



Clarkstown High School North

A Legacy of Excellence

2023-2024 CHSN PTSA Scholarships

Submission Deadline:

Monday, March 11, 2024 by 2:15pm in the CHSN Guidance Office

OVERVIEW

The **Clarkstown High School North PTSA** is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to graduating seniors each year. This year, twelve (12) scholarships in the amount of \$600 each will be awarded.

Over the course of the year the PTSA, through the purchase of memberships, school picture proceeds and Rams Cave sales along with various other fundraising activities, raises money to fund these scholarships. The CHSN PTSA is grateful for the generosity of our school community which enables us to provide these financial awards for our students.

Students may apply for a scholarship in any one (1) of six (6) categories that reflect distinct areas of accomplishment. Students may apply **only in one** category; however, the **CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee** may, at its discretion, move an application from one category to another if it feels the applicant is a better fit in the new category. The areas of accomplishment are:

- **ACADEMICS** – For students who have excelled academically.
- **CREATIVE ARTS** – For students who have excelled artistically in areas such as music, photography, visual arts, film production, dance, etc.
- **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT** – For students who have received educational resource services or have overcome a learning or personal challenge.
- **EXTRACURRICULAR** – For students who have been exceptionally involved at CHSN, local organizations or agencies. Acceptable activities include student government, athletics, clubs, etc. Community extracurricular activities, such as Girl/Boy Scouts or Travel Sports Teams, are acceptable as well.
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** – For students who have been exceptionally involved in the community through volunteering in one or more local non-profit or charitable organizations. The community service provided must be significant in terms of the number of hours volunteered or the number of organizations assisted, and the significance of the contributions made.
- **NON-TRADITIONAL PATHWAY** – For students who have planned a path other than attending a 4-year college immediately following high school graduation including attending community college, enrolling in a trade or technical school, enlisting in military service, or getting a job.

DO I QUALIFY FOR THE CHSN PTSA SCHOLARSHIP?

To be considered for a Clarkstown North PTSA Scholarship Award, you must meet the following criteria:

- The student must be a Senior graduating from Clarkstown High School North in June 2024.
- The student must have been a member of the CHSN PTSA during Junior year **and must also be** a member of the CHSN PTSA by 1/31/24 of Senior year. **No exceptions or extensions will be made.** Memberships can be processed until 1/31/24 at chsnorthptsa.memberhub.store. For copies of past or previous membership cards, please email CHSNorthPTSA@gmail.com.
- The student must meet the individual requirements of the category in which they are applying.
- The student's application must be complete and submitted in full with all appropriate signatures and supporting documentation to the Guidance Office by the deadline of Monday, 3/11/24 at 2:15pm.

APPLICATION PROCESS

This application is seven (7) pages in length. The first four (4) pages + the sample resume contain instructions for you and do not need to be included in your application package. Please keep these pages for your records.

Please be sure to include pages 5, 6 and your personal resume with your application package. All instructions, requirements and deadlines must be met in order for the application to be considered. Please take the time to read this carefully.

Round 1: Applications are evaluated by the CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee which is comprised of at least three parents or guardians and a faculty member. Neither Seniors nor parents or guardians of Seniors may serve on the CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee. All applicants remain anonymous during the first round of the selection process.

Round 2: Semi-finalists will be contacted by the CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee to schedule an interview. All information will be kept confidential within the Committee. These may be conducted in person or via Zoom at the Committee's discretion.

Decisions of the CHSN PTSA Scholarship Award Committee are final.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Your completed and signed application package must be submitted to the CHSN Counseling Center Office no later than Monday, March 11, 2024 at 2:15pm. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please make sure you submit the following:

- One (1) **Application Form**, completed (pages 5-6)
- One (1) **Resume**, single-page, formatted per the attached example
- One (1) **Essay** answering your category's question(s), typed, double spaced, using 11 or 12 point font, no more than two pages long, including the paragraph(s) about CHSN/PTSA described on top of page 3.
- One (1) **Letter of Recommendation**, in a sealed envelope signed across the back flap by the writer of the recommendation, and addressed to the CHSN PTSA Scholarship Committee. Possible letter writers could include teachers, guidance counselors, employers, club advisors, etc.
- Additional requirements as set forth in one specific category of your choosing below (e.g., transcript, artwork, letter from Guidance Counselor, letter from club advisor, social media post screenshot, etc.)

