

Swatara Middle School

Parent Teacher Student Organization Scholarship

The Swatara Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) annually awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school within the Central Dauphin School District or a school to which the Central Dauphin School District provides bus transportation. The scholarship is awarded to a student who enters as a freshman into a post-secondary institution of higher learning. The award is a one year-\$500.00 scholarship to be paid directly to the selected individual upon proof of payment to the institution of post-secondary education.

I. Conditions of Eligibility:

- A. Each applicant must be a candidate for graduation from a senior high school within the Central Dauphin School District or a high school to which the Central Dauphin School District provides bus transportation.
- B. Each applicant must have completed two (2) or more grades at Swatara Middle School.
- C. Eligibility or preference of selection is not affected by race, religion, or national origin.

II. Criteria for Selection:

- A. Academic standing with the applicant's high school as confirmed by official transcripts.
- B. School and community service activities.
- C. Financial need, as established and determined by the Swatara Middle School PTSO Scholarship Selection Committee.
- D. Information gained from the applicant's written essay containing his/her educational plans and goals.
- E. Information gained from two (2) references (nonfamily members).

III. Selection Procedure:

- A. Notice of the scholarship will be given to the guidance counselor offices of Central Dauphin High School, Central Dauphin East High School, Dauphin County Technical School, and Bishop McDevitt High School. Interested applicants may obtain the appropriate forms from the aforementioned offices or from the Swatara Middle School office. Upon completion of the application, the student must submit all necessary information to the guidance counselor for securing of records and forwarding to the Swatara Middle School PTO Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson. **The deadline for submitting application is Friday, March 31, 2017.**
- B. The recipient of the Swatara Middle School PTSO Scholarship is chosen by the Swatara Middle School PTSO Scholarship Selection Committee.
- C. The Scholarship Selection Committee consists of five (5) persons:
 1. Two (2) teachers from the Swatara Middle School;
 2. One (1) person from the Executive Committee of the Swatara Middle School PTO;
 3. One (1) member at-large in good standing from the Swatara Middle School PTO;
 4. The Chairperson of the Swatara Middle School PTSO Scholarship Selection Committee; and
 5. The principal of Swatara Middle School serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Committee.