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# IOWA PTA H. L. TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP

**The H. L. Taylor Scholarships are intended as grants to assist deserving students in post high school education.**

**To be eligible for consideration**, an individual must be a graduating senior of an Iowa public high school (or equivalent of an accredited Iowa public institution) and be considered a resident of the state of Iowa for one year prior to graduation. The student's high school must be in a school district that has a PTA within the district. The scholarship must be used for full-time study at an accredited Iowa college or university, Iowa area vocational school, or other post high school training institution. Students attending institutions that train for specific professions are considered eligible as long as the institutions are licensed by the state of Iowa and have proper professional recognition. Applicants are not limited to any specific field.

Eligible persons may request applications from the Iowa PTA Office, 5619 NW 86<sup>th</sup> #600, Johnston, IA 50131-2955

or access the application at:

<http://www.iowapta.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=iowaPTA.scholarships>

The completed application, with the necessary personal letter, achievement example, transcripts, and personal reference letters, should be **MAILED ALL TOGETHER IN ONE MAILING**, and postmarked no later than February 1; no faxes accepted. Winners will be notified by April 1.

**Grants will be given not to exceed \$500.** Checks will be made payable to the institution the recipient has designated as his/her choice of school. The number of grants given each year and the amount will depend on funds which are available to the Iowa PTA in any given year.

Final selection will be made by a committee of five people, one of whom shall be a member of the Iowa PTA Leadership Team. Two of the five judges shall be educators or guidance counselors serving at either the high school or college level. Appointments to the selection committee are to be made by the President of the Iowa PTA.

**Selection of recipients will be based on the following:**

1. Financial need.
2. Academic record.
3. Intention to enroll as a full-time student at any accredited Iowa college or university, area vocational school or other post high school training.
4. Student in a PTA school district.
5. Potential for candidate in his/her chosen field.
6. References and complete application materials.
7. Involvement in extra curricular and community activities.
8. PTA Parental involvement throughout student's school years.

**Three letters of reference are required.** Letters may come from, but are not limited to: teachers, principals, counselors, superintendents, community leaders and employers. Letters of reference must be mailed with the application to the Iowa PTA Office and postmarked no later than February 1, no faxes accepted.

**Candidates must attach a personal letter** giving a short biography and an explanation of why the candidate is applying for a scholarship. Information also must be included regarding why the candidate has selected his/her chosen vocation.

**Candidate must attach one example of their ability in any field**, i.e., an award in extracurricular activities, a project for academic classes or outside activities, a written assignment from a class (copies only as these will not be returned).

**Include high school transcript.**

MAIL ENTIRE APPLICATION INCLUDING REFERENCES AND TRANSCRIPT IN ONE MAILING.

**For more information contact Iowa PTA**

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