

Missouri PTA Scholarship Program



Do you know a high school senior who is considering a career in teaching? Missouri PTA offers Teacher Education Scholarships for graduating High School Seniors; each scholarship provides a stipend of \$500 per year up to a maximum of \$2,000.

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

1. Have a higher than average scholastic standing.
2. Have outstanding potential aptitude for teaching, good character, and personality.
3. Show financial need.
4. Enroll in a college or university in Missouri to obtain a Bachelors/Master's Degree or a community college in Missouri to obtain an Associates of the Arts in Teaching Degree to begin their preparation for teaching.
5. For each two (2) years of assistance, recipient must teach for one year in a public elementary or secondary school (or work in some other capacity as a certified educator).

Applications are available on the Missouri PTA website but must be submitted through the school counselor (only one application is accepted per school). Deadline to apply is determined by each school prior to Feb. 15.

For more information please see this link: <http://mopta.org/accordion-slider/scholarships/>

Please help spread the word:

- ✓ **PROVIDE LOCAL PUBLICITY** – Ensure that members and school staff are knowledgeable about the State PTA Scholarship Program. The PTA Office will provide you with scholarship pamphlets upon request and the Scholarship Chairperson can arrange for additional informational opportunities.
- ✓ **ENCOURAGE SELECTION OF A SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY** – We send a reminder notice via mail, but we know that high school principals and counselors receive a plethora of information about scholarship opportunities through the mail so, please, call their attention to the PTA Scholarship information on our website that is updated each December. Additionally, high school unit presidents should promote the scholarship at PTA/PTSA meetings and ensure that the program is advocated at Student Council meetings.
- ✓ **PROMOTE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT – PLEASE** establish the Missouri PTA Teacher Education Scholarship Program as a line item in your annual budget, to ensure that an outstanding young person realizes their goal of becoming a Missouri Public School teacher. If you've already made this commitment in your annual PTA/PTSA budget, don't forget to make that donation!
- ✓ **HONOR A DESERVING INDIVIDUAL:** Making an endowment to the Missouri State PTA Scholarship Program in the name of an exemplary individual is an excellent way to honor them. Honor an outstanding volunteer, principal, teacher or community leader with the Missouri PTA Distinguished Service Award. When purchasing a Distinguished Service Award from Missouri PTA, also consider purchasing our commemorative book as an extra gift for the honoree.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE MISSOURI PTA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

The Missouri PTA cares about quality in education. Help us by supporting the Missouri PTA Scholarship Program. Donations may be made by sending the following information to the Missouri PTA office:

Name, Address, Amount of Contribution, and name of scholarship that the donation is for (**Uilmann, Mallory, Detjen, Maupin**). Please indicate if this contribution is being made as a memorial or in special recognition of an individual, the Missouri PTA will formally acknowledge all special gifts. **Send information and check to:** Missouri PTA, 2101 Burlington Street, Columbia MO 65202.

Please see our website for more information: <http://mopta.org/accordion-slider/scholarships/>

To order a Missouri PTA Distinguished Service award, please use the form at this link: <http://mopta.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Distinguished-Service-Award-2015-2016.pdf>

To order a Missouri PTA 100th Anniversary Commemorative book, please use the form at this link: http://mopta.org/wp-content/uploads/100th_Anniversay_book_order_form.pdf