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2012 NFCPTA-Sally FitzGerald Scholarship Application Sponsored by the North Fulton Council of PTAs (NFCPTA)

Academics, Leadership, Aptitude, Service, Goals

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF NFCPTA-SALLY FITZGERALD SCHOLARSHIP (NFCPTA-SFS):

- I. The NFCPTA is a group of 52 local unit PTAs and PTSAs located in North Fulton County organized by the authorization of the Georgia PTA. Its purpose is to promote conferences, leadership training and coordination of efforts of the local PTAs and PTSAs in its membership. The NFCPTA is governed by its bylaws and elected officers.
- II. This scholarship targets students who exhibit superiority in the following areas: Academic Excellence, Extra-Curricular Activities, Financial Need, Essay Writing, and Volunteerism.
- III. The monetary award for this NFCPTA-SFS is provided by voluntary donations from the local units of the NFCPTA, members and private donations. The dollar amount of the scholarship is determined annually based on all donations received.
 - a. **Donations:** Individuals, PTA/PTSA Members, Clubs, Friends and Corporations may donate directly by sending a check to Lilly Tam, NFCPTA Treasurer, via interschool mail at Johns Creek High School. For further information, please email her at treasurer@nfcpta.com.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. You are in the graduating class of 2012 from a high school in North Fulton County whose PTSA is in good standing with the Georgia PTA and NFCPTA.
2. You are a member of your high school PTSA.
3. You must be a United States citizen.
4. You have demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in extracurricular, service-oriented or citizenship activities.
5. You have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (80%) on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete the two-page Personal Information Sheet.
2. Write a Personal Essay up to two pages double spaced (around 500 words).
3. Attach a copy of your official High School Transcript.
4. Attach a copy of your "best" SAT or ACT scores.
5. Attach the PTSA membership form, completed by the PTSA Membership Chair.
6. Submit one personal letter of recommendation (e.g. from a non-school member, such as community member, or non-relative, such as an employer, neighbor or member of the clergy).
7. Attach SAR (student aid report) from FAFSA.ed.gov (If it hasn't arrived yet, contact us before the deadline. We may be able to work with you on a later submission of this document).

2012 NFCPTA-SF SCHOLARSHIP FACTS TO CONSIDER:

1. **Submitted applications must be computer generated or typewritten on the 2012 official form . No handwritten or previous year applications** will be considered (with the exception of the Certification of Membership page).
2. Any Class of 2012, North Fulton High School Senior who will be enrolling in a public or private college, university or technical school after graduation, may apply.
3. There is no limit to the number of students from each high school that may apply.
4. 2012 Applications may be reproduced and distributed to students.
5. Only one recommendation will be required for consideration. Please include one personal recommendation that is a character reference (e.g. Scout leader, employer, music director, neighbor, clergy, or other non-relation.)
6. Please submit one (1) copy of your application package.
7. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their application package is complete and received before the deadline.
8. The attached application is available as a PDF (portable document format) file at www.nfcpta.com. You may fill in the fields on the website, then save the file on your own computer to be printed.
9. The application must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 21st, 2012. Completed applications must be mailed to:
Sharyl Dawes
NFCPTA-SF Scholarship Committee
370 Lake Manor Trace
Johns Creek, GA 30022
10. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the 2012 NFCPTA-SFS Selection Committee at: scholarships@nfcpta.com.
11. You will be notified by email confirming that we have received your application package.

Note To Applicants

- The NFCPTA-Sally FitzGerald Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to interview applicants before a final winner is selected.
- Winners will be notified after the application deadline and will be recognized at the NFCPTA Presidents' Luncheon that will be held Thursday, April 26th, 2012 from 11:30 to 1:00.
- The NFCPTA-SFS funds must be used for the scholarship winner's educational needs only (i.e. Tuition, mandatory fees, books, etc.).
- If funds are not requested by December 31, 2012 the scholarship will be forfeited.
- When the winner is announced, the funds will be made available.
- All information provided in support of this scholarship application will be kept in strictest confidence.
- The NFCPTA and the NFCPTA-Sally FitzGerald Scholarship Selection Committee do not discriminate against any student for any reason including reasons of race, creed, color, orientation or national origin.

Thank you for applying for the 2012 NFCPTA -Sally FitzGerald Scholarship!