



# High School Senior Scholarship APPLICATION

Area 3 Gwinnett County Council of PTAs serves schools in eight clusters within Gwinnett County Public Schools by providing leadership and training to local units and its membership. The scholarships are funded solely through local unit PTA dues and contributions. Area 3 is proud to award eight \$500 scholarships to deserving high school students who have successfully met or exceeded the State of Georgia graduation requirements. **This is a one-time non-renewable scholarship, available for students attending a local PTSA unit in *good standing*.**

## Eligibility

A student is eligible to apply for an Area 3 Gwinnett County Council PTA Scholarship if:

- ❖ You are in the graduating class from an Area 3 Gwinnett County High School with a PTSA (Archer HS, Berkmar HS, Central HS, Dacula HS, Discovery HS, Grayson HS, Mill Creek HS, or Seckinger HS).
- ❖ The PTSA must be in good standing with Council and the State.
- ❖ Student must be a PTSA member.
- ❖ Has demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in extracurricular, service-oriented or citizenship activities.
- ❖ Has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (80% on a 4.0 scale).
- ❖ *If you are a student within the special education program or receiving an alternative diploma, please contact Council for an abridged application. ([mcristalpta@gmail.com](mailto:mcristalpta@gmail.com))*

## Scholarship Facts

- ❖ The Area 3 Council Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to interview applicants before final winners are selected.
- ❖ Winners will be notified after the application deadline and will be recognized at the Area 3 Council Awards Ceremony.
- ❖ All information provided in support of this scholarship application will be kept in strictest confidence.
- ❖ The Area 3 Council Scholarship Selection Committee does not discriminate against any student for any reason including reasons of race, creed, color, orientation, or national origin.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their application package is complete and postmarked OR emailed before or on the **second Friday in March** deadline (or COUNCIL receives a completed application package by the extended deadline granted).
- ❖ Each applicant will be notified by email confirming that your application package has been received.
- ❖ Scholarship submission packages will not be returned.

# Application Procedure / Instructions

- ❖ Complete all questions to ensure full consideration of your application.
- ❖ Please submit two (2) copies of your application package.
- ❖ The application must be postmarked OR emailed ([mcristalpta@gmail.com](mailto:mcristalpta@gmail.com)) by the **second Friday in March** (or by the COUNCIL extended deadline)
- ❖ For mail submissions: Mail (do not fax) completed application and all requested documents to:  
  
Area 3 Council - Student Scholarship  
930 New Hope Road, Ste 11-524  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
- ❖ Hand-written applications will be considered, but must be printed legibly.
- ❖ Complete and sign the Scholarship Application.
- ❖ Attach a photo copy of PTSA Membership Card or verification of PTSA membership from your local unit Executive Board.
- ❖ Attach a certified High School Transcript. Transcript should include all academic credit towards a high school diploma through the first semester or quarter of the 12 grade. Open transcripts are accepted.
- ❖ Attach documentation with the highest SAT or ACT score.
- ❖ Submit a recommendation letter from a teacher under whom the student has studied during high school.
- ❖ Submit one personal letter of recommendation (e.g. community member, non-relative, employer, neighbor, clergy)
- ❖ Write a Personal Essay no more than two pages, and a maximum of 500 words.

## Personal Essay

A Personal Essay provides the opportunity for the Scholarship Selection Committee to become more acquainted with you. On a separate page and a maximum of 500 words.

Please answer the following question:

“How can your local unit PTSA enrich the lives of the students in your school and/or community?”

Be sure to include your name at the top of the essay page.

## Answer the following questions

(Not to exceed two (2) pages, 12 pt. Times New Roman font.)

- ❖ What is your proposed field of study?
- ❖ Why have you chosen this career field?
- ❖ What are your goals in continuing your education?
- ❖ How will you give back to your community?

Thank you,

Area 3 Council Scholarship Selection Committee

**AREA 3 GWINNETT COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs - STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: Postmarked by second Friday in March (or Council extended deadline)  
Please type or print legibly.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Name (first) (middle) (last)

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Address (street, city, state, zip)

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Home phone Cell phone Date of Birth

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Email

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Name of Mother or legal guardian Home address & phone, if different from above

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Name of Father or legal guardian Home address & phone, if different from above

## SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

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Current High School Years Attended High School Graduation Date

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Other High Schools attended, Years attended

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GPA (as a % of 100, e.g. 96.2%, minimum 3.0 of 4.0 scale) Best SAT or ACT score (attach copy)

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Plans after high school

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Applicant's Signature Date

Please type or print legibly:

<b>School and Community Activities</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>

<b>Extracurricular Activities (clubs, offices held, leadership roles, mentorships)</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>

Please type or print legibly:

<b>Academic Awards, Recognitions, Honors</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>

<b>Employment (list employer and position)</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>