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MONTANA PTA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

PURPOSE

Each year Montana PTA awards a limited number of tuition scholarships. We offer financial assistance to Montana residents who are high school seniors or college students that need additional help in obtaining a bachelor's degree toward the goal of becoming an elementary or secondary school teacher in the Montana public school system. The scholarship may be used at any Montana college or university that trains teachers. The scholarship is a non-renewable \$1,000 merit award; however, winners may re-apply the next year.

Applicant Qualifications: Applicants must be

- ✓ A Montana resident graduating from a Montana public high school, attending a Montana public college or university that trains teachers
- ✓ Pursuing a career as a primary or secondary teacher attending a Montana public college or university
- ✓ Must have an average of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) or better
- ✓ Either the applicant or guardian must be a current member of a local PTA unit or the Treasure STATE PTA associated with Montana PTA.

**Note: you may join Treasure STATE PTA
through the Montana PTA website (www.montanapta.org)

Application Requirements: Applicants must submit four (4) copies and original of the scholarship packet to the Montana PTA Office postmarked no later than April 1st, 2012. Each packet must include:

- ✓ The signed and completed scholarship application,
- ✓ A copy of the applicant's high school/college transcripts, and
- ✓ Two letters of reference: one of which is from a personal reference and one from a teacher or school administrator

Application Scoring: The application will be considered on the following points system for a possible total of 100 points:

- 20 points - Financial need
- 20 points - Involvement with youth
- 20 points - Why you chose to enter teaching/education field
- 20 points - How you would promote parent and teacher collaboration
- 10 points - Recommendations
- 10 points - Academics

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Scholarship Award: One award of \$1,000 will be made to a high school senior and one award of \$1,000 will be made to a Montana college or university student when funds allow.

Payment of Scholarship: The scholarship awards will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient's college or university subject to the approval of the Scholarship Committee in July of 2012. The recipients must furnish their social security number to the Montana PTA to facilitate payment of the awards.

Presentation of the Award: Each recipient will be notified by the Montana PTA Scholarship Committee Chair. The recipients will be featured in the Montana PTA *Voice* and will be honored at the annual Montana PTA Convention.

Application Deadline: April 1st. Scholarship applicants must submit four (4) copies and the original of the scholarship packet to:

**MONTANA PTA
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1269
Laurel, MT 59044**

If you cannot print the application, you may send a written request for one to be mailed to you. All written requests for applications must include a stamped (at least \$1.35), self addressed, #10 envelope.

Applications received after April 1st or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Fraudulent applications will be rejected, or the scholarship will be revoked if already awarded. All information contained in the application is confidential and will not be released to any other party; however, the names and residing city of each winner will be announced in Montana PTA publications. Unsuccessful applications will be destroyed. *Please do not send photographs, report folders, or other materials, except as requested in this packet.* We cannot accept materials by fax or electronic transmission.

ANY APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT MEET THE STATED CRITERIA WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

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