

Atholton High School (AHS)
Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
Scholarship Application 2016-17

Purpose

The AHS PTSA awards scholarships that recognize AHS seniors for their involvement in the school and community and for their academic commitment.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

1. Be a senior attending AHS.
2. Have a cumulative, un-weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above.
3. Have at least one family member who is a member of the 2016-17 AHS PTSA. **Membership fee must be paid no later than Friday, April 14, 2017.**
4. Complete the attached application in full.
5. Maintain appropriate behavioral decorum.
6. Return all parts of the completed application to Ms. Richardson in the Guidance Office **by the end of the school day Wednesday, April 19, 2017.**

***** Late applications will not be accepted or considered. *****

***** Incomplete applications and those that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be accepted or considered. *****

Selection Process

The Selection Committee:

1. Will award up to five (5) scholarships of \$1,000 each.
2. Will decide how many scholarships to award.
3. Reserves the right to remove from consideration or withdraw award from students who do not maintain appropriate behavioral decorum during school or at school sponsored events.
4. Will announce the recipients in May at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

The decisions of the PTSA Scholarship Selection Committee are final and are not open to appeal.

Scholarship Use

1. Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, room and board, or books at a four-year college, a two-year college, or a trade/technical school.
2. Scholarship recipients must provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the institution they plan to attend. Once a scholarship recipient's acceptance letter is provided, a check will be made out to the student.

Please direct any questions to Curt Bathras (410-531-6442 or cjbathras@comcast.net).

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Complete all information for Parts I, II, and III. Place it in a manila envelope along with your acceptance letter if available (see Part IV) and reference (see Part V). Please clearly mark the manila envelope with your name and “PTSA Scholarship Application” and submit to Ms. Richardson in the Guidance Office.

Part I – Applicant Information (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

PTSA Member's Name: _____

Part II – Academic Information

Please have your guidance counselor provide the following information:

Expected AHS Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative, non-weighted GPA: _____

Cumulative, Weighted GPA: _____ Weighted class rank: _____

I have reviewed the student’s application and verified the expected graduation date, GPAs, and class ranks.

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ Date: _____

Part III – Statement of Accuracy

We have reviewed the “Eligibility,” “Selection Process,” and “Scholarship Use” sections of the application and agree to abide by the specified terms. In addition, we hereby affirm that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

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Part IV – Verification of Acceptance to Higher Education Institution

If available, please submit a copy of your acceptance letter to the four-year college, two-year college, or technical/trade school you will attend. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, a copy of the acceptance letter must be provided before the scholarship check can be given to you.

Part V – Reference

Please provide a letter of reference from one (1) adult who has been your teacher, coach, employer, mentor, or the sponsor of a school or community activity in which you have participated. The following information must be included in the letter: Your name; reference's name, position/title, and contact information; how the reference knows you; and how long the reference has known you. The body of the letter should address why the reference thinks you are a good candidate for an AHS PTSA Scholarship.

Please ask your reference to return the completed letter to you **in a sealed envelope with his or her signature over the seal.**

Parts VI, VII, and VIII should be submitted electronically. Please e-mail one file, either a Word document or PDF file, which includes both your resume and essays to Ms. Richardson (kimberly_richardson@hcpss.org). The subject of the e-mail should be "PTSA Scholarship Application."

Part VI – Resume

Please submit a resume that is no more than two (2) typed pages. Your resume must include school and community activities including volunteer service, any work experience, and any honors and awards. **Please include an estimate of the hours spent per month on each school activity, community activity, service activity, and job.**

Part VII – Essay

You will write two essays. Each essay should start on a new page. Please carefully proofread your essay. When evaluating the applications, the Selection Committee will consider the quality of the essays and how well they answer the topic questions.

Essay 1: Describe an experience you had during your time at AHS and how it contributed to who you are today. (No longer than 750 words on double-spaced, typed pages)

Essay 2: Citing one or more items from your Resume, describe how your participation has enriched your life. (No longer than 750 words on double-spaced, typed pages)

Part VIII – Extenuating Circumstances (Optional)

If there are extenuating circumstances or a particularly challenging situation you faced during high school that you feel would be important for the Selection Committee to know while considering your application, please provide up to one (1) double-spaced, typed page describing your particular situation. This should be on a separate page from your Essays and be labeled "Optional Information".