



## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PTA Vision: Every child's potential is a reality.

PTA Mission: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Virginia PTA is proud to offer \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Virginia high school students from an active PTA/PTSA in good standing. In keeping with the Vision and Mission of PTA, these scholarships are awarded based on a demonstrated commitment to, and engagement in, volunteerism and community service. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on proceeds of special Virginia PTA awards.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

Student must:

- Graduate from a Virginia high school that has an active PTA/PTSA in good standing.
- Enter an accredited college or university in the Fall following the date of application for the scholarship.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) or better; and
- Be a member of a local unit PTA/PTSA in good standing.

### DEADLINE:

MARCH 1, 2021 (Postmarked)  
Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

### SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Virginia PTA  
Attention: Scholarship  
1027 Wilmer Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23227-2419

## PART ONE: VIRGINIA PTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a member of your school's PTA/PTSA? \_\_\_\_\_

Virginia College or University you are planning to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

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Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

**This section to be completed by PTA/PTSA President or PTA/PTSA Membership Chair:**

### Proof of Student's PTA/PTSA Membership

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is currently a member of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Name) (School Name)

High School PTA/PTSA. I also certify that that this PTA/PTSA is in good standing with Virginia PTA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of PTA/PTSA President or Membership Chair)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**This section to be completed by High School Counselor or Principal:**

### Proof of Student's Grade Point Average

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of High School Counselor or Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART TWO: STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENTS

### STUDENT STATEMENT:

I have reviewed this application, and, to the best of my knowledge, all information is accurate and complete. If awarded a scholarship and I change my enrollment at my designated institution, I will inform the Virginia PTA about the change of plans in order for: 1) the scholarship payment to be awarded to my new accredited institution or 2) the scholarship to be withdrawn.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATEMENT:

I have reviewed the application, and, to the best of my knowledge, all information is accurate.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date

### PART THREE: ACTIVITIES AND WORK FORM

*(If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet of paper.)*

List community activities:

Organization	Offices Held, If Any	Number of Years	Hours per Week

List work experience:

Employer	Type of Work	Hour per Week	Dates of Employment

List school activities and/or clubs:

Organization/Club	Leadership Position, If Any	Number of Years

List honors received:

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## PART FOUR: ESSAY QUESTIONS

### Essay Questions:

Using a separate sheet of paper, please answer TWO of the following questions. Each answer should be 300 words or less.

1. Describe your PTA volunteerism experience during your school years and how it has shaped your education.
2. How has your parents' or other family members' involvement in PTA during your school years prepared or impacted your life?
3. How have your volunteer experiences influenced your educational goals and/or future career path?
4. Describe how you have benefited by participating in extracurricular clubs, organizations, sports, community service projects, or PTSA programs (list high school participation only).
5. Describe a situation in which you successfully advocated for yourself, someone or something else.

## PART FIVE: REFERENCE LETTER

Please include ONE reference letter with your completed application. Reference letters may be written by a teacher, counselor, administrator, mentor, supervisor, PTA/PTSA leader, coach, sponsor, or advisor. The letter should include information that speaks to your volunteerism and/or community service, and include information about how long, and in what capacity, the recommender has known the applicant.