarship application;
  - B. Official high school transcript Cumulative Summary page (in a separate sealed envelope);
  - C. Essay including your name at the top of both pages. On one (1) page of 8 ½ x 11" paper using 12 pt. Arial or Times Roman font, **discuss an experience you have had in any area of your life: school, work, athletics, family, church, community and how that experience will help you achieve your future educational goals.** On an additional page of 8 ½ x 11" paper using 12 pt. Arial or Times Roman font describe **what PTA/PTSA means to you and your PTA/PTSA participation.** Be sure to include any extenuating circumstances which may explain your situation.
  - D. Two (2) letters of reference (one from school and one from community)

Mail the application packet to DCCPTA, PO Box 5397, Jacksonville, FL 32247, ATTENTION: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE postmarked no later than April 15, 2017.

### Date of Notification

The scholarship recipients will be notified by US mail and/or e-mail on or before May 1, 2017.

### Scoring rubric

Each scholarship application will be screened on academic achievement (30%), service leadership in the school and community (30%), essay on educational goals (30%), and the impact of PTA/PTSA on the applicant (10%).

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Paid Employment	9	10	11	12	Hours/week	Company Name & Address No abbreviations please.
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**Impact of PTA/PTSA on the applicant (10%)**

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