

2016-2017 Land of Enchantment PTA Educator Scholarship

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Background

Since 1915, the mission of New Mexico PTA has been to initiate, support, enrich and advocate for the critical role of adult involvement in the education and life experiences of children throughout the state of New Mexico.

Scholarship Intent

The New Mexico *Land of Enchantment PTA Educator Scholarship* is to be awarded to a PTA/PTSA member and current educator from a New Mexico school that best exemplifies the intent of at least one of the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships (see www.pta.org/excellence for more information):

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating With

Eligibility

- Must be a member of a PTA/PTSA (local _____ unit or *Land of Enchantment PTA*) from a New Mexico school that is in compliance with the NMPTA *Standards of Affiliation*. Check with your PTA/PTSA leadership for confirmation.
- Must be employed by their school district as a certified educator within the scholarship year (July 1 to June 30)
- Must be enrolled in a post-secondary or personal professional development program within 3 months of receipt of the scholarship.

Scholarship Amount

This scholarship is funded through the Land of Enchantment PTA, an affiliate of the New Mexico PTA, in the amount of **\$300**. Each scholarship recipient will be notified by phone and letter and will be recognized with a certificate at the New Mexico PTA's annual conference. The scholarship check will be written directly to the recipient.

Application Process

Applications may be obtained from the NMPTA Office and on the NMPTA website, www.newmexicopta.org. All applicants are required to provide the following with their application:

- Written confirmation on school letterhead that applicant is employed as an educator within the scholarship year
- Two (2) recommendations from adult, non-family members who are familiar with you and your efforts;
 - One from the principal or school faculty member citing examples of your efforts and the impact on your school community
 - One from a parent/guardian describing how your efforts positively impacted their and their student's school experience
- One type-written paragraph (250 words or less) stating your goals for using this scholarship money to further your education and help you in the classroom;
- One essay, not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages, (750 words or less) describing how you have used at least one of the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships to make a positive difference in the educational experience of the students and parents at your school.

Application Deadline

Complete application packets must be mailed with a postmark dated on or before April 1, 2017.

Review Process

Late, incomplete or incorrect application packets will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed and considered based on the items outlined in the Scholarship Intent section above. Use only ONE (1) staple, and submit packets in the order listed on the application form.

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APPLICATION FORM

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Website: _____

Checklist of Required Items:

- PTA/PTSA School Yes No (circle one) School Name

- PTA/PTSA Member Yes No (circle one) PTA/PTSA Name

- PTA/PTSA in Compliance with NMPTA Standards of Affiliation Yes No (circle one)
- Proof of employment as an educator during the scholarship year
- One recommendation from school faculty or principal
- One recommendation from adult parent or guardian
- One paragraph stating future goals to further your education and assist you in the classroom
- One essay describing your efforts to implement the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships to make a positive difference in the educational experience of your students and their families.

MAILING ADDRESS:

**Land of Enchantment PTA
P O Box 14706
Albuquerque, NM 87191**

**National Standards for Family-School
Partnerships**

- 1. Welcoming All Families**
- 2. Communicating Effectively**
- 3. Supporting Student Success**
- 4. Speaking Up for Every Child**
- 5. Sharing Power**
- 6. Collaborating With Community**