

# DCCPTA 2022-2023 SCHOLARAPP GUIDEBOX

## For Graduating Seniors



### THE APPLICATION

DCCPTA 2022-2023 Scholarship applications are now available for any Duval County graduating high school senior who :

- Is a student member of their Duval County high school's PTA/PTSA or the Sunshine State PTA. 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);
- Is recommended by one (1) teacher and one (1) community leader, guidance counselor or employer via the DCCPTA Recommendation Form. Forms are available online at <https://www.dccpta.org/programs/scholarships-grants/>. Information contained on the form is confidential. The form(s) are to be collected by the student applicant and submitted with the completed application; and
- Has 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

Access the application by:

- Visiting <https://www.dccpta.org/programs/scholarships-grants/>
- Application Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3uf3tk>
- Scan the QR code ➡



**APPLICATION DEADLINE – March 31, 2023**

### SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

This is a nonrenewable (one-time) **\$500 scholarship**. Award checks will be made payable DIRECTLY TO THE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION WHEREIN THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, IS ENROLLED AND WILL ATTEND NO LATER THAN FALL OF 2023.

### DOCUMENTS YOU NEED

The following must be UPLOADED with the application:

- Evidence of 2022-2023 PTSA student membership, i.e. dues receipt, email confirmation of membership, Memberhub receipt, or other verifiable documentation
- Official High School Student Academic History Sheet with guidance office stamp (dated no earlier than December 1, 2022)
- Copy of official letter of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution (including out-of-state schools) as listed at <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip>; and
- Original essays

## ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Two essays are required of all applicants regardless of scholarship category.

**MANDATORY ESSAY FOR ALL APPLICANTS:** *Describe a situation when you successfully advocated for yourself or someone else during your academic career. How did your affiliation with PTA/PTSA impact the actions you took? What was the outcome?* Please provide meaningful example to support your response. **Minimum 500 words**

**Students applying for the UNIVERSITY/FINE ARTS, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, and VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL** categories will respond to the following prompt: *What are your educational goals and how will receipt of this scholarship contribute to your future success?* **Minimum 500 words**

**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 challenge.* **Minimum 500 words**

## APPLICANT INVOLVEMENT

The applicant's educational enrichment activities, community engagement and work history should be listed on the application for consideration, if applicable including:

- Academic, sports and/or social clubs
- Name/Addresses of affiliate organizations or employers
- Number of community hours served
- Number of hours worked per week performing paid employment
- Leadership positions held

## YOUR POTENTIAL SCORE

Each scholarship application will be scored for academic achievement (30%), service, engagement and leadership in school and community (30%), essay on your PTSA advocacy, experience and/or membership (30%), and educational goals or overcoming adversity (10%),

## NOTIFICATIONS

Only winners will be notified via emails on or around April 15, 2023. Award recipients will be recognized during the DCCPTA Presidents' and Principals' event to be held in person in May 2023.

All scholarship winners will be required to provide:

- Proof of post-secondary enrollment at an accredited institution that will commence no later than Fall 2023;
- School bursar's address;
- Proof of social security number upon award of this scholarship; and
- Completed reporting forms

*The purpose of this scholarship is to acknowledge the achievements of graduating Duval County High School seniors for volunteer service and advocacy through DCCPTAs, in the school and community, and to provide an incentive for students to continue their education.*

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