Who can apply?

- High School seniors graduating from an Illinois Public school.
- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above in a non-weighted 4.0 scale. Please convert the GPA if it is weighted and/or a 5.0 scale.
- Enrolling in a college or university in education or education-related degree program, which may include: Librarians, Instructional Media Specialists, School Nurses, School Psychologists, or Social Workers (all of which require certification from a State Board of Education).

How do I apply for the Illinois PTA Scholarship?

An initial application becomes available on our website in October each year. If you are at that time a high school senior with at least a 3.0 GPA, you may apply by completing the online application by the February 14 deadline. The application requires you to list your grades, school and community activities, but no essays or additional materials are required.

Can I mail in a paper application?

No, Illinois PTA accepts electronic applications only.

What does the Illinois PTA Scholarship Committee look for when selecting recipients?

Illinois PTA Scholarship recipients are well-rounded, bright students who not only excel academically, but are also actively involved in their school. These leaders are passionate, service-oriented, and demonstrate a sustained commitment to bettering their community.

Is the scholarship need-based?

No, the Illinois PTA Scholarship is achievement-based.

Is the scholarship renewable?

No, recipients are only eligible to obtain a scholarship once and while they are a graduating high school senior.

How can the scholarship be used?

This scholarship will be paid to the student in one lump sum to be used during the first year of college.

In addition to using funds for tuition at an accredited college or university, Scholars may also use their funds for other educational expenses, such as on-campus housing, a computer, and textbooks.

What about applicants who have parents affiliated with Illinois PTA?

If your parent is a PTA volunteer or employee you may still apply for the Illinois PTA Scholarship.