

Seven Lakes High School PTSA

Student Scholarship Guidelines

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 2:35 p.m. – NO EXCEPTIONS

All applications should be submitted to the SLHS Counselor's Office via email to Stephanie Cox at stephaniecox@katyisd.org

The Seven Lakes High School PTSA awards scholarships to graduating seniors to encourage recipients to pursue higher education. Award selections are made based on academic and non-academic achievement, service, community impact and leadership.

The selection committee consists of three members, none of whom are associated with SLHS. The information that the committee receives will have all personal identifying information of the applicants removed to ensure anonymity and fairness.

Incomplete applications will not be considered, so please complete ALL the requirements listed below.

Application Requirements

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior in good standing at SLHS and must have attended SLHS for his/her entire junior and senior year.
2. Applicant and at least one parent/guardian must have been members of the SLHS PTSA both (a) the applicant's *junior* year and (b) by March 7th of the applicant's *senior* year.
3. Applicant must have a high school GPA of 2.8 or higher and must submit a copy of his/her transcript with their application package.
4. Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from the following individuals:
 - a. Any SLHS faculty member or administrator
 - b. Any other source chosen by the student, provided they have no familial relationship to the applicant (i.e., employer, coach, pastor, youth leader, etc.)

Note: Out of courtesy, applicant should provide at least two weeks' notice to those writing letters of recommendation for them. Only one letter of recommendation can come from SLHS faculty, staff or admin.

5. Applicant must submit a resume of their activities. It should cover their entire high school career and should be listed chronologically. Be sure to include the following:
 - a. Extracurricular activities (clubs, athletics, fine arts programs, music, scholastic competitions, student council, Spartans Out Serving, etc.)
 - b. Employment experience
 - c. Community impact (church activities, service organizations, athletic clubs, etc.)
 - d. Any special recognition or awards received while participating in the above activities
 - e. Leadership positions and attributes
6. Applicant must submit a typed essay of 250 words or less that addresses **one** of the following prompts:
 1. *What's the most difficult challenge you've ever faced? How did you handle it?*
 2. *What does it mean to be a good student on the field, in the classroom, and in the community?*
 3. *Explain a family, social or school situation, in which your leadership made the difference. What was accomplished?*

- *Applicants receiving a full-ride Scholarship will not be considered for the PTSA Scholarship. Should a student being awarded the PTSA Scholarship then receive a full-ride scholarship, the award will pass to the next eligible candidates on the list in these cases.*
- *Scholarships are paid directly to the university, college, or technical school. (Please be aware that some schools may choose to split the scholarship between the Fall and Spring semester (SLHS PTSA has no control over this).)*

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Please type or print neatly in blue or black ink.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Colleges/Universities Planning to Attend: _____

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ Counselor's Verification: _____

I have attended Seven Lakes High School for the following school years: (check all that apply)

_____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Application Checklist (ALL items are required – incomplete applications will not be considered)

- Student Scholarship Application (this form)
- High School Transcript
- Two Letters of Recommendation (see Guidelines for instructions)
- Resume (see Guidelines for instructions)
- Essay: In 250 words or less, respond to one of the following prompts:
 1. *What's the most difficult challenge you've ever faced? How did you handle it?*
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