

2016-2017 Land of Enchantment PTA Parent/Guardian 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 Parent/Guardian Scholarship* is to be awarded to a PTA/PTSA member and parent/guardian from a New Mexico school on the basis of:

- A history of advocating for others in their student's current school or in their community
- A demonstration of personal qualities, such as perseverance, initiative, and a willingness to work hard
- The potential to be a well-respected representative of their home school at their next school.

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 enrolled in a GED, ELL or post-secondary school program within two semesters after receiving this 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 a PTA member and known to the school staff as an adult that is actively involved in their student's educational experience;
- Two (2) recommendations from non-family members, who are familiar with you and your achievements;
 - One from a school faculty or staff member familiar with you and your achievements;
 - One from an adult you have worked with in one of your community, employment or extracurricular activities;
- One type-written paragraph (250 words or less) stating your goals and aspirations for the future including the program of choice;
- One essay, not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages, (750 words or less) describing how you have supported the work of your school's PTA.

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)
- Written confirmation on school letterhead that applicant is an involved adult at their student's school
- One recommendation from school faculty or staff
- One recommendation from adult associated with applicant's community, employment, or extra-curricular activities
- One paragraph stating future goals and aspirations
- One essay describing your efforts in support of the work of your school's PTA

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**