



THE Cary High School PTSA Scholarship Application



ELIGIBILITY

- Student must be a senior currently enrolled at Cary High School.
- Student applying for the College/University Scholarship must have a current weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. This is not a requirement for applicants to the Barbara Moore Scholarship.
- Student must graduate in the current school year and attend a college or university full-time starting in the fall following the end of the current school year to receive this scholarship. Barbara Moore Scholarship applicants must attend a technical, vocational or community college full-time starting in the fall following the end of the current school year.
- Applicant must decline this scholarship if awarded a full scholarship from another source. PTSA will then award this scholarship to an alternate(s). (Students receiving a full scholarship from another source are ineligible for this scholarship.)
- Funds will be paid to the school or institute, not the student.
- Funds must be used for the fall semester immediately following the end of the current school year.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Provide all requested information.
2. Please type or print legibly in ink on all application materials.
3. Use only paperclips or binder clips to bind your application materials. **Please do not use staples.**
4. **Complete essay questions on separate sheets of paper. Include your WCPSS student ID# (last 4 digits) on each sheet.**
5. Include your WCPSS student ID on all pages used to complete your scholarship package; including the two Scholarship Recommendation Forms and your essays.
6. Letters of Recommendation:
 - a. Two letters of recommendation are required, one from a Cary High staff member, and one outside of school (not a relative).
 - b. Make sure that the persons writing your recommendations complete the "Scholarship Recommendation Form" and attach it to the letter of recommendation.
 - c. Please explain to the persons writing your recommendations that he/she may not use your name in the body of the letter.
 - d. The Scholarship Recommendation Form and the recommendation letter should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the signature of the reference across the seal.
 - e. Please communicate your deadline to your references. Remember references need at least two weeks to prepare a recommendation letter. Reference letters must be submitted with your completed application package.

DEADLINE

Return your completed application package on or before the deadline date and time posted on the Cary High School PTSA Calendar located on the [CHS PTSA website](#).

A complete application package includes:

- A completed, signed, and dated Information Form
- Personal Responses & Essay Form with responses attached
- Scholarship Recommendation Forms with letters of recommendation included in a sealed and signed envelope (2 forms are provided)

Return your completed application package to Student Services office, or mail to:

CHS PTSA

Scholarship Committee

638 Walnut Street

Cary, NC 27511

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

For consideration, please check only one:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	College/University Scholarship - \$1,000 Award		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Moore Memorial Scholarship-Technical, Vocational or Community College - \$500 Award *Sponsored by Grade Power Learning		
Applicant Name			
WCPSS Student ID		Phone	
Email			
Address			City, ZIP
Grades Involved		Curriculum Area	
Approximate number of students/staff project will benefit		Estimated cost of materials (Grant amount requested)	
Full name of parent(s)/guardian(s)			
Email		Phone	
What school, college or university do you plan to attend?			
Name		Address	City/State/ZIP
What course of study do you plan to pursue?			
If you are applying for or receiving any other scholarship/award funds please list them below.			
	Scholarship	Granted? Yes, No or Pending	Amount
1			
2			
3			
Must be signed by applicant. By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. I understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application. I understand that any change in my higher education plans may cause review and/or reevaluation by the Scholarship Committee.			
Signature of Applicant			Date
Signature of Applicant's Parent or Guardian			Date
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PERSONAL RESPONSES AND ESSAY

Please submit typed or neatly handwritten responses for each of the following.

1. Write an essay describing what sets you apart from your peers. Share with us your personal experiences that influenced your years at Cary High. Include your academic & personal achievements, and extracurricular activities at Cary High School.
2. In a paragraph or two, tell us about your life outside of school. Share experiences such as work, volunteer activities, community involvement, religious activities, sports, arts, etc.
3. Please tell us why you feel the PTSA is important to the Cary High School community and share ways that you feel the PTSA could better involve students and/or increase student participation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide the names of two individuals submitting letters of recommendation. Please provide one in-school and one out-of-school and relationship (ex: Teacher, Coach, Neighbor, Supervisor, etc.). References cannot be a relative.

1	First Reference
	Relationship to Applicant
2	Second Reference
	Relationship to Applicant

SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

To be completed by the person providing a recommendation:

The student requesting this recommendation is applying for a scholarship and has asked you to provide the Cary High School PTSA Scholarship Committee with any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing his/her application. Your recommendation is very important to the applicant. If you are unable to complete this form, please notify the applicant so that he/she may secure another recommendation.

When providing a recommendation, please do the following:

1. Write a letter of recommendation on a separate sheet of paper. As our evaluation process is blind, **please do not use applicant's name in your letter**. Please sign your recommendation and **include it with this form**. You may include (but are not limited to) the following items in your recommendation:
 - a. Compare this college-bound student to others you have known
 - b. Academic and/or vocational potential
 - c. Involvement and sensitivity to human, social, and civic issues
 - d. Characteristics such as responsibility, reliability, and integrity, etc.
 - e. Describe the qualities or characteristics that you feel set this student apart
 - f. Any special circumstances, achievements, and/or events that you feel are relevant
2. As a reminder, for confidentiality and impartial consideration during the selection process, **please do not include the applicant's name in the body of your letter**. Instead please use words such as student, applicant, individual, etc.
3. Return this sheet along with your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope with the **applicant's ID across the front of the envelope** and **your signature across the flap of the envelope** to the applicant. The applicant must turn in all completed materials, including your recommendation, before the deadline posted on the Cary High PTSA website calendar.

RECOMMENDATION

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Name of Reference

Email	Phone
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Signature	Date
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