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES & REQUIREMENTS

For Scholarship-related questions, please email: cnptsascholarship@gmail.com

***** All scholarship essays should include 1-2 paragraphs explaining the role CHSN and/or the CHSN PTSA played in your development and post-high school plans in addition to answering one of the chosen Category essay questions below.*****

***** ACADEMICS CATEGORY *****

Students applying in the Academics Category must provide a copy of their transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 90 with their application.

*Academics Essay (Choose **one**):*

- Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that you believe has contributed to your academic success.
- Discuss how academic success alone does not guarantee life-long success. Include other attributes that you feel contribute to a successful future. Give specific examples of these attributes in your life.

***** CREATIVE ARTS CATEGORY *****

Students applying in the Creative Arts Category must include evidence of creative accomplishments, such as photos of visual arts pieces, programs from performances, or awards received during high school for artistic and creative endeavors.

Creative Arts Essay:

- Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced you creatively.

***** PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY *****

Students applying in the Special Achievement Category *must include a letter from their School Counselor* affirming that the student has either 1) participated in educational resource related activities during high school or 2) overcome a learning or personal challenge in their educational career or personal life that has affected their accomplishments in school. *This is in addition to the Letter of Recommendation referenced in Application Requirements and should be sealed, signed and addressed as described above.*

*Personal Achievement Essay (Choose **one**):*

- Choose a person, or persons, you admire and explain why and how they have helped you overcome challenges to reach your goals.
- Discuss learning or personal challenge(s) you have faced and what steps you have taken to overcome it/them.

*** EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CATEGORY ***

Students applying in the Extracurricular Activities Category must include proof of involvement, passion, and leadership or initiative in their school or community activities. Student must demonstrate how their contributions have made a positive impact on their school or community. *Acceptable forms of proof can include awards, certificates, programs, newspaper articles, screen shots of CCSD/CHSN social media posts, etc.*

- One additional letter of recommendation must accompany your application from an advisor or supervisor for an extracurricular activity or service in which you believe you have made a significant contribution. *This is in addition to the Letter of Recommendation referenced in Application Requirements and should be sealed, signed and addressed as described above.*

Extracurricular Activities Essay:

- Describe your most meaningful achievement(s) and how it/they relate to your future goals.

*** COMMUNITY SERVICE CATEGORY ***

Students applying in the Community Service Category must include proof of involvement, passion, and leadership in one or more local non-profit or charitable organizations, with their contributions making the community a better place. *Acceptable forms of proof can include letters of certification, certificates, programs, newspaper articles, screen shots of CCSD/CHSN social media posts, etc.*

- One additional letter of recommendation must accompany your application. This additional letter should be from an advisor or supervisor for a service in which you believe you have made a significant contribution. *This is in addition to the Letter of Recommendation referenced in Application Requirements and should be sealed, signed and addressed as described above.*

Community Service Essay:

- Describe your most meaningful volunteer activity and how it affected you & the community you served.

NON-TRADITIONAL PATHWAY CATEGORY

Students applying in the Non-Traditional Pathway Category must demonstrate an enthusiastic interest in their chosen Pathway.

Non-Traditional Pathway Essay:

- Discuss an experience in your life that led to your preferred path for the year after graduation which will not include attending a four-year college.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

1/31/24 – Date by which Seniors must be a member of CHSN PTSA to qualify for this scholarship.

2/1/24 – Start to reach out to teachers and advisors for letters of recommendation, as needed.

