

May PTO Scholarship Application

1. Complete the application form in its entirety. If you need more space than provided on the form, you may attach a separate sheet (s) of paper.
2. Return all material to Natalie Steele, May ISD student advisor at May High School.
3. **DEADLINE:** Your entry must be received no later than **Friday, May 14, 2020**.
4. All information will be kept confidential.
5. Scholarship recipients (s) will be selected by the May PTO Scholarship Committee.
6. The scholarship recipients (s) will be announced during the May High School Commencement Services by a representative of May PTO.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for consideration of the May PTO Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria.

- You must be a graduating May High School senior at the time of application submission
- You must be a US Citizen
- You must have **applied** at a credible college/institution before submission of application
- You must submit all required attachments with your completed form

Selection Criteria: Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria

- Character and Leadership (e.g. extra-curricular involvement, honors, awards, achievements, and personal references.)
- Essay responses (communication skills and personal insight)
- Financial need
- Active parental involvement in May PTO

Additional Requirements: Please complete each of the following items on a separate sheet of paper and attach to application.

- Honors and Awards: List all scholastic honors and awards you have received while in high school
- Activities: List all extracurricular activities you have participated in, in order of importance to you (e.g. scholastic, cultural, religious, athletic, civic, or community activities).
- Personal Insight: Please limit each response to no more than 200 words each.
 - a. What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve them?
 - b. What influenced your career decisions?
 - c. Which extracurricular activity have you found to be the most meaningful to you and why?
 - d. What is the most challenging obstacle you have faced and how did you overcome it?

Required Attachments: Include all required attachments with your completed application form. Any application form received without all required attachments will be ineligible.

- ☐ Copy of your high school transcript with your GPA that includes honors/dual credit classes
- ☐ College(s) that you've applied to as of the date application is submitted
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation: One letter must be from a teacher or school administrator (who is not currently serving on the scholarship committee) and one letter from a personal reference. Please be certain that each letter has the reference's name, address, and phone number. References should also include how long they have known you and in what context.
- ☐ Personal Insight Essays

Award: The PTO award will award three \$750 scholarships, and they will be disbursed as follows:

- \$375 will be awarded for the immediate fall semester upon receipt of enrollment from recipient to May PTO treasurer, and \$375 will be awarded for the spring semester upon receipt of enrollment from recipient to the May PTO treasurer.
- Should the recipient fail to show proof of enrollment or request funds, they will not be entitled to the scholarship funds at any time in the future. Any funds not used by the recipient shall be transferred from the May PTO Scholarship fund to the May PTO general fund. Unused scholarship funds may not be transferred and/or awarded to another applicant.

I certify that everything I have stated and reported in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge at this time. I understand that May PTO will retain this application and its enclosures whether or not I am successful in receiving the scholarship. I further agree that the decision of May PTO Scholarship Committee will be final.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____