

**Gadsden City High School
PTSO * Parent Teacher Student Organization
College Scholarship Application * 2018**

We are delighted you are applying for the GCHS PTSO scholarship application. We are very interested in learning more about you and how we might help you succeed in achieving your future educational goals. Your comments will assist us in getting to know you better and evaluate your merit in attaining one of our scholarship offerings for your continuing education. We appreciate the thought, time and effort you as you complete the enclosed application.

*Best Wishes
Gadsden City High School PTSO Scholarship Committee*

Please drop off your completed scholarship application and supporting materials with recommendations to the Gadsden City High School Guidance office, attention Richelle Williams.

Winners will be notified by the PTSO president.

Application submission requirements:

- You must be enrolled as a current GCHS student (full time student, senior only);
- You must have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of application;
- Your parent(s)/legal guardian must be a current member of the GCHS PTSO.

Application and Checklist **DUE Friday, May 4, 2018. No Exceptions!**

To be considered for this scholarship, the PTSO must receive the following items by **May 4:**

- Completed application (pages 2 – 5)
- Copy of all high school transcripts (non-GCHS students are ineligible for application)
- GCHS Teacher evaluation and comments (may also be a mentor, advisor, coach, etc.)
Submit one recommendation only (use the attached Form 1, page 4)
- Personal statement (described on page 5)

Applications are reviewed on the basis of the quality of:

- 1) Personal statement and other information contained within this application
- 2) Extracurricular and leadership activities
- 3) Class Performance (grades)
- 4) Teacher's recommendation and evaluation
- 5) High school courses taken

** Total number of scholarships awarded will be determined at the end of the school year based on funding. Each scholarship award presented will help defer college related fees only and will be payable directly to the school of applicant's choice.

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:

Applicant's Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Father's Information:

Father's Name: _____

Address and phone contact (if different than applicant):

Mother's Information:

Mother's Name: _____

Address and phone contact (if different than applicant):

Certification:

I certify that the information on this application is accurate and complete and of my own creation.

Signature of applicant:

_____ **DATE:** _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian:

_____ **DATE:** _____

List previous attended high schools and dates of attendance:

Are you employed (paid or a volunteer)? _____; if so for how long and describe your responsibilities:

Which colleges or universities have you applied for and/or been accepted?

Please check all that apply and the high school year you were active in the organization.

Club Activity	Specify activity, sport or name of organization	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Academic Team					
Academic Club Officer					
Academic Club Member					
Athletic – Intramural or Club Sports					
Athletic – Most Valuable Player Award					
Athletic – Varsity Team Captain					
Athletic Team(s)					
Boy or Girl Scouts					
Cheerleading					
Religious Organization member/leader					
Class Officer (list office)					
Dance Team					
DECA					
Dramatics, Theater					
Leadership Conference					
Leadership or Service Award					
Multicultural or Ethnic Organization					
Music – Band, Color Guard (Music instrument played):					
Choir					
National Honor Society Member					
National Honor Society Officer					
Newspaper Staff Member					
Research, Co-op, or internship program					
Service Organization Member					
Speech-Debate					
Forensics					
Student Government Representative					
Yearbook Staff					
Other (please list)					

Attachment (Form 1) – Gadsden City High School Teacher (or mentor, advisor, coach) Evaluation:
 Please complete this form with letter of recommendation and return them, sealed, to the Richelle Williams by **May 4 2018**.

STUDENT NAME: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

In what capacity? _____

Check the most appropriate (with 5 being the highest – OUTSTANDING; 1 being the lowest – MARGINAL)

	1	2	3	4	5
Creative, original thought					
Academic motivation					
Independence, initiative					
Intellectual ability					
Academic achievement					
Academic potential					
Classroom involvement					
Leadership qualities					
Emotional maturity					
Overall					

Please evaluate this applicant based on academic performance, consistency and potential. Personal characteristics are of interest as they relate to the applicant's academic ability and potential to succeed. Include any special circumstances relevant to this student's application that you feel are pertinent.

Please attach a separate sheet with your recommendation and other comments stapled to the back of this form.

GCHS teacher name and title (*please print*): _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for your time and professional judgment in evaluating this applicant.

Personal Statement:

Please provide a personal statement (*maximum of two pages, double-spaced, separate sheet*) to present yourself in a way that your high school transcript, test scores and letter of recommendation cannot, using two of the criteria below (four available to choose from). This is your opportunity for you to express your creativity and your own sense of who you are, who you want to become, and perhaps why we should consider you for this PTSO scholarship opportunity over others who may apply.

- Discuss a meaningful achievement, experience, ethical dilemma, or challenge you have faced and its effect on you and your future.
- Describe your short-term and long-term goals. Explain how your extracurricular activities relate to these goals.
- How would your best friend describe you and why?
- A topic of your choice (leadership, volunteerism, school or work-related achievements are suggested topics)

Checklist

Before you submit this application, please check that you have included the following:

___ *Application pages 2-4*

___ **Signed Certification page 2**

___ *Personal Statement*

___ *Teacher Evaluation – Attached Form 1*

___ *Teacher Recommendation Letter*

___ *Transcript provided by guidance dept.*