3/11/24 – Applications are due in the North Guidance Dept by 2:15pm. No exceptions or extensions.

3/18/24 – Anticipate notification of interviews for semi-finalists during this week.

3/25/24 – Anticipate semi-finalist interviews to be conducted during this week (in-person or Zoom *tbd*).

4/15/24 – Scholarship winners to be announced this week.

6/XX/24 – Scholarships to be awarded at the CHSN PTSA Founders Day Celebration; date to be confirmed.



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APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print all information clearly!

Date: _____

Student's First & Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email (do **not** use your school email): _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

Scholarship Category (check *one* only):

ACADEMICS

CREATIVE ARTS

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

EXTRACURRICULAR

COMMUNITY SERVICE

NON-TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

All applicants must include a resume following the format of the attached example. The resume should list education, academic honors and awards, activities including sports and clubs, extracurricular activities, community service and/or volunteer work, paid employment, and any other activities you feel are important beginning with ninth grade. Make sure to include any special recognitions and dates for all activities.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT & PERMISSIONS

I certify that all of the information included in my application for the Clarkstown High School North PTSA Scholarship Award, including lists of activities and awards, research undertaken or planned, and personal statements or other essays, are my own work and are true, accurate and honest to the best of my knowledge and that any false statements made by me will disqualify my application.

I certify that I have read this application in its entirety and agree with all its terms and conditions.

I hereby grant and assign the Clarkstown High School North PTSA the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use my biographical information and image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award for editorial, trade, advertising, or any other purpose, and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.

I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Clarkstown High School North PTSA.

I agree that my application will not be considered if it is submitted late or incomplete and that no exceptions will be made for any reason.

I agree that all decisions made by the Clarkstown High School North PTSA Scholarship Committee are final.

Applicant's Name (please print) : _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Application is not valid without full agreement above and all appropriate signatures.
Remember to keep a copy of your application for your records. Applications will not be returned.*

Deadline Reminder:

This Scholarship application must be *completed and submitted in full with all appropriate signatures and supporting documentation* to the CHSN Guidance Office by **Monday, 3/11/24 at 2:15pm for consideration.**

RESUME EXAMPLE

Emerson Smith
1 Blueberry Drive
New City, NY 10956
Cell: (555) 555-5555
Email: e.smith304@provider.com

EDUCATION

Clarkstown High School North
151 Congers Road, New City, NY 10956
Graduation Date: June 2024
Cumulative GPA: 94.3, weighted

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Quiz Bowl Team: Co-Captain, 2024; team placed 1st at SCC-Beatrice Competition
Science Olympiad: 1st place, individual, 2021
National History Day: regional competition, 1st place, 2023
National Honor Society: 11th, 12th
Spanish Honor Society: 12th (anticipated)

ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Football: Junior Varsity, 9th; Varsity, 10th, 11th, 12th.
Baseball: 9th, 10th, 12th (Team Captain)

Performing Arts

9th: Ensemble Villager, “Shrek”
10th: Understudy for Lead of Danny Zuko, “Grease”
NYSMA Award, 2022

Clubs

Spanish Club: 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th
VAASA: 11th, 12th

OFFICES/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Yearbook Club: 9th (Secretary), 10th (Treasurer), 11th & 12th (President)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout 2023
People to People: packed food for distribution, 20 weekends/year, 2022, 2023
Taught at CCSD elementary afterschool program 2019-2022

HOBBIES

Fishing, Computer Games, Guitar, Traveling (Costa Rica with Spanish Club, 2022)

EMPLOYMENT

Stock Clerk, Stop & Shop, New City. Responsibilities include stocking shelves with canned goods and produce; cleaning up spills. Must be punctual and conscientious. 12 hours/week, January 2021 – present.
Camp Counselor, Sunny Days Day Camp, West Nyack. Responsible for keeping twelve 8-year olds safe and on schedule for 8 hours/day, 5 days/week, 8 weeks/summer; 2023 and 2024 (anticipated).