

## **Leander ISD Council of PTAs High School Senior Scholarship Application Requirements**

The Leander Council of PTAs will provide funding each academic year for a minimum of two scholarships for graduating high school seniors; their amount will depend on funds available.

### **PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship will support students who are focused on achieving career goals through higher education. In evaluating each application, the scholarship committee will also consider service and participation in school activities, community involvement and scholastic merit.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a public school in Leander ISD
- Applicant will have a GPA of 2.5 or better
- Applicant must be a member of the local PTSA in good standing
- Applicant must plan to be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university or a vocational/technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following his/her high school graduation.
- The Scholarship Committee must receive all completed scholarship applications and required paperwork no later than **April 6th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** to be eligible for consideration. Please mail or deliver to: Kendra Woods, LISD Council of PTAs Scholarship Chair, c/o Rouse High School, 1222 Raider Way, Leander, TX 78641.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to qualify for this scholarship, the application **must** be accompanied by the following:

- A typewritten, double-spaced 250-300 word essay describing your goals and how the PTA has helped you to formulate and achieve those goals.
- List your accomplishments in high school to include the following categories: special honors/recognition, awards, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and your work experience.
- Choose three of these accomplishments. Write a brief description of each and why you chose each one.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or principal of the school you are currently attending.
- Official transcript.
- Letter from counselor verifying GPA
- Copy of acceptance letter if available by **April 6th**.

### **SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION**

The Leander ISD Council of PTAs Scholarship Committee will review applications and recipients will be notified in May. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals, with payments made directly to the education institution. Applicants chosen to receive scholarship awards must submit a copy of a letter of acceptance from the educational institution to the Scholarship Committee.

Deadline for applying is **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. All entries submitted to the scholarship committee become the property of the Leander ISD Council of PTAs and will not be returned.

# 2018 Leander ISD Council of PTAs High School Senior Scholarship Application

Name:

*Last*

*First*

*Middle Initial*

Street Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email:

High School:

High School GPA (include a letter from counselor verifying you meet the GPA requirement)

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

What Institution do you plan to attend next year?

Have you applied to the above Institution? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your proposed major?

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach your letter of acceptance, if "yes")

Are you a member of your local PTSA?

*For eligibility and application requirements, please refer to the cover page of this application form. Applicant must be a member of the local PTSA where the applicant is currently enrolled and that PTSA must be in good standing. The student's PTSA must be a current contributor to the Council Scholarship Fund. The Leander ISD Council of PTAs will verify current membership.*

## **APPLICANT'S STATEMENT**

I agree to the provisions of this application. I further signify that the information given on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate.

*Signature of Student*

*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

*Date*

*In fairness to all applicants, the Scholarship Committee will consider only those who follow all instructions and complete every detail of the application. The deadline for submission to the Scholarship Committee is **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00pm.***

## **Leander Council of PTAs Standing Rules for Council Scholarship**

**Description of Scholarship:** The scholarship will support students who are focused on achieving career goals through higher education. In evaluating each application, the scholarship committee will also consider service and participation in school activities, community involvement and scholastic merit. The Leander Council of PTAs will provide funding each academic year for a minimum of two scholarships for graduating high school seniors; their amount will depend on funds available. The scholarship will be publicized via email with local unit PTSA presidents who have eligible students. The application and scholarship requirements are posted on the Council website. The availability of a Council scholarship is communicated to all local units at regular council meetings, and appears in the Council newsletter.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Eligible students for the Council scholarship are graduating seniors in Leander ISD that attend a school with a PTSA/PTA in good standing with the Leander Council of PTAs. Applicants must have the following:

1. Applicant will have a GPA of 2.5 or its equivalent (an official transcript is required as proof).
2. Applicant must be a member of the PTSA where the applicant is currently enrolled and that PTSA must be in good standing. The student's PTSA must be a current contributor to the Council Scholarship Fund.
3. Applicant must plan to be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university or a vocational/technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following his/her high school graduation.
4. Completed application meeting all above eligibility requirements received by the scholarship committee by the deadline established annually.

**Rating of Applicants:** Applicants who meet all eligibility requirements are rated and ranked by the selection committee based on the following criteria:

1. High school accomplishments
2. Scholastic merit
3. Essay

**Number of Scholarships and Amounts:** The number and the amount of the scholarships awarded are dependent upon the donations made by the local units to the Council Scholarship Fund. Our goal is to provide at least two scholarships per year.

**Scholarship Conditions:** Scholarship awardees must submit to the Leander Council a copy of their letter of acceptance from the educational institution they will be attending.

**Scholarship Procedures:** Leander Council of PTAs will make payment for each awardee to the school indicated on their letter of acceptance.

**Scholarship Committee:** Accepts, processes, and prepares applications for the selection committee to review. Receives the results from the selection committee and notifies the scholarship awardee. Requests a letter of acceptance from each awardee. Prepares check request for treasurer. Members of the committee must be PTA members in good standing and are not a parent of a graduating senior.

**Selection Committee:** Reviews the redacted applications from the Scholarship Committee. Ranks and rates applicants based on specified criteria. Members of the committee will consist of school board members, school principals, local business representatives, or a PTA member in good standing. Members of the committee may not be a parent of a graduating senior.