**SHERWOOD PTSA ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA- CLASS of 2020**

**Download at http://sherwoodptsa.org/scholarship/**

**ELIGIBILITY –** PTSA scholarships are open to ALL graduating Seniors.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY February 17th, 2019 TO**  SHSPTSAScholarship12@gmail.com

All Graduating Sherwood Seniors may apply to Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) for scholarships to continue their education at an accredited university, college, vocational school or other organized instructional program that meets requirements for federal student aid. Seniors should submit their application in order for the Scholarship Committee to recommend the appropriate PTSA or Community Scholarship Award.

**APPLICATION PROCESS – (Information provided on the application is strictly confidential.)**

1. *Download the application* from the PTSA website: http://sherwoodptsa.org/scholarship/

· Answer all questions in 10- to 12-point font. Where indicated, you may add lines or pages to include more information.

· Save and send your file by Feb 17th titled as: “*Student Last Name, First Name, Application.”*

2. Ask the Sherwood Registrar to make your complete transcript available to PTSA scholarship committee representative by Feb 17th.

3. Attach a Personal Statement. Save file as: “*Student Last Name, First Name, Statement”*

4. Attach a Choice Submission that further illustrates your perspective and qualifications. Send either a favorite college admissions essay or another representative work sample. Save the file as: “*Student Last Name, First Name, Choice.”*

5. 2 letters of recommendation: Ask 2 people to submit letters of recommendation on your behalf:

At least one must be from a Sherwood staff member. The second letter could be from a Sherwood staff member, a counselor, or a member of the community. Have the recommender email the recommendation to SHSPTSAScholarship12@gmail.com, By Feb. 17th. The email should note in the subject line: “*Student Last Name, First Name, Recommendation Staff”; and the 2nd letter should be saved as* “*Student Last Name, First Name, Recommendation* ***other****”*

Alternatively, applicants can request the SHS college prep office (Mr. Hock) to forward letters submitted for other applications.

**SIDE NOTES-**

Applications should be typed. For assistance, or to request permission to handwritten application, email: to SHSPTSAScholarship12@gmail.com

**At the same time email your 3 documents: 1 Application and 2 statements prior to the due date; The other 3 documents (transcripts/recommendations) can come from you or arranged to be sent.** Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. False information will invalidate your candidacy. Students and parents may be asked to provide additional documentation to verify information.

**Look for an email receipt**: Look for a response that your application was received within 3 days of submitting. If you have not received a confirmation- please email **Mr. Joseph R Hock Jr,** Career Information Coordinator, joseph\_r\_hock\_jr@mcpsmd.org and he will let the PTSA know.

 **Scholarship recipients will receive an invitation around Mid-April** to the Awards Ceremony if awarded a scholarship. Funds will be disbursed according to procedures detailed in the award letter. Awards will be announced at the year-end school ceremony.

**SHERWOOD PTSA ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

Many local businesses, organizations and families sponsor scholarships – each with different criteria and stipulations for payment. In addition, the PTSA sponsors scholarships based on generous contributions to its scholarship fund from members and community donors, as well as proceeds from the Rock and Roll Revival mid-week matinee.

Separate from the PTSA scholarships

In addition to the PTSA scholarship application, we encourage you to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. (FAFSA) Students who file are more likely to attend college. Those who file early have access to more money. It takes about a half hour and will result in a Student Aid Report (sent three to ten days later) with your Expected Family Contribution, a standard calculation used to make needs-based awards. This should NOT be submitted with this scholarship application.

**PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SHERWOOD GRADUATES**

These and other awards MAY be available to graduating seniors. Criteria and amounts are subject to change.

