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SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKET

CLASS OF 2016

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA
2016 Scholarship Announcement, Guidelines, & Application

Phillip O. Berry High School Seniors - Class of 2016

The Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology PTSA (“POB PTSA”) is pleased to offer the opportunity for the Senior Class of 2016 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 2016 Invest in Your Child campaign.
2. Applicant must be a member of the spring graduating class of 2016.
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 2016 POB PTSA Scholarship Application. The packet includes:
 - a. Typed and signed Application Form
 - b. Official High School Transcript with grades through 1st semester of senior year
 - 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 of 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 2015-2016 Invest in Your Campaign by February 29, 2016.
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 April 1, 2016
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 6th to confirm receipt of their application.
11. The Scholarship Committee will notify all 2016 POB PTSA Scholarship Award recipients and non-recipients via e-mail by May 9, 2016
12. Scholarship winners must return their Scholarship Acceptance Form no later than May 16th. **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.
15. Scholarship checks will be issued by June 30th, 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.

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2016 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 In Your Child Contribution Received** Yes No (by February 29, 2016)

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

Specify what 2015-2016 PTSA activities you have supported and how you impacted the PTSA goals:

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: _____

Limit responses to this sheet.

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 12. **Your essay must also address why you should be selected to receive the scholarship for which you are applying.**

1. As you reflect on your high school career what would you have done differently and explain why.
2. Explain why you want to pursue further education and what your career objectives are.
3. If you can give one piece of advice to an incoming freshman what would it be and explain how this advice would impact their high school career at Phillip O. Berry.

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?
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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 Friday, April 1, 2016 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: **berryacademyptsa@gmail.com.**

All 2016 PTSA Scholarship applicants will receive notification of the Scholarship Committee's decision by May 9, 2016.

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