



**Phillip O. Berry**  
**Academy of Technology**

**PTSA<sup>®</sup>**

# **Senior Scholarship Application Packet**

**Class of 2015**

# **Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA 2015 Scholarship Announcement, Guidelines, & Application**

## **Phillip O. Berry High School Seniors - *Class of 2015***

The Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA (“POB PTSA”) is pleased to offer the opportunity for the Senior Class of 2015 to apply for at least three (3) merit-based scholarships, totaling \$500 each. 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 not renewable. Scholarship funds will be made payable in the name of the student and their selected school. 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**

- **Outstanding Student Scholarship - \$500:**

This scholarship shall be awarded to the applicant receiving the highest score. Applicants must demonstrate leadership through extra-curricular activities, a commitment to community service and a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.5.

### **Engineering Academy**

- **Outstanding Student Scholarship – \$500:**

This scholarship shall be awarded to the applicant receiving the highest score. Applicants must demonstrate leadership through extra-curricular activities, a commitment to community service and a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.5.

### **Information Technology Academy**

- **Outstanding Student Scholarship - \$500:**

This scholarship shall be awarded to the applicant receiving the highest score. Applicants must demonstrate leadership through extra-curricular activities, a commitment to community service and a minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.5.

## **Scholarship Guidelines**

### **Eligibility:**

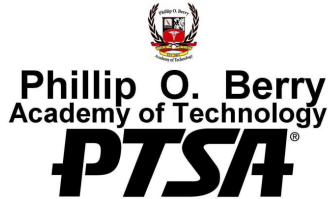
1. Applicant must be a current member of the PTSA and have contributed to the 2015 Invest in Your Child campaign.
2. Applicant must be a member of the spring graduating class of 2015.
3. Applicant must have attended Phillip O. Berry the full length of the previous year.
4. Applicant must have a cumulative weighted grade point average of 2.5 or greater.

### **Application Requirements:**

1. Complete the 2015 POB PTSA Scholarship Application. The packet includes:
  - a. Typed and signed Application Form
  - b. Official High School Transcript with grades through 1<sup>st</sup> semester
  - c. Two Recommendation Forms, (1) from a teacher or school official and (1) from a community representative, in signed sealed envelopes
  - d. Leadership potential as evidenced by school and/or community activities
  - e. Documentation
    - i. verification community service hours performed
    - ii. college acceptance letter
2. Typed essay of not more than 500 words.
3. \$25 Application fee, (cashier's check or money order) required from applicants who did not join the PTSA and contribute to the 2014-2015 Invest in Your Campaign by January 15, 2015.
4. Criteria:
  - a. Academic Achievement, Community Involvement, and Leadership Potential are equally considered.
  - b. Overall presentation, strength of recommendations and essay are important.
  - c. Bonus consideration given to applicants who have actively supported the PTSA and its initiatives.

**Guidelines:**

1. The maximum number and amount of scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Committee each year, based on the availability of funds.
2. All scholarship decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final.
3. Scholarship awards are one-time awards and not renewable.
4. POB PTSA Scholarships are merit-based and financial need is not considered.
5. Application must be complete, following the guidelines and instructions included in this packet and signed. Enter "N/A" where appropriate.
6. Applications must be submitted to the PTSA office or mailbox as one complete pack by **3:00pm, on March 31, 2015**
7. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
8. Applications will be scored by a committee of independent evaluators.
9. Confidentiality will be maintained for all information submitted.
10. All applicants will receive an e-mail by April 6<sup>th</sup> to confirm receipt of their application.
11. The Scholarship Committee will notify all 2015 POB PTSA Scholarship Award recipients and non-recipients via e-mail by **May 8, 2015**
12. Scholarship winners must return their Scholarship Acceptance Form no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Failure to do so, may forfeit your scholarship and allow it to be awarded to another applicant
13. Scholarship winners must provide Proof of Enrollment (official invoice on school letter head and includes a class schedule) at the College/University receiving the check
14. Scholarship winners will be recognized at the Senior Awards Program on May 22, 2015
15. Scholarship checks will be **issued by June 30<sup>th</sup>**, made payable to the College and mailed to the Student's permanent address.
16. Scholarship winners must notify the Scholarship Committee if there is any change or delay in enrolling.



## Cover Page

# 2015 Scholarship Application

Scholarship applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Student Scholarship - *Engineering Academy*

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Student Scholarship - *Information Technology Academy*

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Student Scholarship - *Medical Academy*

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  Yes  No (by January 15, 2015)

*If "No" to either, is your \$25 application fee included with this application*  Yes  No

Specify what 2014-2015 PTSA activities you have supported and how you impacted the PTSA goals:

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*Limit responses to this sheet.*

**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**

Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_      Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Essay Instructions**

Select one (1) of the following three essay topics and provide a 400-500 word typewritten response. Essay must include your Student ID, title, 1 inch margins, and be double spaced using Times New Roman font. 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 and 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)

The below student has requested a letter of reference from you as a part of his/her application for a Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA scholarship.

The reference must be completed by POB teachers, counselors or administrators. The reference cannot be from a relative. The letters of recommendation must address personal experiences with the applicant and attest to his/her character, leadership skills, and ability to succeed in college.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Relationship of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this completed form and your recommendation statement to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back of the envelope.**

**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).

## Community Reference Form (2)

The below student has requested a letter of reference from you as a part of his/her application for a Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA scholarship.

The reference must be completed by POB teachers, counselors or administrators. The reference cannot be from a relative. The letters of recommendation must address personal experiences with the applicant and attest to his/her character, leadership skills, and ability to succeed in college.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Relationship of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this completed form and your recommendation statement to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back of the envelope.**

**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).

**Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Please be sure you have followed all instructions and guidelines before submitting your application.**

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

**Deadline to submit packet and attachments is Tuesday, March 31, 2015 no later than 3:00 p.m.**

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

**All 2015 PTSA Scholarship applicants will receive notification of the Scholarship Committee's decision by May 8, 2015.**

*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.**

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*Applicant Name*

*Applicant Signature*

*Date*