



S.C. Red Elementary PTO 2021 Scholarship Details and Requirements

The Red Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) has established a scholarship program to help offset the cost of higher education for students that are part of the Red Elementary School community (former Red students or the children of current Red staff members). The program is managed by the Red Elementary PTO Scholarship Committee, consisting of current Red parents, faculty, administrators, and stakeholders. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled or have been accepted in a full-time course of study at a post-secondary educational institution (vocational school or an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university)
- Have a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (high school career grade point average and any post-secondary institution grade point average, if applicable)
- Have successfully completed a minimum of two full academic years as a student at Red Elementary or be the child of a current staff member at Red Elementary
- Application must be made within four years of the applicant's graduation from high school

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In 2021, one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded. Monies will be awarded to the student directly, in the form of a check.

APPLICATION

Applicants are solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. All information submitted is confidential and will be reviewed by the Red Scholarship Committee personnel only. Students must:

1. Provide the following contact information: **Name, phone number, and e-mail address**
2. Submit a one page, typewritten, 250-word or less essay on "Why I deserve the Red PTO Scholarship"
3. Submit a list (one page or less) of activities in which you have participated. Include both school-sponsored and community activities

4. Submit two (2) recommendation letters by qualified adults who are not family members but can speak with authority to your attributes as a student and to your character. Examples include teachers/professors, coaches, club sponsors, clergy, community leaders, etc.
5. Submit proof of acceptance/enrollment at a post-secondary educational institution (e.g., copy of acceptance letter or enrollment receipt from a trade school or accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university)
6. Submit official transcript(s) provided by your high school (and post-secondary institution, if applicable)
7. Submit completed applications by mail, **postmarked no later than May 3, 2021**. Applications should be addressed to:

Red Elementary PTO Scholarship Committee
S.C. Red Elementary School
4520 Tonawanda
Houston, TX 77035-3716

SELECTION

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, participation in school and community activities, and recommendation letters. The scholarship award will be based on the Red PTO Scholarship Committee selection procedures, as described below. Not all applicants will receive awards, as only one scholarship will be awarded in 2021.

The Committee will not award the scholarship to the same recipient in consecutive years.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by the Red PTO Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee will be formed in the Spring of 2021, by the direction of the executive board of the Red PTO, to review the applications prior to the end of the school year. All decisions are final. The Selection Committee may consist of Red parent(s), Red teacher(s), Red Stakeholder(s) and PTO Board Member(s). Any member of the Scholarship Selection Committee will refrain from participating in the selection process if he/she is related to the applicant.

Members of the Scholarship committee will score each application individually based on the weighted scoring system outlined below. The application with the most points will be deemed the winner and awarded the scholarship. In the event of a tie, the Committee will review the tied, highest scoring applications and each Committee member will cast one vote for the winning application.

Selection Committee Evaluation (see Scholarship Review Rubric on page 4 for more detail)

- School participation (15 points)
- Community involvement (15 points)
- Academic achievement (15 points)
- Two recommendation letters (20 points)
- Personal essay (35 points)

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The winner of the scholarship shall be notified by **May 31, 2021**. Scholarship payment will be authorized by the Red PTO Executive Board and processed by the PTO Treasurer no later than **June 15, 2021**.

OBLIGATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in their education programs no later than the fall semester of the year in which their award is given.

REVISION POLICY

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarships are awarded are subject to periodic review by the Red PTO board, including termination of the program.

QUESTIONS

Questions may be directed to Jessica Reyna at jessica.reyna@gmail.com. Please put "Red PTO Scholarship Question" in the subject line.

Red Elementary School Scholarship Review Rubric – 2021
(To be completed by scholarship committee)

Application No. _____

Participation in school extracurricular activities (15 possible points) Score _____
0 = no participation
15 = maximal participation

Community involvement (15 possible points) Score _____
0 = no involvement
15 = maximal involvement

Academic achievement (overall GPA) (15 possible points) Score _____

GPA	Points
2.5 - 3.0	3 points
3.1 - 3.3	6 points
3.4 - 3.6	9 points
3.7 - 3.8	12 points
3.9 - 4.0	15 points

Recommendation letter #1 (10 possible points) Score _____
0 = Weak or no recommendation
10 = Strong recommendation to student's character

Recommendation letter #2 (10 possible points) Score _____
0 = Weak or no recommendation
10 = Strong recommendation to student's character

Personal essay (35 possible points) Score _____
To earn the full 35 points, the essay has excellent grammar, punctuation, and composition. The ideas are clearly expressed and clearly articulate why the recipient deserves the scholarship.

Total Score _____