What is the Teacher Education Scholarship?

Each year Oregon PTA awards a limited number of tuition scholarships to high school seniors or college students who are Oregon residents who want to teach in Oregon at an elementary or secondary school. The scholarship may be used at any Oregon public college or university that trains teachers or that transfers credits in education.

The scholarship is a non-renewable \$500 merit award, however, winners may re-apply the next year.

How are the Scholarships Funded?

Teacher Education Scholarships (TES) are financed by the contributions of local PTA/PTSA units, councils, individuals, Honorary Life Membership fees, and by a basket raffle held each year at the annual Oregon PTA convention. All monies received for the fund are used for scholarships. There are no administrative costs deducted from the account.

The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on the amount received from all sources. In 2019, 7 scholarships were awarded.

In 2019, Oregon PTA celebrated 73 years of awarding scholarships to Oregon students!

Your tax deductible contribution can be sent to:
Oregon PTA
TES
3108 SE 50th Ave Suite A
Portland, OR 97206

Thank you for supporting Oregon's future teachers!

How to apply for the TES Scholarship

Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2020, through March 30, 2020, for Fall 2020 awards. All applications must be postmarked by March 30, 2020.

If you cannot print the application, you may send a written request for one to be mailed to you. All written requests for applications must include a stamped (at least .75), self addressed, #10 envelope. Send written requests with the SASE to the address below.

Send written requests for applications and completed applications to:
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Applicant Requirements

Applicants must:

Be an Oregon resident

Be attending an Oregon public college or university that trains teachers or transfers education credits

Major in education with the goal of becoming a primary or secondary teacher at an Oregon school

Criteria for choosing winning applicants will include:

Academics
Character
Knowledge of PTA

Scholarship winners for Fall 2020 will be selected by June 1, 2020. Recipients will be notified by phone.