



**Kent County High School PTSA**  
Scholarship Policy  
Adopted: 11.11.2022

***Scholarship Policy and Guidelines***

The below Guidelines are presented to provide the general terms and overall requirements for the award of Scholarships to Kent County High School Seniors by the KCHS – PTSA.

1. All Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee designated by the PTSA Leadership Team. The committee may consist of PTSA members, KCHS Teachers and Faculty and Kent County Community members. Students will not be a part of the Scholarship review process.
2. Every application will be coded for anonymity prior to reading and scoring
3. Each applicant will be required to provide the following information to be considered for a Scholarship award.
  - Completion of the Scholarship Application
  - Written Original Essay (a maximum of 250 words) on one of the suggested topics
  - Current Transcript from KCHS (unofficial)
  - Describe Volunteer Activities
  - Describe all areas of school involvement: Clubs, Interact, Student Government, Sports, Band, etc.
  - PTSA involvement
  - Describe post-high school plans: vocational or trade school, community college, college, military, family business/farming, etc.
4. Each requirement may be awarded points from zero (0) to five (5). A perfect score on the application is 35 points. Points will be assigned as follows:
  - 0- Incomplete
  - 1-Poor response
  - 2- Limited response
  - 3- Adequate response
  - 4- Strong response

- 5- Excellent response
5. Scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$1,000.
  6. For the 2022-2023 school year, there will be two award rounds

	<b>Round I</b>	<b>Round II</b>
Open Date:	November 15, 2022	February 1, 2023
Application Due:	December 19, 2022	April 15, 2023

- Applications will be accepted at the KCHS Guidance Office.
  - Round I will provide up to a total of \$4,000.00 in awards
  - Round II will provide a minimum of \$4,000.00 in awards, depending upon PTSA funds availability
7. Only KCHS Seniors may apply for Scholarship awards. Only one award per Senior Student
  8. The KCHS PTSA Scholarship program will be marketed on the KCHS website and other social media.
  9. Applications will be available through the KCHS Guidance Office
  10. The Scholarship Committee process will be voted on by the KCHS PTSA membership.
  11. In addition to KCHS PTSA fundraising activities, the PTSA may seek other donations for scholarships.
  12. Scholarship awards will be specifically named:
    - Elmer T. Hawkins (minority students pursuing Teaching degree)
    - KCHS PTSA Scholars (we could identify some unique characteristics – innovation, academics, athletic, community volunteer)
    - Individually named scholarships from a Donor
    - Academic Achievement
    - Student Member of the Board (SMOB)

13. If there are insufficient numbers of applicants to fund the total allocation, the committee may, in its sole discretion award amounts in excess of \$1,000.00, subject to the PTSA Leadership Team approval.
14. All scholarships will be awarded to Students at the Senior awards in May, 2023. Round I announcements will be made by January 30, 2023 but awarded at the Senior Awards Night.
15. Award recipients will receive a Certificate of Award from the PTSA on Awards night.
16. Checks for the Scholarship Awards will be made to the School or Individual, depending upon their post-high school plan.
17. If checks for scholarships are not cashed, the funds will be retained by the PTSA for future scholarship opportunities.
18. Essay Topics for the Application include (Pick One):
  - What inspired you to choose the career path you are pursuing after high school?
  - What have you loved most about growing up in Kent County?
  - Share an experience or event that has been influential in your life
  - If you could choose anyone in the world to be your mentor, who would it be and why?
  - Why you? Tell us why you think you should be awarded a scholarship.
  - What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?
  - What is something about you not included in this application that is important for us to know?
  - Tell us about your personal, and/or career goals, after graduation?



## 2023 KCHS PTSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**DIRECTIONS:** Read over application policy and complete the application below.

**APPLICATION DUE:** December 19, 2022 return application, transcript and essay to the Guidance Office

### CHECK LIST:

- Application
- Transcript
- Essay

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

### ESSAY:

Complete an original essay with a maximum of 250 words on one of the following topics.

- What inspired you to choose the career path you are pursuing after high school?
- What have you loved most about growing up in Kent County?
- Share an experience or event that has been influential in your life
- If you could choose anyone in the world to be your mentor, who would it be and why?
- Why you? Tell us why you think you should be awarded a scholarship
- What unique opportunities or challenges have you experiences throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?
- What is something about you not included in the application that is important for us to know?
- Tell us about your personal, and/or career goals, after graduation?

**Please complete the following areas. Responses may be typed and additional pages may be included.**

Describe Volunteer Activities:

Describe all areas of school involvement: ex. clubs, sports, band, SGA, etc.

Describe your PTSA involvement:

Describe your post-high school plans: college, military, family business, farming, vocational/trade school, work, etc.