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Area 1 Gwinnett County Council of PTAs Student Scholarships- **UPDATE (1/24/21) See red text: community service)**

Area 1 Gwinnett County Council of PTAs plans to award 5 scholarships for 2020-2021, one for each cluster high school in **Good Standing**. Each scholarship will be \$750. Area 1 Gwinnett County Council of PTAs Scholarships' assist students who are targeted to successfully complete high school in 2021 and interested in furthering their education in an accredited college or university or a career-ready program (ex. medical technician, nursing program, dental assistant, electrician, etc.); to prepare themselves for careers of their choice with the goal of having these individuals maintain their support and commitment to the advancement of education. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. The scholarships are funded solely through local unit PTA dues and contributions.

Qualifications and Eligibility

A student is eligible to apply for an Area 1 Gwinnett County Council PTA Scholarship if he/she:

- Is a graduating senior of an Area 1 Gwinnett County high school with a PTA/PTSA (Brookwood HS, Meadowcreek HS, Parkview HS, Shiloh HS, and South Gwinnett HS). **The PTA/PTSA must be in good standing with Area 1 Council of PTAs** (i.e., approved bylaws on file, audit submitted, 990 filed) as well as Council dues paid.
- Student must be a PTA/PTSA member him/herself. **Copy of membership card must be enclosed.**
- Has been accepted or has applied and is awaiting acceptance* to a two year or four-year college / university or career ready program.
- Has exhibited good character.
- Has a satisfactory scholastic record. **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.7.-No exceptions!**
- Will attend a college or university or career ready program during the upcoming school year.

Applications must be sent electronically by 11:59 pm April 30, 2021 and via US Mail.

Send to: Area 1 Council Treasurer, treasurer@area1gwinnettpta.org and Area 1 Council President , president@area1gwinnettpta.org

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete all questions to ensure full consideration of your application. Please type or print clearly. Student signature is required. Email and send via US Mail (do not fax) completed scholarship application form with all additional materials requested for which you are applying to: **Area I Gwinnett County Council of PTAs, 3375 Centerville Highway #393124 Snellville, GA 30039. MAILED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED APRIL 30, 2021.**

**Student must supply acceptance letter from institution prior to receiving the scholarship award. All funds will be paid directly to the institution in the award recipient's name after receipt of Area 1 Gwinnett Council of PTAs of enrollment verification from the school or institution. Funds may be used for tuition as well as school-related expenses including books, on-campus housing fees, or meal plans.*

AREA 1 GWINNETT COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION-PLEASE PRINT
Deadline: Send via email and US Mail by April 30, 2021
Mail must have April 30, 2021 postmark

Student Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email _____ High _____

School and Graduation Date _____ GPA _____

Highest SAT/ACT scores _____

PTA/PTSA Name _____

Have you been accepted to college? _____ Where? _____ Name of
college(s) applying to:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Each application must include:

- This form completed and signed by the student with **a photo copy of PTA or PTSA Membership Card. No exceptions!**
- Each student is asked to submit a copy of **his/her Senior Picture** or headshot for posting.
- **Certified High School Transcript:** It should include all academic credit towards a high school diploma through the first semester or quarter of the 12th grade, numeric GPA, highest SAT or ACT scores, High School Graduation Test scores (HSGTs), as well as identify the student's diploma track (college preparatory or technology and career preparatory).
- (2) **Teacher Recommendation letters** whom the student has studied during high school.
- Proof of **community service (15 hours)** completed within past 2 years . Include letter on organizations letterhead. ***Due to COVID19, this requirement will be waived (not scored)***
- **Recommendation letters and proof of community service must be sent via email from individual writing both letters to: president@area1gwinnettpta.org and treasurer@area1gwinnettpta.org, otherwise it will not be accepted.**

Answer the following essay questions:

(Not to exceed two (2) pages, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced)

- Why volunteer? Explain your volunteering experience(s).
- How did you become interested in your major?
- How do you plan to use your studies to achieve your future career plans?
- How would being awarded this scholarship help you achieve your educational goal(s)?
- List all colleges, universities or technical schools to which you have applied. Indicate the status of each application.
- List other scholarships student has applied for or is currently applying for and the status of each.

ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS & CONSENT TO PUBLISH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

I, _____, DO HEREBY GIVE Area 1 Gwinnett Council of PTAs, full rights to publish my name, where I live (_____). Actual street

City, State and High School

addresses and phone numbers will not be disclosed, . I understand that by execution of this agreement, I am relinquishing y rights to any future compensation for reproduction, publication or use of the above information by Area 1 Council of PTAs in its print or electronic correspondence, catalog, and/or on its website I hereby specifically waive my right to review or approve THE MODIFICATION of the above information. (Modifications may be made to accommodate size or content restrictions. Modifications will not be made to “distort” or “falsify” any information provided). I understand this Agreement in no way obligates Area 1 Gwinnett Council of PTAs to publish or use the above-described information.

EXECUTED THIS DATE OF _____

BY: _____ (Print Name)

_____ (Signature)

Scholarship Checklist

Scholarship Application Deadline-April30, 2021

Address: Gwinnett Area 1 Council of PTAs

3375 Centerville Hwy Suite #393124

Snellville, GA 30039

FINALIST WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THE WEEK OF May 10th.

Instructions-Please place a check mark next to each completed item.

| CHECKLIST | Check (v) once complete |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Copy of PTA/PTSA Membership Card | |
| 2. Senior Picture or headshot | |
| 3. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. Including SAT and or ACT Scores - Unofficial Accepted Due to Covid-19 | |
| 4. Teacher Recommendation #1 | |
| 5. Teacher Recommendation #2 | |
| 6. Proof of community service (15 hours) i.e. letter from volunteer organization on letterhead Waived due to COVID | |
| 7. COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION | |
| 8. Signed Disclosure | |

****MISSING DOCUMENTS WILL DISQUALIFY SENIOR SCHOLAR****

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| *SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY*** | | |
| All information includes in package | YES | NO |
| Scholarship Committee Member initials | | |

Thank you in advance for your participation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free email president@area1gwinnettpta.org