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# PTSA Scholarships

For Sherwood Seniors – Class of 2017

# Apply Now

**Submission Deadline: March 1, 2017**

Download the application at <http://sherwoodptsa.org/scholarship/>

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## CONTRIBUTE TO THE PTSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Invest in our graduates' continuing education with a gift to "Sherwood PTSA – Scholarship Fund"

Donations gratefully accepted at [sherwoodptsa.org/membership-and-direct-appeal-campaign/](http://sherwoodptsa.org/membership-and-direct-appeal-campaign/)

To sponsor a new scholarship or make awards to seniors through Sherwood PTSA, please email:

[rmacgill@verizon.net](mailto:rmacgill@verizon.net)

## SHERWOOD PTSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – CLASS OF 2017

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**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017 TO [rmacgill@verizon.net](mailto:rmacgill@verizon.net)**

**ELIGIBILITY** – Graduating Sherwood seniors may apply to PTSA for scholarships to continue their education at an accredited university, college, vocational school or other organized instructional program that meets requirements for federal student aid.

**SELECTION CRITERIA** – Sherwood PTSA scholarship committee outlines factors to consider in evaluating all applicants: Financial need, scholastic achievement, school activities, community action, leadership, potential, special considerations (such as employment history, second-semester performance and other sources of financial aid) and stipulations of sponsored scholarships. The committee selects indicators based on these criteria, which evaluators use to make award decisions. Sponsors have the right to change award criteria and amounts and may choose not to make awards.

**APPLICATION PROCESS** – Information provided on the application is strictly confidential.

- **Apply by email.** Download the application. Answer all questions in 10- to 12-point font. Where indicated, you may add lines or pages to include more information. Save and send your file titled as: *Student Last Name, First Name, Application* For assistance, email Randall MacGill (PTSA president) at [rmacgill@verizon.net](mailto:rmacgill@verizon.net) or Stephanie Gelfand at [Stephanie\\_S\\_Gelfand@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_S_Gelfand@mcpsmd.org).
- **Fill out a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#).** Students who file are more likely to attend college. Those who file early have access to more money. It takes about a half hour and will result in a [Student Aid Report](#) (sent three to ten days later) with your [Expected Family Contribution](#), a standard calculation used to make needs-based awards. Students are encouraged to complete your FAFSA [Student Aid Report](#). However, this should NOT be submitted with this scholarship application.
- **Submit **two letters of recommendation**.** One must be from a Sherwood staff member. Ask for recommendations early. Send the letters as attachments with your application email, titled:  
*Student Last Name, First Name, Staff*  
*Student Last Name, First Name, Second*  
PTSA will accept letters sent directly from recommenders to [rmacgill@verizon.net](mailto:rmacgill@verizon.net) by **February 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Ask the Sherwood registrar to provide your **complete high school transcript** to the PTSA scholarship committee by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Students may be asked to participate in an **interview**.
- **Incomplete or late applications** will not be accepted. False information will invalidate your candidacy. Students and parents may be asked to provide additional documentation to verify information.
- Scholarship recipients will receive an **email notification and award letter**. Funds will be disbursed according to procedures detailed in the letter. Awards will be announced the year-end school ceremony. Recipients and their families will receive an invitation to the awards ceremony from Sherwood High School.

**EMAIL YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017 TO [rmacgill@verizon.net](mailto:rmacgill@verizon.net)**

In the subject line of the email write: *Student Last Name, First Name, Application*. Attach the following files:

- **Application** with attestation and responses to all questions. Save the file as: *Student Last Name, First Name, Application*
- **Personal Statement** discussing potential. Saved the file as: *Student Last Name, First Name, Statement*
- **Choice Submission** that further illustrates your perspective and qualifications. Send either a favorite college admissions essay or another representative work sample. Save the file as: *Student Last Name, First Name, Choice*
- **Letter of recommendation from a Sherwood staff member**, saved as: *Student Last Name, First Name, Staff*
- **Second letter of recommendation**, saved as: *Student Last Name, First Name, Second*

## SHERWOOD PTSA ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The Sherwood PTSA Scholarship Committee bylaws of 2016 outline several factors to consider in evaluating all applicants (listed in no particular order):

- ✓ Financial need
- ✓ Scholastic achievement
- ✓ School activities
- ✓ Community action
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Potential
- ✓ Special considerations (such as employment history, second-semester performance, other sources of financial aid)
- ✓ Stipulations established by sponsors of memorial funds, endowments and community scholarships

PTSA receives generous contributions to its scholarship fund from members and community donors, as well as proceeds from the Rock and Roll Revival mid-week matinee. In addition, many local businesses, organizations and families sponsor scholarships – each with different criteria and stipulations for payment. The PTSA scholarship committee selects indicators for each of these criteria, which volunteer- and sponsor-evaluators use to make award decisions. Sponsors have the right to change awards, criteria and amounts – and may choose NOT to make awards.

## PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SHERWOOD GRADUATES IN 2016

These and other awards MAY be available to seniors graduating in 2017. Criteria and amounts are subject to change. A full list of 2017 scholarships will be posted at [SherwoodPTSA.org](http://SherwoodPTSA.org) by February 28<sup>th</sup> or sooner, upon receipt of sponsor funds and terms.

**American Legion Post #68 Scholarship (\$1000 award)** – for a senior who has done his or her best academically, has demonstrated financial need and is dedicated to the principles of good citizenship and patriotism.

