

2025-2026 Land of Enchantment PTA Student Scholarship

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Background

Chartered in 1915, the Mission of New Mexico PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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 (or child of a member) of a PTA/PTSA (local 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 one-time, non-renewable scholarship is funded through the Land of Enchantment affiliate of the New Mexico PTA in the amount of **\$500**. Each scholarship recipient will be notified by email and will be recognized with a certificate and short biography in the New Mexico PTA Year-End Awards Video. Announcement will be made by NMPTA's Annual Convention (April 24-25, 2026). The scholarship check will be written directly to the recipient.

Application Process

Applications may be obtained 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 (use provided form);
- One essay, not to exceed one double-spaced typed page (1" margins, 12 pt Arial), describing how you have advocated for others at your school or in your community.

Application Deadline

Complete application packets must be emailed or mailed with a postmark dated on or before **March 23, 2026**.

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 Member (student or parent) 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
 - ☐ Two (2) signed recommendation forms
 - ☐ One essay describing your efforts to advocate for others in your school or community
 - ☐ How will the award be used?
- _____

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National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships

- **Welcome All Families**
- **Communicate Effectively**
- **Support Student Success**
- **Speak Up for Every Child**
- **Share Power**
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Recommender: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Years You Have Known the Applicant: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Recommender Signature: _____

Why do you recommend the applicant? _____

To the Recommender: Please email or mail this completed form to the address below by March 23, 2026.



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