

Seven Lakes High School

PTSA Student Scholarship Guidelines

Application Deadline: March 20th, at 2:35 p.m. – NO EXCEPTIONS

All applications should be submitted via email to Gretchen Smith, the SLHS PTSA Scholarship Chair, at slhsscholarship@gmail.com

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 the applicant's *junior* year and by March 20th 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. The applicant is required to submit two letters of recommendation, one from each of the following categories:
 - a. Any SLHS faculty member or administrator
 - b. Any other adult selected by the student, as long as they are not related to the applicant (e.g., 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:

- a. Describe a challenging experience or obstacle you have faced in your life. How did you overcome it, and what did you learn from the experience that will help you in your future endeavors?
- b. Reflect on a time when you made a positive impact in your community or helped someone in need. What inspired you to act, and how did your involvement affect your community and your own personal development?
- c. Explain a family, social or school situation, in which your leadership made the difference. What was accomplished?

- *Applicants who receive a full-ride scholarship will not be eligible for the PTSA Scholarship. If a student initially awarded the PTSA Scholarship subsequently receives a full-ride scholarship, the PTSA Scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible candidate on the list.*
- *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, a decision over which SLHS PTSA has no control.*
- *"GOOD STANDING" means the applicant has no current disciplinary issues (proof of which will be verified through SLHS administration)*

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Please type or print neatly in blue or black ink. The information should be specific to the individuals who joined the PTSA

Student Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Full Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Parent E-Mail Address: _____

Student E-Mail Address: _____

Colleges/Universities/Technical School Planning to Attend: _____

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

*Counselor's Verification (*internal use only*): _____

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 (counselor will verify GPA once application has been submitted)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (see Guidelines for instructions)
- Resume (see Guidelines for instructions)
- 250 Word Essay responding to one of the outlined prompts: (see Guidelines for instructions)