

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 12, 2010

To: Chairman of Guidance Department
Scholarship Representative

From: Soraya Flores, Scholarship Chair
Orange County Council of PTA/PTSA
Email: scholarships@ocpta.org

Re: Orange County Council of PTA/PTSA Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the application for the Orange County Council of PTA/PTSA's scholarship is available to any graduating Senior of an Orange County High School.

Your assistance in making your students aware of this opportunity is greatly appreciated. Please make as many copies as you feel necessary for your students.

Details of eligibility and rules are explained in the enclosed form.

Please note that in order for your students to qualify for a scholarship, your school's PTA/PTSA chapter must be in "good standing". This means that your PTA/PTSA chapter must be current with your bylaws, and have paid your National, State and Council PTA/PTSA membership dues for 2009-2010. The applicant must also be a local unit PTSA member.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to hearing from your students as you make them aware of this opportunity.

**Scholarship Rules and Regulations
Orange County Council of PTA/PTSAs**

1. (a) An applicant must be a resident of Florida and a US citizen.
(b) An applicant must be a high school senior and have attended a Florida public school for at least two years.
(c) An applicant must be attending and Orange County public school and have been in attendance no less than six months prior to submitting application.
(d) An applicant must have a high school grade average of at least 3.0 or above
(e) The applicant must also be a local unit PTSA member.
2. Along with each application form, the following items are to be included:
 - (a) An essay as explained on application.
 - (b) An official transcript of grades 9-12, including SAT or ACT scores and a GPA as of conclusion of first semester, senior year.
 - (c) Recommendation from High School staff member.
 - (d) Evidence of School acceptance or processing.
3. A scholarship recipient must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in a Florida postsecondary community college, vocational-technical, or a State or private educational institution by the fall semester, quin, or quarter following graduation from high school.
4. Scholarship funds will be awarded for the equivalent of a regular school term, for example: 2 semesters, 4 quins, 3 quarters
5. Scholarship monies for the vocational program may include such items registration, tools, kits, and uniforms up to the councils designated amount of money.
6. The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$1000.00. All scholarship money will be paid directly to the designated school or higher education.
7. Scholarships will be awarded dependent upon funds available within Council. If funds are not available in the amount stated, no scholarship will be awarded that year.
8. The Council Scholarship Standing Committee will consist of a minimum of three members.
9. All applications must be postmarked by APRIL 2, 2010.
10. Applicant should mail completed application packet directly to the Orange County PTA Scholarship Committee, as designated on the application.
11. Upon request of the Scholarship Committee, the applicant may be interviewed.
12. Exceptions to these rules shall be approved by the Executive Board of the Orange County Council of PTAs.
13. Incomplete application packets will cause disqualification.
14. The following criterion will be used in the selection process: Grades/Courses; SAT/ACT Score Essays; Extra Curricular Activities; Financial Need

The PTA/PTSA chapter of the school which the applicant is currently attending must be a PTA/PTSA in "good standing".

**Orange County Council of PTA/PTSAs
2009-2010 Scholarship Application**

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY# _____
HOME ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME/CELL PHONE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ US CITIZEN: ___ YES ___ NO
NAMES OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS _____
FATHER'S EMPLOYER _____ JOB TITLE _____
MOTHER'S EMPLOYER _____ JOB TITLE _____
OTHER DEPENDENTS LIVING AT HOME, AGE, RELATIONSHIP: _____

TOTAL 2009 HOUSEHOLD INCOME (circle one below)

BELOW \$40,000

\$40,000 TO \$70,000

ABOVE \$70,000

COUNTY YOU PRESENTLY LIVE IN _____ HOW LONG _____
HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTEND _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

ARE YOU A LOCAL UNIT PTSA MEMBER? ___ YES ___ NO

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

LIST EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (include clubs, jobs, community services and family responsibilities.
(Use separate paper if necessary)

SUBMIT AN ESSAY ON A SEPARATE PAGE. (ONE PAGE ONLY!) PLEASE EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE:

1. REASONS FOR SELECTING YOUR FIELD OF STUDY.
2. FUTURE EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS.
3. SPECIAL FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL AFFECT YOUR ABILITY IN REACHING THESE GOALS.
4. OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT DESERVES CONSIDERATION BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING

1. AN ESSAY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
2. LIST OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND MONETARY AWARDS ALREADY ANNOUNCED
3. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES 9-12, INCLUDE SAT OR ACT SCORES AND GPA AS OF END OF FIRST SEMESTER, SENIOR YEAR
4. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER.
5. EVIDENCE OF SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE OR PROCESSING.

PLEASE MAIL DIRECTLY TO:

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL PTA SCHOLARSHIP
MRS. SORAYA FLORES
3413 HILLMONT CIRCLE
ORLANDO, FL 32817

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 2, 2010.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL CAUSE DISQUALIFICATION. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON BY APRIL 19, 2010.