



**2019 – 2020
DEADLINE
February 28, 2020 by 2:00pm**

INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Clarkstown North PTSA is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to graduating seniors each year. This year, ten scholarships in the amount of \$750 each will be awarded.

Students may apply for a scholarship in any one of five categories that reflect distinct areas of accomplishment. Students may apply **in only one** category; however, The **CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee** may, at its discretion, move an application from one category to another if it feels the applicant is a better fit in the new category. The areas of accomplishment are:

ACADEMICS – For students who have excelled academically;

CREATIVE ARTS – For students who have excelled artistically – for example, in music, photography, visual arts, film production, dance, etc.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT – For students who have received educational resource services, or have overcome a learning or personal challenge.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR – For students who have been exceedingly involved at North High School or local agencies/organizations. Acceptable activities include student government, athletics, clubs, etc. Community extra-curricular activities, such as Girl/Boy Scouts or Travel Sports Teams, are acceptable as well.

- 1) Applicant must have a passion for their activities;
- 2) Applicant must excel in their activities through leadership or initiative in one or more areas; and
- 3) Applicant's contributions must be impactful, making their school or community better.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – For students who have been exceedingly involved in the community through volunteering in one or more local non-profit or charitable organizations. The community service provided must be significant in terms of the number of hours volunteered or the number of organizations assisted and the significance of the contributions made:

- 1) Applicant must have a passion for their service;
- 2) Applicant must excel in their community service by becoming a leader in one or more areas; and
- 3) Applicant must have made contributions to their community, making it a better place.

This application is 7 pages in length. The first 4 pages contain instructions for you and do not need to be included in your application package. Please keep these pages for your records. Please be sure to include pages 5 and 6 and your resume with your application package. **All instructions and requirements must be met in order for applicant to be considered. Please take the time to read carefully.**

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Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship

Applications are evaluated by the **Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Award Committee**, which is comprised of at least three parents (including a freshman parent, a sophomore parent, and a junior parent), a junior student, and a faculty member. Parents of graduating seniors may not serve on the **CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee**. All applicants remain anonymous during the first round of the selection process. Semi-finalists will be contacted by the **CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee** to schedule an interview. All information will be kept confidential. Decisions of the **CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee** are final.

Over the course of the year, the PTSA, through the purchase of memberships, school picture proceeds, The Ram's Cave Sales, and other various fundraising activities, raises money to fund these scholarships. We are grateful for the generosity of our school community that enables us to provide these financial awards for our students.

DO I QUALIFY FOR THE CHSN PTSA SCHOLARSHIP?

To be considered for a **Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Award**, you must meet the following criteria:

- The student must be a graduating senior of Clarkstown North High School
- The **student must be a member** of the CHSN PTSA for junior and senior year. Seniors must join by **December 13th** of this year. Membership forms are available in the North Counseling Center Office, in the Ram's Cave, or can be downloaded online at <http://www.chsnorthptsa.org/>. Mail your membership form and check to CHSN PTSA, P.O. Box 693, New City, NY 10956 or drop it in the PTSA box in the Main Office at school.
- The student must meet the individual requirements of the category for which you are applying.
- The student's application must be complete and submitted **in full** with all appropriate signatures and supporting documentation by the deadline.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER • MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Seniors must be a member of the CHSN PTSA by December 13th of their senior year.
- Applications are due by 2:00pm, February 28, 2020.
- Interviews will take place Monday, March 23, 2020.
- Scholarships will be awarded at the North HS PTSA Founders Day Celebration, on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

QUESTIONS: Email: cnptsascholarship@gmail.com

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship

ALL Categories

- Your completed and signed application – must be submitted to the Counseling Center Office at North High School on or before **2:00pm on February 28, 2020.**
*Incomplete or late applications will **not** be considered.*
- An essay must accompany your application. It must be typed, double spaced using 12 point and should be no more than two pages long.
- One letter of recommendation must accompany your application. It must be sealed, signed across the back flap by the writer of the recommendation, and addressed to **The Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Committee.**
- Additional requirements as set forth in one specific category of your choosing below.

Academics Category

- Students applying in the **Academics Category** must provide a copy of their transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 3.7 with their application.
- **Academics Essay Question** (Choose one):
 - *Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that you believe has contributed to your academic success.*
 - *Discuss how academic success alone does not guarantee life-long success. Include other attributes that you feel contribute to a successful future. Give specific examples of these attributes in your life.*

Creative Arts Category

- Students applying in the **Creative Arts Category** must include evidence of creative accomplishments, such as photos of visual arts pieces, programs from performances, or awards received during high school for artistic and creative endeavors.
- **Creative Arts Essay Question:**
 - *Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced you creatively.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS Cont'd



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Special Achievement Category

