



Prairieview Elementary School
PTO Scholarship Committee
285 Mayflower Lane
Bartlett, IL 60103

**Prairieview PTO
Dr. Richard Carlson
Scholarship Fund**

Scholarship Application

For Graduating High School Seniors
Attending College, Fall 2025
\$2,000.00 Award

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College Scholarship Program

Postmark Deadline: March 31, 2025

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a former Prairieview Elementary School student – minimum three (3) years.
 - a. Any student who attended Prairieview from 2022-2024 due to the redistricting of Hawk Hollow will be eligible to apply. Any student who attended Prairieview in 6th grade graduating between 2029-2031, must have completed the full 6th grade school year in order to be eligible to apply.
2. Have a minimum overall academic GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Math and English.
3. Will actively pursue a four (4) year degree at an accredited college or university or a two (2) year degree at an accredited community college with completion of a four (4) year degree at an accredited college to immediately follow.
4. Will be enrolled full-time during the 2025-2026 academic year at an accredited college or university.
5. Must maintain a minimum cumulative academic GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) throughout college. If cumulative GPA drops below 2.5, scholarship payment will not be made for that semester.
6. Must be willing to volunteer service time at Prairieview Elementary School while attending college.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete attached application and certification statement;
2. Obtain two (2) letters of recommendation;
 - A letter from a teacher/school administrator on school letterhead, and;
 - A letter from a member of your community. These letters should discuss:
 - i. Current academic status;
 - ii. Academic and extracurricular achievements;
 - iii. Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and commitment;
 - iv. Potential for future success and contributions to the community;
 - v. Achievements in current education.
3. Obtain a transcript of High School grades;
4. Personal Statement;
 - Your personal statement is one of the most important aspects of your application. Please address the following:
 - i. Personal achievements (please give specific examples);
 - ii. Academic plans, career goals, and dreams (please provide specific examples);
 - iii. Past, current, and future efforts/plans that support making a difference in your community (please give examples for past and current efforts)
5. ***IMPORTANT*** Review mailing instructions on page 5 before mailing your application.

PLEASE NOTE: All **completed** applications submitted with a postmark of Monday, March 31, 2025 or earlier will be reviewed by the Prairieview Scholarship Committee. Finalists shall be selected in April and asked to participate in a personal interview which will include a short presentation to the Committee. The presentation should describe a personal passion, goals for the future, and a statement as to why the applicant believes they should be selected as our scholarship recipient for 2025-2026. Presentation date will be determined by the Committee. More information will be forthcoming to finalists on the presentation structure. The 2025 Prairieview PTO Scholarship recipient will be notified via email in May.

APPLICATION

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
**Please use an e-mail that will remain accessible to you.*

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Prairieview Attendance (Grade Levels and Years): _____

Cumulative High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____

Math GPA: _____ English GPA: _____

Current High School: _____

Principal's Name: _____ School District: _____

High School Address:

City/State: Zip: _____

High School Telephone Number: _____

College you plan to attend in Fall 2025: _____

College Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Intended Major: _____

Will you be a full-time student in the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters?

Yes _____ No _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED:

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I intend to enroll as a full-time college student for the 2025-2026 academic year at an accredited college or university. I understand that if my plans to enroll change, it will result in loss of the scholarship. I understand that if my plans change and I am no longer enrolled at an accredited college or university, it will result in forfeiture of the remainder of any unclaimed scholarship funds.

If selected, I will use this award toward college expenses (tuition, books, labs, supplies).

If selected, I must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and will provide copies of my grades to the Prairieview PTO for payment.

If selected, I will actively pursue a four (4) year degree at an accredited college or university or a two year degree at an accredited community college with completion of a four (4) year degree at an accredited college to immediately follow.

If selected, while attending college I will return to Prairieview Elementary School from time to time to volunteer my services in a project or event.

If selected, I will receive \$500.00 per year (for four years) from the Prairieview PTO Scholarship Fund. I understand that this payment will be made after completion of at least two semesters per calendar year, and my request for payment must include copies of grades pursuant to those semesters.

If selected, I am aware that any payment I receive must be cashed or deposited within sixty (60) days. If not, funds will revert to the Prairieview PTO Scholarship Fund. (Funds may be payable to awardee or school.)

If selected, I must claim the scholarship in yearly increments of \$500 as outlined above with the final payment claimed/requested by May 31, 2031 (date may not be more than five (5) years after first eligible payment year). If any portion of the scholarship is not claimed, the funds will revert back to the Prairieview PTO Scholarship Fund and I will no longer be eligible to receive it.

I understand that the Prairieview PTO Scholarship Committee reserves the right to cancel or amend any portion of the scholarship award at any time.

I certify that all information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that falsification of information will cause the return of the scholarship.

I have read this application and certification and accept all conditions.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Teacher/Guidance Counselor Signature: _____

Mailing Instructions

Thoroughly review and complete this application by following these instructions for your application to be considered.

Make sure your application is complete and legible.

- Did you answer all of the questions?
- Did you follow the instructions provided?
- Is your application printed or typed?
- Is your name on all pages?

Mail all items below unfolded in one envelope:

1. Application and certification pages (retain a copy for your records);
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation (one letter from a teacher/school administrator on school letterhead and one from a member of your community);
3. Personal statement;
4. High school transcripts of grades;
5. Self-addressed stamped envelope (for acknowledgement of receipt of packet).

Please address your application packet to:

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Attention: PTO Scholarship Committee
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