



GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP 2017



The Volunteer Excellence Scholarship is established by the Grafton High School Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) to recognize GHS seniors who perform outstanding volunteer service of a sustained, direct, and consequential nature to our school and local community; and can best articulate the impact their volunteerism has made on their school, community and self.

PURPOSE: Throughout their high school career, students faithfully commit themselves to perform and go beyond what is required of them. Many students contribute hundreds of hours of their time, dedication, and enthusiasm to our school and local communities. This scholarship recognizes a student's long-term commitment to programs and communities as a member of the Grafton High School student body.

The scholarship differs from other scholarships and considers long-term volunteerism over the four years the applicants were high school students. Not all four years had to be at Grafton; however, applicants must be a GHS Senior at the time of application.

Scholarship awards are non-transferrable, and intended to be used toward furthering their education, job skill training, or to obtain materials in pursuit of a career after graduation.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. All students enrolled at Grafton High School at the time of application and scheduled to graduate in the same year as the scholarship award.
2. Applicant (the student) must be a member of the GHS PTSA.
3. Must be a student in good standing (verified by selection panel prior to application review).
4. Students must complete the GHS PTSA Volunteer Excellence Scholarship Application and submit to the PTSA (see how to submit) by end of school day on **Tuesday May 30, 2017**.
5. Applications may be submitted by the student or be presented as a nomination by a third party (teacher, parent, principal, citizen, etc.) – Items 1-2 above must be met and application must be received by the deadline.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION:

1. The elected GHS PTSA Board will commission a panel of no less than five panel members to be comprised of at least one PTSA Officer (Panel Chair), one Member of the GHS Faculty, and three PTSA member-parents who do not have a Senior class student enrolled at GHS.
2. Selections will be made on a point system determined by the panel.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to one or more qualified graduating Seniors in an amount determined by the PTSA Board through the annual PTSA Budget and are subject to increase based on availability of funds and/or participation and/or sponsorships.
4. Selected Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing by the PTSA Board and awarded at the Senior Class Awards Ceremony.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

1. Complete the GHS PTSA Volunteer Excellence Scholarship Application (page 2 of this document or download it from the GHS PTSA website: graftonptsa.org).
2. Only completed applications that include signatures will be accepted. Any applicant selected from a third party nomination, will be required to sign the application (agreement) prior to award.
3. Nominations must be submitted in a sealed envelope to: The GHS PTSA Scholarship Panel, 403 Grafton Drive, Yorktown, Virginia 23692. Envelope must be postmarked or hand delivered to the GHS Main Office by the end of the school day on **Tuesday May 30, 2017**. No fax or e-mail applications will be accepted.



Grafton High School PTSA Volunteer Excellence Scholarship Application



Applicant Contact Information			
Student's Full Name (Last, First, MI)			
Street Address			
City, State & ZIP Code			
Phone Number			
Parent/Guardian Name			
Graduation Year (Class)		Number of Years at GHS	
Student Member of PTSA	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Student in Good Standing	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Student's Career Goal:			
If selected, money would be used for:			
If Nominating a Student (if application submitted by other than applicant)			
Your Name			
Affiliation to Applicant			
Phone (day)	(evening)	E-Mail	

Volunteer Actions (recommend attaching separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper)
List participation in extra-curricular <u>SCHOOL activities</u> , honors, awards, offices held, etc. while in High School:
List participation in <u>COMMUNITY activities</u> , awards, offices held, etc. while in High School:

Narrative (No more than two 8 ½ X 11 sheets of paper -- Times New Roman font-style, 12-pitch font-size, double spaced)
Without repeating your history of volunteer actions listed above, describe in your own words, how volunteering has inspired you and what difference it has made in your school and community; influenced your school performance and decisions; and influenced your career/long-term goals.

Agreement and Signature		
By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted, funds will only be used for education, training, or job materials. Any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations by me on this application will result in disqualification.		
Applicant Signature		Date
If Nominating, Sign Here		Date

***Provide in SEALED ENVELOPE Marked "PTSA SCHOLARSHIP" to GHS Main office
by end of school day on Tuesday May 30, 2017***