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To: Scholarship Applicants

From: Iowa PTA

Subject: Iowa PTA H. L. Taylor Scholarship Application

The Iowa PTA is pleased about your interest in applying for a scholarship from the Iowa PTA Scholarship Fund. The fund was established in 1974 in memory of Mr. H. L. Taylor, husband of Neva Taylor, past Executive Secretary for the Iowa PTA. The purpose is to help recipients accomplish their diverse educational goals.

The next pages give you detailed instructions on filling out your application and submitting the other pertinent information needed to apply for the scholarship.

You are eligible to apply for the scholarship if you are a public high school senior and there is currently an active PTA in your school district. This would include an elementary, middle school, junior high or a senior high school PTA.

If you are selected to receive a scholarship from Iowa PTA, you will be invited to attend an awards ceremony at the Iowa PTA Convention.

It is very important to follow directions carefully and submit your application on time. Your application and all pertinent information should be sent to info@iowapta.org with the subject line Iowa PTA Scholarship by February 1st. Some excellent candidates have been disqualified by not following directions. Please review the process carefully.

If you have any questions call the Iowa PTA office at 319-573-0049.

Good Luck!

Iowa PTA Scholarship Committee
The H. L. Taylor Scholarship is a grant awarded to Iowa students to assist in post-secondary 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:
P.O. Box 10634, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52410

The application is available online at:
http://www.iowapta.org/index.php/programs/scholarships

The completed application, including personal letter, achievement example, and transcripts must be emailed to info@iowapta.org by February 1st. Winners will be notified by March 1st. Winners will be invited to attend a ceremony at the Iowa PTA Convention following the acceptance of the award.

Grants awarded will not to exceed $500 per individual. Checks will be made payable to the institution the recipient has documented as their choice of school. The number of grants given each year and the amount awarded will be determined annually by the Scholarship Committee of the Iowa PTA.

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 Scholarship 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 emailed to the info@iowapta.org by February 1st.

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 their 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 (Please include copies only. These items will not be returned).

Include high school transcript.

EMAIL ENTIRE APPLICATION INCLUDING TRANSCRIPT IN ONE MAILING.

For more information contact Iowa PTA.
Phone: (319) 573-0049
Email: info@iowapta.org
**Iowa PTA - H.L. Taylor Scholarship**
(Please type or print clearly)

**Deadline: February 1st**

Applicant must be a graduating senior of an Iowa public high school that has a PTA in the school district and must be a resident of the state of Iowa for one year prior to graduation. Applicant must be a PTA or PTSA member in Iowa or be sponsored by a PTA member (parent, guardian, teacher or other PTA or PTSA member). The scholarship must be used for full-time study at an accredited Iowa college, university, vocational school, or other post-secondary training institution. Students attending institutions that train for specific professions are considered eligible if the institutions are licensed by the state of Iowa and have proper professional recognition. Awards will not exceed $500. The number of grants given, and the amount will be determined annually by the IPTA Scholarship Committee. Selection is based upon financial need, academic record, candidate’s potential to succeed in chosen field, references, extra-curricular involvement, community activities and parental PTA involvement.

If any of your responses require additional space, you may attach extra sheets. Be sure to label clearly.

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name _______________________________________________ Telephone(_____)________________________ (last) (first) (middle)

Permanent Address ____________________________________________________________

Date and place of birth: ________________________________________________________

How long have you been a resident of Iowa? _____________________ (years and months)

Family’s adjusted gross income (from last year’s tax return) - REQUIRED $ __________

Number of siblings still at home: ___ Total # of family members in college next year (including applicant): __

Father or guardian’s name and occupation: _______________________________________

Mother or guardian’s name and occupation: ______________________________________

Are you a current PTA Member?    Yes       No    Are you sponsored by a current PTA Member?    Yes       No

Please list name of PTA member or sponsor and PTA unit: ______________________________

Institution you are planning to attend for the coming year: ___________________________

Address of institution: ___________________________________________________________

State briefly your future educational plans and goals: _________________________________

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**EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

High School (Name and Address):
____________________________________________________________________________________

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Have you earned college credit in high school? Yes       No

If “Yes”, include information with transcript.

**PERSONAL LETTER**

Please attach a personal letter giving a short biography and an explanation as to why you are applying for this scholarship. Include a paragraph explaining why you have selected your chosen vocation. This must be typed to be considered for scholarship.
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ACHIEVEMENT EXAMPLE
Please attach one example of your 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 (Please include a copy as this will not be returned). This is a requirement to be considered for scholarship.

TRANSCRIPT
A copy of your high school transcript.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HONORS
List no more than ten on a separate sheet. (Do NOT send copies or examples.) This must be typed.

STUDENT/PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN PTA
PTA membership years for yourself and/or parents. (Specific number of years you or your parents were members of the local PTA.) Also include leadership/committee positions throughout student’s school years. (Please be specific. Officer positions held and number of years you held each position and committee positions held and number of years you served on or led the committee.)

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PAID WORK EXPERIENCE (Employment Record)
Type of Work
Dates
Location

______________________________________________________________________________________________

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REFERENCES
Three (3) letters of reference are required. Letters may come from, but are not limited to, teachers, principals, counselors, superintendents, community leaders, and employers. The letters of references should be included in the single mailing with all other application materials.

List the persons from whom you have requested letters of reference.

Name
Address
Title
Relationship to Applicant

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Email completed application form, transcript, achievement example, personal letter, list of extracurricular activities and honors, and letters of reference to: info@iowapta.org with Subject Line IOWA PTA SCHOLARSHIP. If you have questions call: (319) 573-0049

Deadline for all materials: February 1st

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________