



Phillip O. Berry
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**PTSA Senior
Scholarship
Application
Packet**

Class of 2014

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA 2014 Scholarship Announcement, Guidelines, & Application

Phillip O. Berry High School Seniors - Class of 2014

The Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA (“POB PTSA”) is pleased to offer the opportunity for the Senior Class of 2014 to apply for merit-based scholarships, totaling \$5,500. These scholarships shall be awarded to graduating seniors who will continue their education at a two (2) or four (4) year accredited college, vocational or technical school or other accredited post-secondary program, meet the qualifications and are selected by the POB PTSA Scholarship Committee.

The scholarships listed below are awarded one time and are not renewable. Scholarship funds will be made payable in the name of the student **and** their selected institution. These funds may only be applied to the student’s tuition, books or associated educational fees.

The list of available scholarships and minimum requirements are as follows:

Medical Science Academy

- **The Julius Tokunboh Science Award:**

Grace Medical Clinics, P.A. is providing four (4) scholarships for The Julius Tokunboh Science Award in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the field of medical science as made evident through strong academic and community involvement. The applicant must have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.75 and complete the scholarship application. Recipients must be available Saturday, May 24th to attend and be recognized at Grace Medical Clinic’s community event.

Engineering Academy

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship:**

One scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 shall be awarded. The applicants must have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.5.

- **Outstanding Leadership Service Scholarship:**

One scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 shall be awarded. The applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service and have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.0.

Information Technology Academy

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship:**

One academic scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 shall be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.5.

- **Outstanding Leadership Service Scholarship:**

One scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 shall be awarded. The applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service and have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.0.

Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Process Overview:

1. The POB PTSA scholarship process is coordinated by the PTSA's Scholarship Committee. All decisions made by this Committee are final.
2. All information provided with the application is considered personal and will remain confidential.
3. Student ID numbers will be used to review and score applications by external reviewers.
4. The POB PTSA Scholarships are merit-based and financial need is not considered.
5. All applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail by April 30th stating that their application has been received.
6. The POB PTSA Scholarship Committee will notify all scholarship award recipients and non-recipients via e-mail by May 16th.
7. Scholarship award recipients will be recognized at the Senior Awards Program on May 23rd. Recipients of The Julius Tokunboh Science Award will also be recognized at the Grace Medical Clinic *Community Day* event on May 24th.

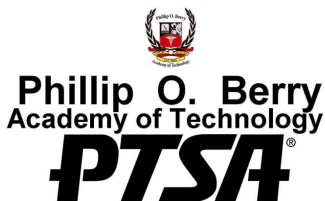
Award Guidelines for all POB PTSA scholarships:

1. Scholarship money will be sent directly to the college or university by the POB PTSA upon verification of enrollment.
2. Upon notification of the scholarship award, the student will need to provide his/her social security number, the name and address of the university student plans to attend, and the name of the person or office to whom the check shall be sent.
3. During the summer of 2014, upon verification of enrollment, the POB PTSA Scholarship award funds will be distributed to the college/university selected by the student awarded said scholarship.
4. If the student fails to enroll and/or does not receive acceptance to the college/university for which the scholarship monies were applied for, the POB PTSA scholarship monies awarded shall be immediately returned to the POB PTSA scholarship fund.
5. If the student changes his/her college choice, for which the POB PTSA scholarship was awarded, the student shall immediately notify the POB PTSA Executive Board, in writing. It will be at the discretion of the POB PTSA Executive Board to transfer the funds to the new college/university.
6. In the event the POB PTSA scholarship recipient(s) has not used the scholarship at a college, university or vocational school of his/her choice by January 15, 2015, the POB PTSA scholarship monies will remain in the POB PTSA scholarship fund.

To be eligible you must:

- ✓ Be a current Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology Senior, graduating in June of 2014 and must have attended Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology, for at least the past 12 months.
- ✓ Be a current POB PTSA member and have contributed the minimum donation to the 2013-2014 "Invest in Your Child" campaign (2013-2014 donor list is available on the PTSA website, www.pobptsa.org).

- ✓ POB PTSA membership dues and “Invest in Your Child” contribution must have been received before March 31, 2014 (for the 2013-2014 school year).
- ✓ If not a current member of the POB PTSA **OR** if 2013-2014 “Invest in Your Child” contribution was not received before March 31, 2014, the applicant shall submit a \$25 payment with this application. This payment shall cover the applicant’s PTSA membership dues and 2013-2104 “Invest in Your Child” contribution.
- ✓ Have been accepted to a qualifying institution, as detailed above, for the school year beginning in August or September 2014.
- ✓ Meet requirements as specified by the scholarship for which you are applying.



**Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA
2014 Senior Scholarship Application**

Cover Page

Applicant's Student ID: _____

Applicant's Name*: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Applicant's Home Phone *: _____ Cell: _____

Parent(s) Name(s)*: _____

Home Address*: _____ Zip: _____

PTSA Member**: Yes No Invest Contribution Received (3/31)** Yes No
(If no for either, \$25 cashier's check or money order must accompany application)

Academy: _____ Engineering _____ Information Technology _____ Medical/Biotechnology

Scholarship applying for:

_____ Julius Tokunboh Science Award – Medical/Biotechnology Academy

_____ Excellence in Academics Scholarship - Engineering Academy

_____ Outstanding Leadership Scholarship - Engineering Academy

_____ Excellence in Academics Scholarship - Information Technology Academy

_____ Outstanding Leadership Scholarship - Information Technology Academy

*** 2013-2014 POB PTSA membership list and "Invest in Your Child" donor list available on the scholarship page of the POB PTSA website at www.pobptsa.org*

Post-Secondary Plans

Name and type of institution you plan to attend: 4 Yr _____ 2 Yr _____

Have you been accepted by this institution? () *Yes () No *If yes, include proof of acceptance

What is your intended major or course of study: _____

Other scholarships, financial aid, or grants awarded: _____

Academic Record

GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

ACT Score (Math & Reading): _____ SAT Score (Math & Reading): _____

GPA, Class Rank and ACT/SAT test scores need to be verified by your counselor: _____
Counselor's signature

Academic honors or awards: _____

Essay Instructions

Select one (1) of the following three essay topics. Submit a 400-500 word typewritten response, double-spaced with 1 inch margins using Times New Roman font. Essay must include your Student ID. Your essay must also address why you should be selected to receive the scholarship for which you are applying.

1. Describe a significant experience or achievement that has special meaning to you.
2. Explain why you want to pursue further education, what your career objectives are.
3. Discuss how you have been positively impacted by membership and or participation in Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA events/activities.

Academic Reference Form (1)

Phillip O. Berry PTSA Scholarship applicants must have a reference form completed by POB teachers, counselors or administrators. The reference cannot be from a relative. The letters of reference or statements must demonstrate responsibility and character.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please return this form to the applicant so he/she may submit it by the April 25, 2014 deadline.

Applicant Name: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Title of Reference: _____

The above student has requested a reference from you as a part of an application for a scholarship from the Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA.

Please answer the following (you may use an additional sheet, if necessary):

- 1. How long have you known this student and in what capacity?
- 2. Please discuss this student’s academic efforts and commitment to scholarship in terms of character and responsibility.
- 3. Why do you believe this student is deserving of this scholarship?
- 4. Additional Comments (if applicable).

Please return your recommendation statement to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal of the envelope.

Community Reference Form (2)

Phillip O. Berry PTSA Scholarship applicants must have a reference form completed by a community representative (religious leader, employer, volunteer coordinator, etc.) who is 21 years and older. The reference cannot be from a relative. The letters of reference or statements must demonstrate responsibility and character.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please return this form to the applicant so he/she may submit it by the April 25, 2014 deadline.

Applicant Name: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Title of Reference: _____

The above student has requested a reference from you as a part of an application for a scholarship from the Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA.

Please answer the following (you may use an additional sheet, if necessary):

1. How long have you known this student and in what capacity?
2. Please discuss this student's leadership and community involvement, in terms of character and responsibility.
3. Why do you believe this student is deserving of this scholarship?
4. Additional Comments (if applicable).

Please return your recommendation statement to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal of the envelope.

Signed, completed application must include the following. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated:

- Signed, completed Scholarship Application. Enter "N/A" where appropriate.
- Official copy of your high school transcript, to include the first semester of your senior year.
- Copy of university or college acceptance letter
- Verification of Community Service Hours
- Scholarship Essay
- Two completed personal reference forms:
 - ✓ One (1) from POB School teachers, counselors, or administrators.
 - ✓ One (1) from a Community Representative or Employer that speaks of your character.
- Verified PTSA membership and *Invest in Your Child* donation on record or submit a \$25 payment to the POB PTSA, in the form of a money order or cashier's check.

Please secure ALL attachments to the scholarship application by paperclip. **PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES.**

Deadline to submit packet and attachments is Friday, April 25, 2014 no later than 5:00 p.m.

- ✓ **Label your envelope: ATTN: PTSA Scholarship Committee.**
- ✓ **Drop off your application packet in the PTSA Box in the school office.**
- ✓ **Please address any questions to the Phillip O. Berry PTSA Scholarship Committee, in writing, to the PTSA mailbox in the school office or via email to berrycademyptsa@gmail.com.**

All 2014 PTSA Scholarship applicants will be notified by the Phillip O. Berry PTSA Scholarship Committee by May 16, 2014.

This application becomes the sole property of Phillip O. Berry PTSA Scholarship Committee. It is recommended you keep a copy for your files. Neither Phillip O. Berry PTSA nor the Phillip O. Berry PTSA Scholarship Committee will be responsible for materials delivered late, lost, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, or illegible.

To the best of my knowledge, all information contained herein is accurate and true.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date