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All candidates must meet the following requirements:

* Be a child of a present or past SGES PTO Board Member who completed at least a full two year term.
* Completed two full years at Sea Girt Elementary
* Be a graduating high school senior
* Be accepted into a college, university or trade school for continued education
* Display accomplishments in volunteering or community service
* Maintain academic excellence

Those applying should submit an application for consideration to Tara Zilioli at [tazi07@gmail.com](mailto:tazi07@gmail.com).

Your application should include the following detail:

1. Your name and contact information
2. The name of your parent that served on the PTO Board, their PTO board position and year held. Additional information about any special volunteer effort performed while serving the board would be bonus.
3. Current Transcript, please be sure to clearly identify honors and advanced placement courses
4. Your detailed plans for continued education, include name of school and major/trade
5. Your volunteer and community service details
6. A recommendation from one high school staff member
7. A recommendation from an associate where you provide volunteer time

All applications must be received by the end of May to be considered.  A team of current or previous PTO Board Members will select the winning candidate by reviewing the details submitted by the applicants.  Please note, if a child of a board member is applying for the scholarship, that member is not eligible to vote on a winning candidate.  The names of the candidates will be blacked out prior to them being shared with the voting board. The winner will be notified by June 6, 2025.  The amount of the scholarship is approved at $500 for the 2025 winner(s), if the voting board chooses the award can be divided among multiple applicants.

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