- Students applying in the **Special Achievement Category** must have either 1) a letter from their School Counselor affirming that they participated in educational resource related activities during high school, or 2) overcome a learning or personal challenge in their educational career or personal life that has affected their accomplishments in school.
- **Special Achievement Essay Question** (Choose one):
 - *Choose a person, or persons, you admire and explain why and how they have helped you overcome challenges to reach your goals.*
 - *Discuss learning or personal challenge(s) you have faced and what steps you have taken to overcome it/them.*

Extra-Curricular Activities Category

- Students applying in the **Extra-Curricular Activities Category** must include proof of involvement, passion and leadership in their school or community activities. Acceptable forms of proof can include: awards, certificates, programs, newspaper articles, etc.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities Essay Question:**
 - *Describe your most meaningful achievement(s) and how it/they relate to your future goals.*
- One additional letter of recommendation (for a total of **two** letters of recommendation) must accompany your application. The first letter should be from an advisor/supervisor for an activity/service in which you believe you have made a significant contribution. The second can be a more general letter of recommendation from an individual of your choosing. Each letter must be sealed & signed as described in the “ALL CATEGORIES” section above.

Community Service Category

- Students applying in the **Community Service Category** must include proof of involvement, passion and leadership in one or more local non-profit or charitable organizations. Acceptable forms of proof include: letters of certification, certificates, programs, newspaper articles, etc.
- **Community Service Essay Question:**
 - *Describe your most meaningful volunteer activity and how it affected you and the community that you have served.*
- One additional letter of recommendation (for a total of **two** letters of recommendation) must accompany your application. The first letter should be from an advisor/supervisor for a service in which you believe you have made a significant contribution. The second can be a more general letter of recommendation from an individual of your choosing. Each letter must be sealed & signed as described in the “ALL CATEGORIES” section above.

The Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Application



Clarkstown North
PTSA Scholarship

Please type or print all information clearly!

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____
Town zip-code

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Category - specify only one: _____

All applicants **must** include a resume. The resume should list (including year) academic honors, other awards, sports, recognitions, extra-curricular activities, clubs, volunteer work, employment and any other activities you feel are important, beginning with ninth grade.

A sample resume is included on page 7 of the application.

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February 28, 2020 by 2:00pm



**Clarkstown North
PTSA Scholarship**

☒ **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT & PERMISSIONS**

- ☐ I certify that all of the information included in my application for the **Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Award**, including lists of activities and awards, research undertaken or planned, and personal statements or other essays, are my own work and are true, accurate and honest to the best of my knowledge and that any false statements made by me will disqualify my application.
- ☐ I certify that I have read this application in its entirety and agree with all its terms and conditions.
- ☐ I hereby grant and assign the **Clarkstown North PTSA** the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use my biographical information and image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award for editorial, trade, advertising, or any other purpose, and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.
- ☐ I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the **Clarkstown North PTSA**.
- ☐ I agree that my application will **not** be considered if it is submitted late or incomplete and that no exceptions are made for **any** reason.
- ☐ I agree that all decisions made by the Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Committee are final.

Applicant's signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian: _____ *Tel #:* _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

School Counselor's Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Application not valid without full agreement above and all appropriate signatures.
Remember to keep a copy of your application for your records. • Applications will not be returned.

**Application must be delivered to the
North HS Counseling Center Office on or before**

2:00pm February 28, 2020

SAMPLE RESUME

JOE/JILL COLLEGE
1 College Drive
New City, NY 10956
Cell phone (845) 634-0000
e-mail: joe/jillcollege@yahoo.com

EDUCATION:

Clarkstown High School North
Congers Road
New City, NY 10956
Graduation Date: June, 2018
Cumulative GPA: 3.01 on a 4.0 scale unweighted

ACTIVITIES, HONORS & AWARDS:

Academic Honors and Awards:

Quiz Bowl Team: Co-Captain, 2015; team placed 1st at SCC-Beatrice Competition
Science Olympiad 2016
National History Day regional competition 1st place 2015

Athletic Awards:

Football: 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th. Lettered: 10th, 11th, 12th
Baseball: 9th (Team Captain), 10th, 12th

Dramatic Arts:

One Act Play: 10, 11 – Lead Actor in “Education Questor”

Music:

NYSMA Award 2015

Visual Arts:

Purchase College Art Contest: 2nd Place: 2015; 1st Place: 2016

Spanish Club:

Taught at CCSD elementary afterschool program 2015

Other:

Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout 2015

OFFICES/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD:

National Honor Society Member: 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th; Vice President: 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

JuniorMates: Mentor: 2015, 2016
People to People – packed food for distribution 2015, 2016

HOBBIES:

Fishing, Computer Games, Snowboarding, Traveling (Costa Rica with Spanish Club, 2015), and play the guitar.

EMPLOYMENT:

Stop & Shop, New City—January 2015 – present. Stock Person. Duties: stocking shelves with canned foods and produce; cleaning up spills. Job Skills: punctual, conscientious, hard-working.