

SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WEST PTSA COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

What is the purpose of the Smithtown High School West PTSA?

The central purpose of the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. NYS PTA is to “promote excellence in education and quality of life for children.”

What is the intent of this scholarship?

The intent of this scholarship is to recognize those SHSW campus students who exemplify the spirit of the SHSW PTSA through community service performed with any organization or an after-school club. The applicant is advised to complete this application thoroughly and thoughtfully because the selection of recipients of this scholarship will be determined by the community service description in this application, as well as personal statement provided. The applicant need not perform community service with both an organization and club, nor hold an office in any organization, to be eligible for this scholarship.

Who should apply?

Any graduating student in the SHSW Class of 2024. **APPLICANTS MUST HAVE JOINED THE SHSW PTSA AS STUDENT MEMBERS BY March 1, 2024.**

When is the application deadline?

The completed application must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the SHSW PTSA mailbox in the main office by **Friday, March 8, 2024**. **Please put a valid email address on the front of the envelope.** We will send you an email to confirm receipt.

How are winners selected?

Recipients will be selected anonymously. All students' names will be removed from all application materials and each student will be assigned a number. A committee made up of members of the SHSW PTSA will review all applications. This scholarship is not based on academic achievement or financial need. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the Smithtown High School Senior Awards Night.

How much is the scholarship?

Each recipient will receive a scholarship of no less than \$250.00.

Questions regarding this scholarship?

If you have any questions, please contact the PTSA president: Mary Purchacki at fmrp109@verizon.net.

Use the link below to purchase the PTSA membership:

<https://shsw.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

Applicant number assigned upon receipt: _____

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CHECKLIST:

- Print this sheet and check each box after completing each of the tasks
- Fill out the entire first page, including your membership, either by pen or typed
- See the “Reference Example” page at the end of this application
- This application should be filled out neatly.
- All sections must be completed and answered to the best of your ability. Do not leave anything blank.
- Sign and date the signature line
- Print out your completed application and make a copy for yourself to keep
- Put the completed application in an envelope. On the envelope, please write your name and a valid email address. We will send you an email to confirm receipt of your application.
- Submit the envelope to the main office PTSA Mailbox by: **March 8, 2024**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

PTSA Member Order Number: _____

***To find your membership order number, please search the email you used when becoming a member, then search for: "member hub" or "no-reply@memberhub.com" Your order number is listed on the top left of the email.*

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In a few sentences, please tell us what your plans are after graduation?

I certify that I, myself, have completed this application and all information supplied on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant with Today's Date

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**Fill out one of these forms for each club/organization demonstrating community service. *Please reference an example on the last page of this application.*

Club or Volunteer Organization:

Grades Involved:

Leadership Role (if any):

How often does the club/organization meet:

Organization/club contact with phone number or email address:

Please list the specific volunteer work you performed during your involvement in the club or organization: (Example: Placed flags on the graves of veterans, handed out breast cancer awareness ribbons at a cancer walk, collected donations for a food drive, created a fundraiser for the Smithtown Food Pantry, volunteered at the Special Olympics, etc.)

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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

In several sentences or a few paragraphs, please tell us how volunteering at Smithtown High School West and/or within the community has had a personal impact on you?

****REFERENCE/EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PAGE****

****Use this page as an example for your community service involvement. When filling in your application, you can print a separate sheet for each club or organization or skip a few lines and then put the next community service right underneath. ****

Club: DECA

Grades Involved: 10, 11, 12

Leadership Role: Social Media Coordinator, Grade 11

Meets: Weekly

Advisor: Mrs. Wood, cwood@smithtown.k12.ny.us

- **Volunteered at Safe Halloween in 2022 and 2021**
- **Helped at the Homecoming Carnival 2022, 2021, and 2020**
- **Collected food for the Thanksgiving food drive and wrapped toys during the holidays**
- **Sold candy canes and duck donuts on my free periods**

Club: Boy Scouts Troop 340

Grades Involved: 9, 10, 11, 12

Meets: Weekly

Advisor: Scoutmaster Joseph Smith, jsmith@verizon.net

- **Marched in the Memorial Day and Veteran's Parades 2023, 2021, 2020**
- **Placed flags at Calverton Cemetery for Memorial Day 2019**
- **Sold Wreaths and trees after mass each weekend in December 2023, 2021**
- **Assisted other scouts with their Eagle Scout Projects**

Organization: Making Strides of Long Island, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Grade: 12

Contact: N/A

- **Raised \$200 for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at Jones Beach**
- **Prior to the walk, I handed out pink ribbons to anyone who was participating**
- **Walked with my family and my neighbors to support my aunt**

Club: Smithtown High School West Interact Club

Grades Involved: 11, 12

Meets: Weekly, but more during service events

Advisor: Mrs. Havranek, jhavranek@smithtown.k12.ny.us

- **Made signs and hung them around HSW to advertise our Thanksgiving Food Drive**
- **Sorted and boxed all donated items for families in our community**