Harrington Elementary School PTO

2026-2027 Scholarship Application Instructions

Harrington PTO will award one scholarship in the amount of $750 to a graduating Chelmsford High School senior who attended Harrington Elementary who plans to attend a two- or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2027. Please read through the application instructions carefully. *Failure to follow ALL instructions or meet deadlines can result in ineligibility for scholarship consideration.*

- **Deadline**: Application and essay must be emailed to harringtonpto@gmail.com no later than midnight, Friday, April 2, 2027.
- **Notification**: Applicants will receive email confirmation that their application and letters of recommendation have been received, as soon as all materials have been received. If you do not receive a confirmation once you feel all your materials have been submitted, please contact us. We will attempt to warn applicants of missing materials as soon as possible; submit ahead of the deadline in case your recommendation letters run late.
- **Notification**: Scholarship winners will be notified by Friday, May 7, 2027.
- **Presentation**: The recipient and their guests will be invited to a future dated HPTO meeting to receive their scholarship check and share their application essay if they wish. The date will be determined once the winner is announced.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

1) Essay of at least one page in length, typed, and double-spaced. See essay guidelines below.
2) One letter of character reference/recommendation from a guidance counselor, teacher, employer, or a non-related adult. Letters of recommendation must be emailed *directly* to harringtonpto@gmail.com by midnight Friday, April 2, 2027.
3) Completed application.

Application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be emailed to harringtonpto@gmail.com by midnight Friday, April 2, 2027. *Recommendation letters should be submitted directly to Harrington PTO and NOT through the applicant. Transcripts are not required.*

PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate piece of paper (typed), please answer ONE of the following questions:

1) Please tell us about your favorite memory from Harrington Elementary and the impact it made on you as a student. Give specific examples.
2) Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
3) Discuss why you are attending a two- or four-year college/university. Discuss the goals your continued education will support and how you plan to contribute to your local community.

Note: Failure to follow instructions, to supply requested documentation, or to meet the deadline may result in ineligibility of the scholarship.

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following. Attach an extra page or extend the relevant section of the application form if necessary.

What school do you plan to attend? _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Planned major: _____

Work experience (please include dates, employer, type of work, and hours/week):

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_____

Volunteer and/or community activities (please include dates): _____

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School activities and/or clubs (please include year participated): _____

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Honors and awards (please include year received): _____

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I give my permission for the scholarship committee to share my essay with other Harrington staff *(please note this permission has no bearing on consideration for the scholarship award.)*

YES **NO** (circle one)

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I certify that the information given on this application is accurate and is given with our knowledge and approval. Please sign and date below:

Applicant Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date