

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE SOUTHWEST DEKALB PTSA SCHOLARSHIP

1. OBJECTIVE: To provide a financial award of \$500 for four (4) students. This scholarship is to be used to help offset expenses while pursuing higher education endeavors.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
 - Must be a graduating senior.
 - Must be a SWD PTSA member in good financial standing (\$10 for students).
 - Must have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
 - Must have plans to continue education during the fall semester immediately after high school graduation.
 - Must complete an application package that includes:
 - I. SWD PTSA scholarship application form.
 - II. Recommendation from at least one of his/her teachers.
 - III. Write an essay of at least 500 words titled “In ten years I see myself...”

3. PROCESS AND RULES
 - The process for applying for this scholarship is to be supplied to all graduating seniors of Southwest Dekalb High School.
 - Children of SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee members are ineligible for this scholarship.
 - Any student meeting the eligibility criteria may apply. All students who apply and meet all the requirements will be considered for the scholarship.
 - Applicants must submit the application package by the deadline date. The deadline is **Monday, January 19, 2014**. Students who plan to apply for the scholarship must be paid PTSA members by **Friday, December 19, 2014**. The package should include the application, teacher recommendation(s), and the essay. The essay should be typed double-spaced and using 12 pt. Times New Roman font. The applicant’s name should appear in the footer on each page.
 - The package should be submitted to the SWD Head Counselor or designee. The counselor/designee will review each application package solely to determine that the eligibility requirements are met. All eligible packages will then be turned over to the SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee for review.
 - The SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee will review all eligible packages. After discussion and deliberation, the Committee will select what they collectively deem the top ten (10) application packages.
 - The SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee will request face to face interviews with the top ten (10) applicants.
 - Final determination of the winners will be determined by the SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee. The selection of the winners will be based on the application package and interview.
 - The SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee will rank the application packages in high to low order, one (1) being the highest.
 - The scholarship winners will be announced at the Senior Honors Day program.
 - Funds will be released to the winner or their designee after the SWD PTSA receives notification and verification of enrollment and registration during the fall semester immediately after high school graduation.
 - If due to unforeseen circumstances the scholarship money is not released to a winner, the scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible applicant from the SWD PTSA Scholarship Committee ranking.

2014-2015 PTSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
*****Must be a current and financial SWD PTSA member*****

Name (Last, first middle) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Current Overall GPA _____ Planned College _____