WSPTA Proud Scholarship

The "WSPTA Proud" scholarship honors the work that students do in PTA! The winner of this scholarship will have to have served as a volunteer or an advocate in Washington State PTA, National PTA or at their local or council PTA. They must express a desire to serve their community in the future in whatever area they wish to study. This scholarship does require a student to be a member of a PTA.

Requirements for Applying:

- Must be a senior in high school
- No minimum GPA requirement
- PTA Membership Required - Must be a member of their high school PTA, a member of a community PTA or special education PTA that services their high school
- Students must plan to attend a technical school*, arts school or 2- or 4-year university

Students with disabilities who may receive services under IDEA or ADA Section 504 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. If your disability affects your ability to apply for the scholarship, you are allowed to use your everyday accommodations. There will be a short question at the end that you are encouraged to fill out. This is to help our judges better understand the accommodations that you need to apply for the award.

The Application:

There are three parts to the application. Each part must be completed in full. Your answers should be original. **The use of AI is strictly prohibited.** If the judges feel that something is written by AI, your application will be disqualified.

PART 1 SHOW:

- Answer may be a short video (3 minutes or less)
  - OR -
- A photo or PDF of the item AND a short answer as to why you are proud of this (100-250 words)

Show something from your volunteer experience that you are most proud of. Examples include a photo from an event, an award you got, a flier about the event. Explain why you are proud of this. *15 pts*

PART 2 EXPERIENCES:

Answer in 100 words or less for each experience. Total of four experiences.

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List two experiences that you have had in serving your local PTA, council PTA or WSPTA. Include in your answer the following details:

- Group that you worked with or participated in
- What you did
- Length of project
- How this experience impacted you

Answer in 100 words or less for each experience. *20 pts.*

List two experiences that you have had in serving your community; may not be the same as the two you listed in your PTA experiences. Include in your answer the following details:

- Group that you worked with or participated in
- What you did
- Length of project
- How this experience impacted you

Answer in 100 words or less for each experience. *20 pts*

PART 3 VIDEO/ESSAY QUESTIONS:

- Answers may be a short video (5 minutes or less)
  - OR -
- An essay (100 words minimum, 400 words maximum)

1. Please specify a challenge you face within your school/local community. Explain how you believe PTA could address this challenge or did address this challenge. *25 pts*

2. Why did you choose to get involved in PTA and what did you learn from the experience? *25 pts*

If you are a student with a disability, you are encouraged to answer the following: Did you have assistance with filling out the application? (This is optional)

Applicants may provide additional details about their support needs to inform reviewers. This is to help judges better understand the applicant's decisions and how accommodations may have shaped their application.

Judging and Important Information:

Once the scholarship window has closed, the judges will follow the following procedures:

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- The judge will give each question a score based on how many points you can receive.
- Each application will be judged by at least two judges.
- The highest-ranking applications (about 1/3 of applications) will move on to the next round.
- They will then be judged again by a different set of judges.
- The top 10 highest ranking will move forward into the final round.
- All the judges will judge the top 10 and will make a decision on the winners.

All entries are due on March 11, 2027, by midnight.

Questions can be sent to scholarship@wastatepta.org.

Winners will be announced in mid-April. We will only contact the winners.

Thank you for applying for the WSPTA Proud Scholarship!

*Technical School definition: Students attending institutions that train in specific professions are considered eligible if the institutions are licensed and accredited and eligible for FAFSA or WASFA and have proper professional recognition.

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