**Carolyn Barnsley Pemberton Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500 award)** – In memory of a Carolyn Barnsley Pemberton, this scholarship is funded by her children Michael Pemberton and Winnie Kennedy. It honors a student who has demonstrated musical excellence, displayed an intention of pursuing studies in music and achieved overall academic excellence.

**Christina Fuller Moore Memorial Scholarship (\$500 award)** – for a student with academic excellence, promise and demonstrated capacity to use money wisely, who has already been accepted at an accredited institution of higher education.

**Frederick H. “Tank” Schultze Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 award)** – Tank Schultze was a counselor, football coach and sports enthusiast at Sherwood for 18 years before retiring in 1992. He had a special gift for reaching difficult students. The Schultze Memorial is given annually to a senior who exhibits athletic promise or has made valuable contributions to the athletic program, has overcome adversity in life, and demonstrates willingness to help others.

**Kristen Repass Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 award)** – Kristen was a member of the Sherwood Pompon Squad. She was killed in an automobile accident in March 1984 during her junior year. Her mother, Donna, is well known in the community, having served as PTSA president and sponsor of the pompons until 1990. The family has set the criteria for award of this scholarship to a pompon or cheerleader pursuing a degree in psychology, social work, counseling or education.

**Loretta Ann Colwell Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 award)** – rewards a graduate who intends to pursue education as a major in college. The student has a shining record of community service and demonstrated financial need.

**MedStar Montgomery Medical Staff Scholarship (two \$1000 awards)** – for seniors pursuing studies that lead to careers in health care.

**Olney Kiwanis Scholarship (\$1000 award)** – for a student who has made contributions through community service, who has demonstrated needs and has a scholastic record that merits recognition.

**Olney Lions Scholarship (two \$1000 awards)** – for seniors who serve their community, have demonstrated financial need and maintain academic excellence.

**Olney Boys & Girls Club - Martha Bennett Memorial Scholarship (\$500 award)** – for a scholar and athlete who exhibits good sportsmanship, character and excellence on the soccer field. Martha Bennett was the mother of four boys in the Sherwood cluster who were active in the Olney Soccer Club. When she passed away the family and club set up a fund to provide scholarships in her name. In 2006, Olney Soccer Club became part of OBGC, which continues to support the scholarship.

**Olney Boys & Girls Club - Blake Conrad Memorial Scholarship (\$500 award)** – for a scholar and athlete who exhibits good sportsmanship, character and excellence in the field. Blake was a 2012 Sherwood graduate and member of the football team. He served in the 1st Battalion 175th Infantry Regiment of the Maryland Army National Guard and attended Montgomery College. An avid sports fan and enthusiastic OBGC football coach, Blake passed away in May 2016.

**Richard Kimmel Scholarship (\$5,000 award - renewable for three years)** – The Richard Kimmel Endowment Fund is part of The Community Foundation of the National Capital Region. The scholarship may be renewed annually for three years for a total of \$20,000. Recipients have (1) demonstrated financial need; (2) an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher; (3) history of steady or improving annual GPA; (4) intention to pursue a career that will benefit others; (5) described their efforts yielding steady or improving grades; and (6) discussed the impact a school staff member has made on his/her life.

**Rosa Parks Middle School Scholarship (\$500 award)** – Funded by its PTA, this award is for a student who attended Rosa Parks at least two full years, demonstrates academic excellence and is involved in the school and community.

**Sherwood PTSA - Ray Constantino Memorial Scholarship (\$500 award)** – honors a student who exemplifies commitment to service and has cultivated an approach to discovery and personal growth through self-reliance, learning-by-doing, teamwork and compassion. Ray was a much loved and respected counselor at Sherwood. After his death in 1995, PTSA named this scholarship in recognition of his contributions to the Sherwood community through involvement with service projects, including Outward Bound, a leadership program that uses the wilderness as a classroom.

**Sherwood PTSA - Norma Miller Memorial Scholarship (\$500 award)** – for a senior who shows leadership potential and is involved in musical programs. Norma was a parent of three girls who attended Sherwood. She was responsible for establishing the scholarship program in 1970, which has grown to support hundreds of Sherwood graduates. Norma played a significant role in the Music Boosters and Rock and Roll Revival – instituting the mid-week matinee PTSA show, from which proceeds are contributed to the PTSA general scholarship fund. Though she died in 1998, her contributions continue to bring music and learning opportunities to Sherwood students and community.

**Sherwood PTSA - General Scholarship Fund (varies based on funding)** – Based on availability of funds, PTSA provides scholarships to honor students who have accomplished a unique 'personal best' and assist those with unmet financial need. PTSA considers anticipated cost of attendance, expected family contribution and other sources of aid. Evaluators look for evidence of achievement, special accomplishments, individual learning experiences that merit recognition, potential to contribute to community, commitment to continuing education and the student's approach to lifelong learning.

**Sandy Spring Bank Scholarship (\$500 award)** – for a senior pursuing a business, accounting or related major.

**Sandy Spring Lions Scholarship (two \$1500 awards)** – recognizing students with academic excellence, a history of community involvement (preferably, with participation in the Leo Club) and demonstrated financial need.

**Tanterra Home Owners Association - Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship (\$500 award)** – for a member or associate member of the Tanterra Home Owners Association who is involved in the community and has a record of academic excellence.