

2016-2017 Land of Enchantment PTA Student 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 Student Scholarship* is to be awarded to a PTA/PTSA member and graduating senior from a New Mexico high school on the basis of:

- A history of advocating for others in their 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 high school at their post-secondary institution

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating senior and a member of a PTA/PTSA (local unit or *Land of Enchantment PTA*) from a New Mexico high school that is in compliance with the NMPTA *Standards of Affiliation*. Check with your PTA/PTSA leadership for confirmation.
- Must graduate from a high school within the scholarship year (July 1 to June 30)
- Must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution within two semesters after high school graduation

Scholarship Amount

This scholarship is funded through the Land of Enchantment 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:

- Proof of seven (7) semesters verified by a copy of your official high school transcript or GED equivalent;
- Two (2) recommendations from non-family members, who are familiar with you and your achievements;
 - One from a high 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 post-secondary program/school of choice and major field of study;
- One essay, not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages, (750 words or less) describing how you have advocated for others at your school or in your community.

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:

High 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 completion of seven (7) semesters by official high school transcript
- Official School Transcript or GED equivalent
- One recommendation from high 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 (250 words or less)
- One essay describing your efforts to advocate for others in your school or community (750 words or less)

MAILING ADDRESS:

**Land of Enchantment PTA
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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**