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## DCCPTA 2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

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### ELIGIBILITY

Applications are available for Duval County Public School High School graduating seniors who:

- are student members of your Duval County School's PTA/PTSA or the Sunshine State PTSA; if your school does not have a PTSA, you may join any local PTA/PTSA in good standing, the Sunshine State PTA at <http://floridapta.org/join-connect> or email [info@floridapta.org](mailto:info@floridapta.org)
- have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution (including out-of-state schools) as listed at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>; and
- have an eligible GPA determined by the scholarship categories listed below:

University/Fine Arts, 3.0 unweighted GPA  
Community College, 2.5 unweighted GPA  
Vocational/Technical, 2.0 unweighted GPA  
Adversity/Opportunity, 2.0 unweighted GPA

### AWARD VALUE

This is a **one-time (nonrenewable) \$500 scholarship** which will be made payable DIRECTLY TO THE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION WHEREIN THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, IS ENROLLED AND WILL ATTEND BY THE FALL OF 2021.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

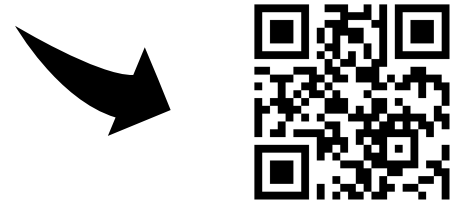
March 31, 2021 @ 5:00pm



### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may access the online application using the link:

<https://forms.gle/3eX8q1TZqX5ufoVUA> or scan the QR Code



**Separate applications must be submitted for each scholarship category applied for.**

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO UPLOAD

- **Proof of PTA student membership**, i.e., card, dues receipt, email confirmation of membership, or other verifiable document
- **Official High School Student Academic History Sheet with guidance office stamp**
- **Letters of recommendation from one (1) school official and one (1) community member.** Letters should describe your academic potential, athletic/extracurricular activities, and/or community engagement, as well as personal qualifications that make you a strong candidate for this scholarship. **Letters MUST be written specifically for this scholarship application.** Copies of recommendation letters for college/universities or other post-secondary institutions are not acceptable.

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### ESSAY REQUIREMENTS



- **Mandatory essay for ALL applicants:** What does PTA/PTSA mean to you? Give examples of your advocacy for students and public education. **Minimum 500 characters**
- **Students applying for the University/Fine Arts, Community College & Vocational/Technical categories** will respond to the following prompt: A dream deferred, or an opportunity created? Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic had on the greater society, discuss how you were affected and what steps you took to try to maintain normalcy in your school life, work, community engagement, family, church or athletic endeavors to ensure you met your educational goals? Be sure to include any extenuating circumstances which may explain your situation. **Minimum 500 characters**
- **Students applying for the Adversity/Opportunity category** will respond to the following prompt: Describe your adversity situation, its impact on you and your family, and your efforts to overcome this adversity. **Minimum 500 characters**

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For assistance, comments or questions, please contact [Scholarship@dccpta.org](mailto:Scholarship@dccpta.org) or visit our website at <https://www.dccpta.org/programs/scholarships-grants/>

### APPLICANT'S DOCUMENTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The applicant will list examples of community engagement, recognition & awards, and/or work history to highlight their high school involvements, including memberships and leadership roles

- Name/Addresses of affiliated organizations or employers
- Number of community hours served
- Number of hours worked/week performing paid employment, if applicable
- Leadership positions held, if applicable

### APPLICATION SCORING/SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each scholarship application will be scored for academic achievement (30%), service leadership in the school and community (30%), essay on educational goals or opportunities to overcome adversity (30%), and examples of applicants' advocacy for students and public education (10%)



**ONLY winners will be notified via US Mail and/or email on April 30, 2021. Award recipients will be recognized during the PTA Presidents and Principal's luncheon held virtually on May 13, 2021.**

All winners will be required to provide:

- proof of postsecondary enrollment at an accredited institution that will commence by Fall 2021, and
- proof of Social security number upon award of this scholarship