

Piper Teacher Association College Scholarship Application

For Graduating Seniors of Piper High School Pursuing a Career in Education

Scholarship Overview

The Piper Teacher Association (PTA) College Scholarship is designed to support a graduating senior from Piper High School who intends to pursue a career in the teaching profession. This scholarship recognizes students who exemplify strong leadership, character, and a commitment to education and community service.

- Award Amount: Minimum of \$500
- Application Deadline: 11:59pm, April 10, 2026
- Recipient Announced: At the Senior Breakfast

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- Be a graduating senior from Piper High School;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher;
- Plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university;
- Plan to pursue a career in the teaching profession;
- Complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of education-based community service (e.g. tutoring, classroom volunteering, mentoring younger students);
- Submit a typed essay (details below);
- Submit a personal resume (details below);
- Submit two-three (2-3) letters of recommendation. One letter should be from someone in the education field (a mentor, principal, or teacher), and one letter should be from someone outside the field of education (a coach, religious leader, or employer).

Application Requirements

Please submit the following documents as part of your application:

1. [Completed Application Form](#)
2. Typed Essay (500-750 words)
 - a. Your essay should address the following:
 - i. Why you have chosen to pursue a career in teaching
 - ii. The importance of education in society
 - iii. How education has influenced your own life
3. Proof of Community Service Hours
 - a. A signed letter or form verifying your minimum of ten (10) hours of education-based service. These hours can be logged and downloaded from PathwayOS.
4. High School Transcript
 - a. An unofficial or official transcript showing a minimum 2.5 GPA.
5. Two to three (2-3) Letters of Recommendation
 - a. One letter should be from someone in the education field (a mentor, principal, or teacher);
 - b. One letter should be from someone outside the field of education (a coach, religious leader, or employer)

Application Form

Please attach this form to your application documents.

Student Information:

- **Full Name:** _____
- **Phone Number:** _____
- **Email Address:** _____
- **Home Address:** _____

Rubric for the Piper Teacher Association College Scholarship (for committee use only)

4-point rating scale descriptions:

- **4 - Excellent/Outstanding:** The submission is exceptional in all regards. It exceeds expectations and demonstrates superior skill, thought, and insight.
- **3 - Good/Proficient:** The submission is solid and competent. It meets all expectations and effectively conveys the required information.
- **2 - Needs Improvement/Fair:** The submission has noticeable flaws. It partially addresses expectations but lacks clarity, depth, or polish.
- **1 - Unsatisfactory/Poor:** The submission is incomplete or severely lacking. It does not meet the basic expectations of the prompt.

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Leadership Skills				
Character/Integrity				
Academic Achievement (GPA)				
Community Service (Education-Based Hours)				
Quality and Content of Essay • Motivation to pursue teaching/evidence of genuine interest and plans for a teaching career • Understanding of the importance of education • Personal impact of education				
Quality and Content of Resume				
Extracurricular involvement related to education • Clubs, organizations, or activities linked to education or leadership				
Total Score:				