1. AMERICAN LEGION POST #68 SCHOLARSHIP – is awarded to one female and one male senior who have done his or her best academically and is dedicated to the principles of good citizenship and patriotism.
2. CAROLYN BARNSELY PEMBERTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – in memory of Carolyn Barnsley Pemberton, this scholarship is funded by her children to honor a student who has demonstrated musical excellence, displayed an intention of pursuing studies in music and achieved overall academic excellence.
3. CHRISTINA FULLER MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – is awarded to a student who shows academic excellence, promise and a demonstrated capacity to use money wisely.
4. FREDERICK H. ‘TANK’ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Tank Schultze was a counselor, football coach and sports enthusiast at Sherwood for 18 years before retiring in 1992. The Shultze award is given to a student who exhibits athletic promise or has made valuable contributions to the athletic program, has overcome adversity in life and demonstrates a willingness to help others.
5. KRISTEN REPASS MEMORIAL SCHOLARHSHIP - Kristen was a member of the Sherwood Poms Squad. Sadly, she was killed in an automobile accident in March 1984 during her junior year. To honor Kristen, the award is given to a pom or cheerleader who is, preferably, pursuing a career in psychology, social work, counseling or education.
6. MEDSTAR MONTGOMERY MEDICAL STAFF - is awarded to seniors who plan to pursue studies that lead to becoming a doctor or nursing career.
7. OLNEY LIONS SCHOLARSHIP – is awarded to a senior who serves their community and maintains academic excellence.
8. OLNEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - Martha Bennett memorial scholarship is awarded to a scholar and athlete who exhibits good sportsmanship, character and excellence on the soccer field. Martha Bennett was the mother of 4 boys in the Sherwood cluster who were active in the Olney Soccer Club.  Olney soccer club became part of OBGC, which continues to support the scholarship today.
9. OLNEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB Blake Conrad memorial scholarship -  is awarded to a scholar and athlete who exhibits good sportsmanship, character and excellence in the field. Blake was a 2012 Sherwood graduate and member of the football team. He served in the 1st battalion 175th infantry regiment of the Maryland Army National Guard. An avid sports fan and enthusiastic OBGC football coach, Blake passed away in May 2016.
10. RICHARD KIMMEL SCHOLARSHIP - The Richard Kimmel endowment fund is part of the community foundation of the national capital region. The scholarship may be renewed annually for 3 years for a total of $20,000. Recipients have a history of steady or improving annual GPA, intend to pursue a career that will Benefit others and have shown the impact a school staff member has made on their life.
11. ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP- funded by its PTA, this award is for a student who had attended Rosa Parks at least 2 full years, demonstrates academic excellence and is involved in the school and community.
12. SHERWOOD PTSA RAY COSTANTINO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Ray was a much loved and respected counselor at Sherwood. After his death in 1995, PTA named this scholarship in recognition of his contributions to the Sherwood community.
13. SHERWOOD PTSA NORMA MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - for a senior who shows leadership potential and is involved in musical programs. Norma was a parent of 3 girls who attended Sherwood.  She was responsible for establishing the scholarship program in 1970 which has grown to support hundreds of Sherwood graduates. She instituted the midweek matinee PTSA show, from which proceeds are contributed to the PTSA general scholarship fund.
14. LEDYARD AND BRUCE MARSH SCHOLARSHIP - the award is given to a senior who demonstrates integrity and service, has a GPA of 3.0, shows financial need, and plans to pursue a degree at a community or junior college.
15. SANDY SPRING BANK SCHOLARSHIP ($500 award) – for a senior pursuing a business, accounting or related major in the field of finance.
16. SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – BRUCE NEWCOMER AWARD ($2,000 award)- preference to current student EMT or one who plans to pursue a career in the healing arts, nursing, medical, PT, OT, fire rescue or EMT.
17. SANDY SPRING LIONS – for a senior exhibiting academic excellence, community service, financial need, and noted if they are a member of Sherwood Leo Club.
18. TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION - a senior who is a Tanterra resident, or a Tanterra pool associate member, shows community involvement, and academic excellence.
19. Loretta Ann Colwell Memorial – For students pursuing a degree in education.
20. SHERWOOD PTSA - General Scholarship Fund (varies based on funding) – Based on availability of funds, PTSA provides scholarships to honor students who have accomplished a unique ‘personal best’ and assist those with unmet financial need. PTSA considers anticipated cost of attendance, expected family contribution and other sources of aid. Evaluators look for evidence of achievement, special accomplishments, individual learning experiences that merit recognition, potential to contribute to community, commitment to continuing education and the student’s approach to lifelong learning.