

PTO/FOSH Scholarship Program

March 14, 2017

Dear Student,

Welcome to the PTO/FOSH Scholarship Program. We look forward to receiving your application. Within the packet are the following materials:

- Information to applicants
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Application form
- GPA confirmation form and request for your unofficial transcript
- Instructions for the two Letters of Recommendation – you may use the letters of recommendation from your college application

Please indicate on the Application Form if you will be submitting one or two letters of recommendation from your college applications.

To begin this process, please complete the application form and essay. Return those materials and the Guidance Office Form to the guidance office. Make sure your name is on all documents!

If applicable, give a copy of the Instructions for Recommendations form to each of the people who will be writing on your behalf. Instructions for submitting the letters are on the form.

The deadline for receipt of all materials, including letters of recommendation, is **Friday, April 7, 2017**. We will contact you after we have reviewed the materials to let you know whether you have qualified for an interview.

If you have any questions, please contact your Guidance Counselor.
Good luck and thank you for applying.

Sincerely,

The PTO/FOSH Scholarship Committee

PTO/FOSH Scholarship Program

This PTO/FOSH Scholarship recognizes a student who has made a contribution to Stamford High School through Service in any of the following areas:

- School Involvement
- Community Service
- Sports
- The Arts
- Academic Endeavors

The scholarship is available to current Stamford High School Seniors who:

- Are in good academic standing (cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher)
- Have plans to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school after graduation

Requirements for consideration:

- Complete the scholarship application form available in the Guidance Office or on the Stamford High School website
- Submit a short typed essay (500 words or less) detailing your contribution to SHS
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors, coaches, mentors, or others familiar with your service to Stamford High School. You may use your college application letters of recommendation if you choose.
- An unofficial transcript

ALL MATERIALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS, CONTACT THE GUIDANCE OFFICE.

PTO/FOSH Scholarship Program Information to Applicants

The PTO/FOSH Scholarship Program has been created to celebrate and reward students who demonstrate exceptional service to SHS. The scholarships are cash awards that are to be used toward post-secondary tuition or school fees.

Eligibility

Any senior student who will attend a college, university or accredited trade school directly after high school graduation, and who has maintained a minimum of 2.5 GPA on their cumulative high school transcript, is eligible for the scholarship selection process.

Application Process

Students wishing to be considered for the award must submit the following documents to the SHS Guidance Office. *All materials must be submitted no later than **Friday, April 7, 2017** to be considered.*

- A fully completed FOSH Scholarship Application Form.
- An essay of 500 words or less describing any activities that have provided service to the school. Examples of such activities include school involvement, community involvement, sports, the arts or academic endeavors. Essays should include details on duration of each activity, impact on the school and whether the activity will continue to benefit the school past the school year and into the future. Students may also provide a list of all significant activities. This list will not be counted against the 500 word limit.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your service activities. Recommendations may come from teachers, school administrators, guidance counselors, coaches, activity sponsors, clergymen, or mentors. You may use your college application letters of recommendation if you choose. Letters from family members or personal friends are not acceptable. Student-applicants or their families may not review the letters prior to submission.
- An unofficial transcript provided by the guidance department.

Selection Process

All completed applications must be submitted to the SHS Guidance Office, where GPA's will be confirmed. The Scholarship Committee will then score eligible applications. Scoring will be based on both the essay and recommendations. Scores will reflect the duration of each service activity, the impact of each activity, and the anticipated duration of the impact.

Once applications are scored they will be ranked accordingly. Top applicants will be invited to interview with the Scholarship Committee members. Interviews will be scored and ranked in the same manner as applications. Students with the highest combined application and interview scores will be awarded scholarships. The number of awards is based on the funds available for the program.

Awards

PTO/FOSH Scholarship awards will be mailed to the students selected.

Additional information is available through the SHS Guidance Office.

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PTO/FOSH Scholarship Program
Application Form

Instructions

Please complete this form in its entirety. Attach to the form an essay of 500 words or less which describes any and all activities you have been involved in during your SHS enrollment that were of service to the school. The completed form, essay and letters of recommendation should be returned to the SHS Guidance Office. If you are using your college application letter(s) of recommendation, please mark the appropriate line below. *Application and letters of recommendation must be submitted by **Friday, April 7, 2017** to be considered.* Additional information on the scholarship program is available in the Guidance Office.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

College, University, or Technical School to be attended (If known) _____

Guidance Counselor _____

_____ I will be submitting one of my college application letters of recommendation through the Guidance Office. Please indicate which teacher recommendation you will be using. _____

_____ I will be submitting two of my college application letters of recommendation through the Guidance Office.

I certify that I am planning to attend an accredited college, university or technical school directly after completion of my high school studies. I have maintained at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average while attending Stamford High School.

Signature of Student _____

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Guidance Department Form

Attention Guidance Counselors:

Please verify the requested information on the following student and provide an unofficial transcript to the Scholarship Committee:

The above named student has maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

Yes _____

No _____

The above named student has been accepted for matriculation at an accredited college, university, or technical school.

Yes _____

No _____

Thank you for your help with the credentialing process.

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Instructions for Recommendations

Thank you for providing a recommendation for a Stamford High School PTO/FOSH Scholarship applicant. These letters are a critical part of the evaluation process. Please provide us with the following information:

- How you know the applicant
- How long have you known the applicant
- What activity (or activities) the student has participated in under your guidance or observation
- What impact the activity (or activities) has had on the quality of education or student life at Stamford High School
- How long the student has been involved in the activity (or activities)
- Whether the student's efforts will result in a lasting benefit to Stamford High School
- Any other information that may help the Scholarship Committee rate this student's school service

Please keep in mind that family members and personal friends may not submit letters of recommendation. The committee also requests that student-applicants or their families not be allowed to review, comment or edit the letter before submission.

Again, please accept our thanks for your efforts on our students' behalf. Feel free to use this form or another sheet for your letter. All letters must be received in the Guidance Office no later than **Friday, April 7, 2017**.

PTO/FOSH Scholarship Committee
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