



AREA 3 GWINNETT COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Area 3 Gwinnett County Council of PTAs serves 43 schools in 7 clusters in the Gwinnett County Public Schools by providing leadership and training to local units and its membership. The scholarships are funded solely through local unit PTA dues and contributions. Area 3 is proud to award 3 to 7 \$500 scholarships to deserving high school students who have successfully met or exceeded the State of Georgia graduation requirements, and plan to attend an accredited two or four year college or university.

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students who have successfully completed high school who are interested in furthering their education in a college or university 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.

ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ A student is eligible to apply for an Area 3 Gwinnett County Council PTA Scholarship if he/she:
- ❖ You are in the graduating class from an Area 3 Gwinnett County high school with a PTSA (Archer HS, Berkmar HS, Central Gwinnett HS, Dacula HS, Discovery HS, Grayson HS, or Mill Creek HS).
- ❖ The PTSA must be in good standing with the State and Council.
- ❖ Student must be a PTSA member.
- ❖ Has demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in extracurricular, service oriented or citizenship activities.
- ❖ Has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (80% on a 4.0 scale).
- ❖ Will attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university in Georgia during the upcoming school year.

SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

- ❖ The Area 3 Council Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to interview applicants before final winners are selected.
- ❖ Winners will be notified after the application deadline and will be recognized at the Area 3 Council Awards Ceremony.
- ❖ The Area 3 Council funds must be used for the scholarship winner's educational needs only (i.e. Tuition, mandatory fees, books, etc.).
- ❖ If funds are not requested by December 31st the scholarship will be forfeited.
- ❖ All information provided in support of this scholarship application will be kept in strictest confidence.
- ❖ The Area 3 Council Scholarship Selection Committee does not discriminate against any student for any reason including reasons of race, creed, color, orientation or national origin.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their application package is complete and received before the **second Friday in March** deadline.
- ❖ You will be notified by email confirming that we have received your application package.

- ❖ If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Area 3 Council Selection Committee

INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Complete all questions to ensure full consideration of your application.
- ❖ Please submit two (2) copies of your application package.
- ❖ The application must be postmarked by second Friday in March
- ❖ Mail (do not fax) completed application and all requested documents to:

AREA 3 COUNCIL – STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
930 NEW HOPE ROAD – STE. 11-524
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30045

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ❖ Submitted applications must be computer generated. No hand-written applications will be considered
- ❖ Complete the Scholarship Application and signed by the student
- ❖ Attach a photo copy of PTSA Membership Card
- ❖ Attach 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 and numeric GPA
- ❖ Attach highest SAT or ACT scores Submit a recommendation letter from a teacher under whom the student has studied during high school
- ❖ Submit one personal letter of recommendation (e.g. from a community member, or nonrelative, such as an employer, neighbor or member of the clergy)
- ❖ Write a Personal Essay up to two pages double spaced

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

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

- ❖ What is your proposed field of study?
- ❖ Why have you chosen this career field?
- ❖ What are your goals in continuing your education?
- ❖ How will you give back to your community?
- ❖ List all colleges or universities to which you have applied. Indicate the status of each application. All scholarship checks will be mailed to the institution directly after receipt by Area 3 Council of enrollment verification from the school or institution. All funds will be paid directly to the institution in the award recipient's name. Funds may be used for tuition as well as school-related expenses including books, on campus housing fees, or meal plans.
- ❖ List other scholarships student has applied for or is currently applying for and the status of each.

PERSONAL ESSAY

This is your opportunity to allow the Scholarship Selection Committee to become more acquainted with you. On a separate page, and in maximum 500 words, please answer the following question:

“How can your local unit PTA/PTSA enrich the lives of the students in your school and community?”

Please be sure to include your name at the top of the page. Thank you, Scholarship Selection

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Please type or print legibly

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (first)	(middle)	(last)
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Address (street, city, state, zip)

Home Phone	Cell Phone	Date of Birth
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Email

Name of mother or legal guardian	Home address and phone if different from above
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Name of father or legal guardian	Home address and phone if different from above
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SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Current High School	Yrs. Attended	High School Graduation Date
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Other High Schools attended Yrs. Attended

GPA (as a % of 100, e.g. 96.2%) Attach copy of official transcript	Best SAT or ACT Score Attach copy
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Intended course(s) of study

Applicant's Signature	Date
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Please type or print legibly:

School and Community Activities	9th	10th	11th	12th

Extracurricular Activities (clubs, offices held, leadership roles)	9th	10th	11th	12th

Academic Awards, Recognitions, Honors	9th	10th	11th	12th

Employment (list employer/position)	9th	10th	11th	12th