

Rich South – High School Senior Scholarship Criteria

All candidates for the Rich South Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Submit a complete Scholarship Application by **Wednesday, April 7, 2010**.
2. Write a 300 word or more essay clearly stated, how the requirements of the category for which you are applying were successfully met. Applicants should include what their experience has taught them or how it has prepared them for the next phase of their life. They should also include how they plan to use the scholarship.
3. Graduating High School Senior, one award per student.
4. Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or better. Copy of an official high school transcript and attendance record required. Resume (optional).
5. Letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment at an accredited college or vocational trade school.*

Parents/Guardian of applicants must be PTSO members with membership dues paid in full, and proof of volunteering for 4 school sponsored events to be considered.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
January 25, 2010	Submission and Review of Scholarship materials by Scholarship Committee members
January 26, 2010	Return completed corrected for distribution
January 30, 2010	Distribute scholarship applications to counselors for distribution to senior students. Place on PTSO web-site.
April 7, 2010	Application Deadline—submit completed scholarship application to office PTSO Box or Counselor
April 8, 2010	Pick-up completed student scholarship applications from PTSO Box or Counselor
April 8, 2010	PTSO Meeting Distribute scholarship applications to committee for review.
April 15, 2010	Scholarship committee judges will meet at school to discuss applications and select winners.
April 19, 2010	Contact senior program committee to place names of scholarship winners in the senior program.
*May 2010 Day TBA	Senior Award Ceremony—PTSO scholarship winners will receive their Awards Letter tonight. When enrollment verification letter with the raised school stamp from the Offices of the Registrar from an accredited college or vocational trade school is received your scholarship will be given to you.

2009/2010 APPLICATION

Rich South PTSO Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors. Listed are the categories the committee will consider: academic performance, civic performance, innovation performance, citizenship performance and non-traditional performance. Students can apply for all categories but only one scholarship will be awarded. To receive scholarship student must gain an acceptance letter from the Offices of the Registrar from an accredited college or vocational trade school during the 2009/2010 school year stating that you are enrolled full-time. The verification letter must have the raised school stamp from the Offices of the Registrar. When all information is received your scholarship will be given to you.

Application Deadline

1. Applications must be returned no later than April 7, 2010
2. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Applicants are responsible for returning the entire completed application to the MAIN OFFICE PTSO BOX or Counselor

Essay Requirements

- In 300 words or more on a separate sheet of paper clearly state the scholarship category for which you are applying with an explanation of how the requirements were successfully met.
- Essay should include what their experience has taught them or how it has prepared them for the next phase of their life. They should also include how they plan to use the scholarship.
- Essay must be type-written, double-spaced, Times Roman, 12 font, 1 inch margins.

Scholarship Categories

Academics

1. Student exhibits academic excellence in course work, maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or better.
2. Student has involvement in at least two extracurricular school activities.
3. Student should provide three teacher references to attest to the above (participation and quality of contribution).

Civic

1. Student has community involvement in three projects over high school life for which no pay was received (which may or may not involve Rich South – i.e. hospital/nursing home volunteer, tutor, volunteer at area shelter, church ministry, village peer mediator, big brother/big sister, assisting elderly/disabled, etc.).
2. Student has maintained a GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Student should provide three community or Rich South H.S. references to attest to the above.

Innovation

1. Student has proven record of creativity within Rich South H.S. Promoting the school and its reputation, its continued viability and student/staff morale. Examples include creating banners/posters for special event, designing logos for school, creating newsletter, initiating fundraising effort for special school cause, or etc.
2. Student has maintained a GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Student should provide letter of validation from teacher, counselor or church social group.

Citizenship

1. Student is a positive role model to others concerning good conduct.
2. Student exhibits leadership qualities.
3. Student has maintained a GPA of 2.5 or better.
4. Student has maintained a high standard of good behavior, excellent and noteworthy character, and moral values.
5. Student has an excellent attendance record. Less than six tardies and six unexcused absences per academic year.
6. Student should provide three community or Rich South H.S. references to attest to the above.

Non-Traditional

Any course of study not typically pursued by males or females, example: **male** studying Nursing, Paralegal, Radiology Tech, Dental Assisting, Medical Coding/Billing/Records, **female** studying Engineering, Electrician, Fire Fighter/Fire Science, Chef/Culinary Arts.

Also, any course of study not typically pursued in college –examples: Aircraft Mechanic, Graphic Arts, Web design, Fine Arts, Photography, Auto Technician, Veterinary Science, Mortuary Science, HVAC, EMT and etc.

1. Student is pursuing a non-traditional career choice.
2. Student exhibits leadership.
3. Student has maintained a GPA of 2.5 or better.
4. Student should provide letter of acceptance that will verify they are in the program.

RICH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. STUDENT ID#

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____
 First Middle Last

Birth Date: _____ Birthplace: _____
 Month Day Year City, State, Country

Address: _____
 Street Apt. City State Zip code

Home Phone #: _____ e-mail address: _____

II. ACADEMIC RECORD

High School GPA _____

College/University you have applied for admission.

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Educational Objective (intended college Major) _____ Minor: _____

Vocational Trade institutions you have applied for admission:

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Area(s) of Interest _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature