Purpose of Scholarship
The Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA) established and maintains a Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to young people pursuing a bachelor’s degree toward the goal of becoming a teacher or working in a child-related field such as: education, medicine, law or any new field of child related studies.

Scholarship Value
Each scholarship provides a one-time $500.00 non-renewable award. Multiple scholarships may be awarded each year.

Requirements for Scholarship
- Applicant must be a 2020-2021 graduating senior from a Tennessee high school,
- Applicant must enroll in a two or four-year Tennessee college or university and pursue a teaching or child-related degree,
- The applicant or a family member of the applicant must be an active member of a PTA/PTSA.

Completing the Application
- The original plus three (3) copies of the complete application packet must be received by the Tennessee PTA Office ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2021. The complete application packet must include the following:
  - Completed Application
  - Principal/Guidance Counselor Report
  - Essay that is 500 words or less, typed and double-spaced
  - Two (2) letters of recommendation
  - Official high school transcript

ANY APPLICATION THAT IS INCOMPLETE OR DOES NOT MEET THE STATED REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WITHOUT EXCEPTION

Scholarship Notification
The applicant will be considered on the following points:
- Essay
- Academics
- Sincerity of purpose/personality
- Motivation
- Community Involvement
- Letter of Recommendations

When the review process is complete, an award notification letter from Tennessee PTA will be mailed to the recipient and their high school principal. A letter informing the college/university of the award and remittance will be mailed by Tennessee PTA upon verification of student registration.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
This section is to be completed by the student.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: ____________________________
Social Security Number: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ City: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________
Telephone: (____) __________ Email: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________
Address (if different from above): ____________________________
Number of Siblings: __________ Age(s) of Siblings: ____________________________

If siblings are in college, please indicate what year:

____ Freshman ______ Sophomore ______ Junior ______ Senior

Have you filed a FAFSA application? ____________________________
Have you applied for other financial aid? ____________________________

The following information may be found on IRS form 1040 - line 7

Parent's/Guardian's Adjusted Gross Income: $__________ (Filing Jointly)
Parent's/Guardian's Adjusted Gross Income: $__________ (Filing Separately)

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income: $__________

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School: ____________________________ County: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ City: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________
Principal's Name: ____________________________ Telephone: (____) __________

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of College/University you plan to attend: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ City: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________
Telephone: (____) __________
Begin: ________, 20______ Expected Completion of Degree: ________, 20______
Name of Degree Sought and Major Field of Study: ____________________________
Name of PTA/PTSA of which you or a family member is a member: ____________________

National PTA Unit ID number (found on membership card): _______________________

**Essay:** On a separate sheet of paper, in 500 words or less, typed and double spaced, please tell us about yourself and how you can impact the lives of children in your chosen area of study.

**Activities:** Please attach your college résumé or list your school and community activities (including offices held, membership in organizations, and participation in other activities you feel are important): __________________________________________________________

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**Letters of Recommendation:** Please attach two (2) letters of recommendation

**THE ORIGINAL AND THREE (3) COPIES OF ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY the TENNESSEE PTA OFFICE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2021.**

Note: No applicant will be considered if this application is incomplete or if the following documents are not received by the due date: principal/guidance counselor report, essay, transcript, and two letters of recommendation

*I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.*

Applicant's Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________________
PRINCIPAL / GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPORT

This report is to be completed by school authority after application is complete

This report is completed from: ___ Personal Knowledge ___ Report of Others ___ Official Records

Academics

Applicant's Rank: ___ out of ____ GPA: ____ ACT composite: _______ SAT: _______

Has the applicant taken the normal college preparatory courses? ________

Motivation

Has the applicant expressed a desire to work with children? ________

Why do you think the applicant will be successful in a child-related field? ____________________

Average High School Attendance (please circle): Excellent Good Average Poor

Main reasons for absences? _______________________________________________________

Character (please rate each of the following as Excellent (E), Good (G), Average (A), or Poor (P))

Social Maturity E G A P Reliability E G A P
Initiative E G A P Dependability E G A P
Loyalty E G A P Courtesy E G A P
Thoroughness E G A P Cooperation E G A P
Neatness E G A P Influence on others E G A P

Do you believe the applicant has a reasonable expectation for success in college? ________

Signature: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________ Date: ________

The Principal/Guidance Counselor is requested to review this report, the application, essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation with the applicant prior to mailing.

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