

2026 Excellence in Leadership and Education Scholarship



OVERVIEW

The Crofton High School Parent Teacher Student Organization is proud to announce the second annual Excellence in Leadership and Education Scholarship. This year our scholarship will award \$1000 to a graduating senior who demonstrates exceptional leadership and academic achievement. The program is designed to recognize and support students who demonstrated the values of hard work, service, and leadership to improve Crofton High School.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Each applicant shall:

- Be a member of the Crofton High School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) and actively attend Crofton High School at the time the award is made.
- Be applying to, or been accepted to, an undergraduate program at an accredited 2- or 4-year college/university or state-approved school for trade instruction or special occupational training which offers a degree or certification.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

- Please submit the following supporting documents along with the application
 - Unofficial Transcript
 - Personal Statement
- Please include your AACPS student identification number on each page of your application and any other documents you submit- including the letter of recommendation.
- Please email your complete application and supporting documents to scholarship@croftonhighschoolptso.org.
- Please add "PTSO Scholarship Application- YOUR NAME" to the subject line of the email.
- **We will accept applications from Monday, February 9, 2026 through Friday, March 13, 2026. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE. IF ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION ARE NOT RECEIVED BY MARCH 13, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- This letter should come from someone that can speak to your leadership, academic, community service, or work experience (i.e. a teacher, mentor, employer, counselor, pastor, or coach).
- Please have the person submitting the recommendation email the letter directly to the scholarship committee at scholarship@croftonhighschoolptso.org.
- Please add "PTSO Scholarship Recommendation- YOUR NAME" to the subject line of the email.
- **Please remind them that we will only accept recommendations from Monday, February 9, 2026 through Friday, March 13, 2026. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE. IF ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION ARE NOT RECEIVED BY MARCH 13, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

AWARD CRITERIA

Scholarships awards will be determined by the criteria identified below. Awards will be made without regard to age, gender, race, creed, color, or national origin: Applications will be scored based on the following criteria, listed below in priority order:

1. Academic achievement
2. Extracurricular activities, with a focus on PTSO related activities
3. Personal statement
4. Recommendation letter
5. Financial need

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

- Students will be notified by Friday, April 24, 2026, if they have been selected. Scholarships will be publicly announced at the Senior Recognition Ceremony this spring.
- Scholarships will only be paid directly to the school for tuition, and/or room and board.

QUESTIONS:

- If you have any questions about the application process, please submit them to scholarship@croftonhighschoolptso.org

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APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant Name: _____

AACPS Student ID Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Current Applicant Address: _____

Permanent Applicant Address (if different): _____



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AACPS Student ID Number: _____

Are you a member of the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)? Yes _____ No _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

School you plan to attend next year: _____

Complete address of school you will attend: _____

Intended field of study or career objective: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of person submitting recommendation: _____

Applicant relationship to person: _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

(Please attach an unofficial transcript to the application)

What is your current cumulative GPA?: _____

FINANCIAL NEED

Are you currently eligible to receive free or reduced lunch? Yes _____ No _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please attach a personal statement, limited to 500 words, that responds to one of the questions below. Please include your AACPS Student ID Number, not your name, in the statement.

- Describe a PTSO, or other, project you were involved in that brought students together with teachers, school leaders and/or parents together to improve Crofton High School. What role did you play, what challenges did you face, and what was the impact?
- Share an example of how you worked with the PTSO, teachers, and/or school leaders to create a positive change at Crofton High School. How did you encourage their support and involvement.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Identify all PTSO, school, community service, work experience, and/or other extracurricular activities. Please indicate if you held a leadership position and the amount of time (which may be measured in different ways such as number of seasons, productions, events, hours, etc.) you have dedicated to this activity. Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.

PTSO Activities

School, Community, Work, and/or other Extracurricular Activities



AACPS Student ID Number: _____