



2011 – 2012 TENNESSEE CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS  
APPLICATION FOR TEACHER / CHILD-RELATED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TENNESSEE PTA OFFICE  
ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
1905 ACKLEN AVENUE, NASHVILLE, TN 37212  
**FAXED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

- **Purpose of Scholarship**

The Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers established and maintains the Scholarship Fund to give financial assistance to young people who need additional funding to obtain a bachelor's degree toward the goal of becoming a teacher or working in a child-related field such as: education, medicine, law, or any new field of child related studies.

- **Value**

Each scholarship provides a one-time \$2,000 non-renewable award. There will be as many scholarships awarded each year as the fund permits.

- **Requirements for Scholarship**

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a Tennessee public or private high school with an active PTA/PTSA in good standing or the applicant's parents/guardians must be an active member of a PTA/PTSA in good standing. The applicant must be interested in teaching or a child-related vocation.

- The applicant will be considered on the following points:
  - Financial need
  - Academics
  - Sincerity of purpose / personality
  - Motivation
  - Community Involvement
  - Recommendations
- **Five (5) copies of the complete application packet** must be received by the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. The complete application packet must include the following:
  - Application form
  - Principal / Guidance Counselor form
  - Essay that is 500 words or less, typed and double-spaced
  - Two (2) letters of recommendation
  - Transcript copy of grades
  - Senior Photograph (will not be returned)
- The applicant must enroll in a two- or four-year Tennessee college or university for a teaching or child-related degree.
- ***Failure to disclose any requested information will result in immediate disqualification.***

- When the review process is complete, an award notification letter from the president or Scholarship committee chairperson will be mailed to the recipient and principal. A letter informing the college / university of the award and remittance will be mailed by Tennessee PTA upon verification of completed student registration.

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

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

*If any siblings are in college, please indicate what year:*

Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior

Have you filed a FAFSA application? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for other financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_

*The following information may be found on IRS form 1040 - line 37, 1040A – line 21,  
or 1040EZ – line 4*

Parents' / Guardians' Adjusted Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Joint filing)

Parents' / Guardians' Adjusted Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Filing Separate)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Name of College / University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Begin: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ Expected Completion of Degree: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Name of Degree Sought and Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_



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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Are you, or anyone in your household, a PTA/PTSA member? \_\_\_\_\_

National PTA Unit ID number (found on membership card): \_\_\_\_\_

**For Education Majors:**

Does your school have a Future Teachers of America chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to become a teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**For Non-Education Majors:**

Why do you want to work in a child-related field? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Activities:**

Please attach your college resume list your school and community activities (including offices held, membership in organizations, and participation in other activities you feel are important):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

► **Essay:** On a separate sheet of paper, in 500 words or less, typed and double-spaced, please tell us about yourself and why Tennessee PTA should award you this scholarship.

Two (2) letters of recommendation, the principal/guidance counselor form, essay, and transcript must accompany this application. **FIVE (5) COPIES** of the complete application packet must be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>** by the Tennessee PTA.

*I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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PRINCIPAL / GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPORT
This report is to be completed by school authority after application is complete

This report is completed from:
\_\_\_ Personal Knowledge \_\_\_ Report of Others \_\_\_ Official Records

Financial Need

Explain why you believe financial assistance is necessary for this applicant to further his/her education:

Academics

Applicant's Rank: \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_ ACT composite: \_\_\_ SAT: \_\_\_

Has the applicant taken the normal college preparatory courses? \_\_\_

Motivation

Has the applicant expressed a desire to work with children? \_\_\_

Why do you think the applicant will be successful in a child-related field? \_\_\_

Average High School Attendance (please circle): Excellent Good Average Poor

Main reasons for absences? \_\_\_

Character (please rate each of the following as Excellent, Good, Average, or Poor)

Table with 4 columns: Trait, Rating (E G A P), Trait, Rating (E G A P). Rows include Social Maturity, Initiative, Loyalty, Thoroughness, Neatness, Reliability, Dependability, Courtesy, Cooperation, Influence on others.

Do you believe the applicant has a reasonable expectation for success in college? \_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_

The Principal/Guidance Counselor is requested to review this report, the application, essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation with the applicant prior to mailing.

FIVE (5) COPIES OF ALL MATERIALS MUST BE INCLUDED AND RECEIVED BY TENNESSEE PTA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1ST.

Mail to: Tennessee PTA, 1905 Acklen Ave., Nashville, TN 37212

Note: The committee selects the scholarship recipients immediately after March 1; therefore, no applicant will be considered if the application blanks are not complete with ALL requested information or if all forms are not included (principal/guidance counselor report, application form, essay, grade transcript, and two letters of recommendation, ALL copied 5 times). Applications received after the deadline or incomplete applications will be disqualified.