



Scholarship Guidelines

The OTHS PTSA is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to graduating Seniors. The goal of the PTSA Scholarship is to provide financial support to those individual students who display exemplary leadership, academic ability, and service. Each year, the Executive Board reviews finances and determines the number of scholarships available. Each scholarship amount is \$1000. Below are the requirements for application for this scholarship.

Requirements for All Applicants:

Must be an OTHS graduate during the year of the award and have attended OTHS for his/her entire senior year.

Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher, weighted or unweighted.

Submit a written application form with a typed essay attached.

Ensure application is dated and time stamped by the Tompkins Main Office receptionist and turned into the Tompkins Main Office, **no later than April 5th** of their senior year.

Must be a member in good/current standing of the OTHS PTSA for the entire time as a student at OTHS. At least one parent/guardian must also be a member of OTHS PTSA in good/current standing for every year of the student's OTHS career.

Must attend an accredited college, university or technical school.

Applicants receiving a full-ride scholarship will not be considered for the PTSA scholarship. Should the student receive a full scholarship after being awarded the PTSA scholarship, the student is required to return the PTSA scholarship in full.

Scholarships are paid directly to the university, college, or technical school. (Please be aware that some schools may choose to split the scholarship between the Fall and Spring semester. OTHS PTSA has no control over this.)

The student must complete **20 hours of cumulative volunteer service** by the time this scholarship application is submitted. Applicants should have all volunteer hours for this scholarship recorded on x2Vol at www.x2vol.com. All student hours MUST be submitted for approval within 90 days of the service event. Transfer students should contact either the PTSA President or VP of Volunteers for information about how many hours they are required to have.

Volunteer Hours Details

Of the 20 hours that are required, a minimum of 10 hours should be specifically for OTHS PTSA. Please regularly check the PTSA website at www.tompkinshptspta.org for volunteer opportunities.

- Specific OTHS PTSA service/volunteer hours include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Attending Tompkins PTSA meetings
 - Volunteering at PTSA-sponsored events (i.e., PTSA programs, fundraisers, etc.)
 - Volunteering for PTSA at school-sponsored events (i.e., selling spirit wear at New Falcon Camp, Open House, Falcon Frenzy, Incoming Freshman night, etc.)
 - Providing homemade or store-bought treats for PTSA Hospitality events, such as pies for teachers, Christmas dessert bar, etc.
 - Participating as grade-level Student Reps and attending monthly board meetings (typically held during enrichment)
- The remaining 10 hours can be hours that support the following organizations:
 - OTHS PTSA
 - Tompkins High School (but not specific clubs if the applicant is a member of that club)
 - PTA-sponsored events at other Katy ISD schools
- Service/volunteer hours submitted can not be used/applied to any other organization (ie Force/NHS) .



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Examples of Volunteer Hours *(for illustrative purposes only; this list is not meant to be comprehensive)*

Examples of Hours that do NOT Qualify:

- Chris is in band. Chris volunteers to help at the OTHS band fundraiser. Since Chris is in the OTHS band, and the hours benefit the OTHS band, these hours do not qualify.
- Chris is in NHS, and volunteers to help the homecoming committee create signs for homecoming. Chris uses these hours as part of the "required hours" for NHS. Since the hours are used for another organization, the hours do not qualify.

Examples of Hours that DO Qualify:

- Chris signs up to sell spirit wear for OTHS PTSA at a football game. These hours qualify for OTHS PTSA service/volunteer hours.
- Chris is in band, and volunteers at a FFA event. These hours are eligible and applied to the hours that benefit Tompkins High School.
- Chris volunteers for Tompkins organizations such as Teacher Appreciation (making homemade treats) or Project Grad. These hours are eligible and are applied to the hours that benefit Tompkins High School.
- Chris volunteers for a KISD Junior High International Night or Elementary School Carnival, both of which events are sponsored by their respective PTAs. These hours are eligible and applied to the hours that benefit Tompkins High School.
- Chris is in NHS, and volunteers to help the homecoming committee create signs for homecoming. Chris does not count these hours toward NHS, only toward PTSA hours. These hours are eligible and applied to the hours that benefit Tompkins High School.

If you are unsure whether your hours qualify for the PTSA scholarship, please contact either the PTSA President, president@tompkinhsptsa.org, or the VP of Volunteers, volunteers@tompkinhsptsa.org, for verification. For Membership verification, please contact membership@tompkinhsptsa.org