

SHHS PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS

The SHHS PTSA will grant up to four \$250 scholarships to qualifying/deserving graduating seniors from Salem Hills High School. Scholarships may be awarded based on the ability of the student to overcome a significant challenge in their life, and/or based on educational motivation, leadership skills, commitment to community service, and need for scholarship recognition.

If funding is greater than anticipated, and depending on the number of applicants, the number or amount of scholarship awards may be increased.

ELIGIBILITY

*Scholarships will be granted to graduating seniors from Salem Hill High School who are dues-paying members of the PTSA service club for at least one year of high school record.

*If awarded a scholarship, the student must enroll as a full-time student. Proof of enrollment at the post secondary institution is required to release the awarded scholarship funds and must be submitted to a member of the executive PTSA board.

*2.5 cumulative grade point average, with demonstrated ability and motivation to compete on a collegiate level.

*Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate strong educational motivation and group leadership skills through their activities in school, church, youth groups, community volunteer efforts and/or work experience. (PTSA participation will be weighted.)

*Work experience and letters of recommendation are additional criteria in the selection process.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

*Scholarship is given for the Fall of 2017. The awards will be given to the institution in all cases, and will be sent directly to the institution's financial aid offices within 30 days of receipt of proof of student's full-time enrollment at the school. When the institution requires the student to pay fees first before it certifies registration, the school will be authorized to reimburse the student.

*If a recipient is unable to begin college in the Fall, and plans to enter in a future semester, the recipient must notify the SHHS PTSA in writing by August 31, 2017 for an extension. An extension is provided for up to two calendar years. If the scholarship is unused by the end of that year, it is forfeited and will be used to fund other scholarships in subsequent years. It is also forfeited if no extension is requested by August 31, 2017.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION FORM: Please read all questions carefully, and answer them as completely as you can. Use pen and PRINT your answers or use a typewriter. Remember that your completed application will represent you to the Scholarship Committee. Your completed Application Form, High School Transcript, Student Personal Statement, and Letters of Recommendation are due to the SHHS PTSA by May 1, 2017.

Final selections will be announced during the senior scholarship assembly in May.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Choose two people to write letters of recommendation for you. It is strongly recommended that one letter come from a teacher or other school employee, and one letter from an employer or friend (non-family related) who knows you through work or volunteer activities. Please enclose these letters with this application.

TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES: Your application must include high school transcripts. If you have taken any college courses, include a transcript of your work thus far.

STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT: Write a statement explaining the reasons you are applying for a scholarship, your plans for the future, and your short and long term goals. You should also include any other information about yourself, such as your family, your background, your educational achievement, which will help the Scholarship Committee in evaluating your direction and goal orientation.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: Please include information about any other scholarships or awards that you may be aware of receiving at this point.