

January 14, 2010

TO: Principals, Guidance Counselors, and School Staff
FROM: Maryland PTA Scholarship Fund Committee
RE: Scholarship Application for Students Pursuing a Career in Education

The Maryland PTA offers scholarships at a minimum of \$500 to high school graduates who plan to pursue a career in education in the public schools of Maryland. We seek your encouragement for qualified students to apply. There are no restrictions placed on the selection of the college or university. The following factors will be considered with each application

Commitment to Career in Education Financial Need Academic Record Student Resume
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To qualify for consideration, all applicants must have a 2.75 un-weighted minimum grade point average. Please ensure that all scholarship applicants fill out the enclosed application in its entirety and submit all required information, including requested signatures, by the postmarked deadline date of MARCH 15, 2010.

**The Maryland PTA Scholarship Committee
Appreciates the Cooperation of School Personnel in**

1. ***Publicizing the award.***
2. ***Informing students*** who are planning careers in education and are in need of financial assistance. Application materials may be duplicated.
3. ***Duplicating application*** materials as needed
4. ***Identifying deserving applicants*** in conjunction with the Sponsoring PTAs.
5. ***Checking application forms*** for completeness and accuracy of information.
6. ***Giving confidential information***, especially in evaluation of unusual circumstances.
7. ***Attaching a transcript*** of grades and test scores
8. ***Mailing all requested information in single packet.***

Enclosures:

Scholarship Fund Overview, Scholarship Application (3 pages).

MARYLAND PTA

Scholarship Fund Overview

For Students Pursuing a Career in Public Education

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Maryland PTA Scholarship Fund offers assistance to qualified individuals pursuing careers in education.

NATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients of the scholarship are free to choose the accredited college or university that he or she desires to attend. The recipient is also free to choose the content area in which he or she desires to specialize while working in education within the State of Maryland.

Each scholarship provides a minimum of \$500 a year. Awards are presented annually as the fund permits.

METHOD OF SELECTION

Selection of scholarship recipients is based upon interest in and potential for a career in education, financial need, academic record, and student resume.

Applications must be sent to the Maryland PTA office, postmarked no later than March 15, 2010. The Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the scholarship recipients in April.

The Scholarship Committee will notify the selected recipients, the school principal, the sponsoring PTA and the appropriate PTA Council President. Checks will be presented to the scholarship recipients at their Senior Awards Night were applicable.

SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fees received from Maryland PTA Life Membership Awards are the primary financial support of the Scholarship Fund. This award is the highest honor Maryland PTA can grant to an individual who has served children and youth in a special way. Applications for the Life Membership Award are available from Maryland PTA. Individuals or organizations may make contributions, at any time, to the Scholarship Fund.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are eligible upon completion of the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a high school senior, a high school graduate, or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- Applicant agrees to prepare for a career in public education in the State of Maryland.
- Applicant must obtain sponsorship of a Maryland PTA local unit in good standing.
- **Application, to be considered, MUST be completed with signatures in all indicated areas.**
- *Forward complete applications packet to:*

Maryland PTA Scholarship Committee
5 Central Avenue
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

MARYLAND PTA
Scholarship Application

APPLICANTS NAME _____

I verify that our PTA sponsors this scholarship applicant and that our PTA is in good standing as defined in the bylaws of the Maryland PTA, Article VII, section 1.

A local PTA in good standing is one that

- a. Adheres to the purpose and basic policies of the National and Maryland PTA;
- b. Remits the national and state dues to Maryland PTA office by dates designated;
- c. Has Bylaws approved every three years according to the procedures of Maryland PTA;
- d. Has a minimum of twenty five members;
- e. Submits the name and address of the local president to the Maryland PTA office by designated date;
- f. Remits bonding, liability and directors and officers insurance premiums by the date designated;
- h. Maintains its status as a corporation, provide copy of personal property return; and
- i. Files the appropriate tax forms with the IRS.

_____ <i>Name of PTA</i>	_____ <i>County</i>
➤ _____ <i>Signature of Sponsoring PTA President/Officer</i>	_____ <i>Please Print Name</i>

Mail the application packet by **March 15, 2010** to:
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Glen Burnie, MD 21061

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Scholarship Application

APPLICANTS NAME _____

1. **STUDENT ESSAY – In 1000 words or less (typed 12 point font, double spaced), please answer the following question.**

As a teacher, you will have the opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of students. Describe the ways in which your teachers have inspired you or encouraged you to achieve higher goals.

2. **FINANCIL NEEDS – Please submit financial aid disclosure statement. Supply a Copy of your FAFSA.**
3. **ACADEMIC REPORT – Please include transcript of grades and test scores as well as two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) letter must be from a teacher.**
4. **STUDENT RESUME – Resume must include: Awards, School Activities, and Community Involvement.**

Disclosure Information

The Maryland PTA will keep all applicants information confidential and will destroy all information once the winners are announced.

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