Teacher Education Scholarship 2026 Information and Application

This is the readable version of the Oregon PTA Teacher Education Scholarship 2026 information and application. The official PDF is the one to fill in and return.

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Scholarship information

This page is for your information. Please keep this page for your records after mailing your application.

The Oregon PTA Teacher Education Scholarship is for Oregon residents studying for a degree in education at any Oregon public college or university. The scholarship is a one-time award of $1000 and is not renewable. Scholarship recipients may, however, re-apply in subsequent years.

The application window opens on February 1, 2026, and closes on May 1, 2026.

How to send your application

Applications can be emailed to office@oregonpta or sent by postal mail to the following address:

Oregon PTA- TES Committee, 2632 SE 25th Ave. Suite M, Portland, OR 97202

To ensure that your submission is considered for the scholarship, please complete all sections of the application. Incomplete submissions may compromise your chances of being considered for the scholarship. Please be aware that falsified applications will result in immediate rejection or revocation of the scholarship if detected after awarding. Oregon PTA values your privacy, and all personal information provided in the application will be kept strictly confidential and not shared with third parties. However, we may publicize the names and cities of scholarship winners through our PTA publications. Applications that fail the selection process will be responsibly disposed of. We kindly request that you refrain from sending additional items, such as photographs or report folders, unless specifically requested in the application instructions. While references and transcripts may arrive separately, they should reach the Oregon PTA office no later than the application deadline.

Checklist

Here is a handy checklist to verify that you have everything you need for your application:

- □ Completed Application
- □ Responses to Questions 8 – 12 on a separate sheet

- □ Personal Reference
- □ School Reference
- □ School Transcript
- □ All materials received at the Oregon PTA office by the application deadline

Winners and funds

Scholarship winners will be carefully selected and notified by June 15, 2026. Oregon PTA will contact recipients via personal phone call, email, or regular mail shortly after the announcement. Additionally, we'll inform the counseling office of high school winners. A check for $1,000 will then be issued to the college or university indicated in the winner’s application before the start of classes in September. If the recipient does not proceed with their classes in September 2026, the awarded funds need to be returned to the Oregon PTA.

Application form

Applicant information

Name: (blank)

Address: (blank)

Phone: (blank)

City/Zip: (blank)

Mobile Phone: (blank)

What class do you expect to enter in Fall 2025 (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, grad)? (blank)

College or university

At which one college or university do you intend to use your Teacher Education Scholarship?

□ Eastern Oregon University □ Oregon State University

□ Portland State University □ Southern Oregon University

□ University of Oregon □ Western Oregon University

□ Community College (blank) □ Other Public College (blank)

Questions 1 to 6

1. What school are you currently attending? (blank)
2. High School attended (blank). Date of graduation (blank)
3. If you are currently a PTA member, which local unit? (blank)

4. If either of your parents/guardians are PTA members, which local unit? (blank)
5. List any additional scholarships you have applied for, indicating those you have been awarded: (blank)
6. List the names of people who will provide personal references: (blank)

Questions 7 to 11 (separate sheet)

Please attach your answers to the following questions using a separate piece of paper:

7. List your: a) work experience; b) extracurricular activities; and c) volunteer work experience.
8. List the school activities you have been involved in, i.e., sports, music, student council, etc.
9. In what ways have you demonstrated your leadership skills?
10. Why do you want to become a teacher?
11. How does becoming a teacher correlate with the vision and mission of PTA?

Applicant statement and signature

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The information I have submitted on this application is truthful and is my work.

Applicant Signature: (blank) Date: (blank)

Signature of parent/guardian: (blank) Date: (blank) (If the applicant is younger than 18)

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Personal reference form

Applicant Name: (blank)

Please complete a written statement (250 words or less) about the above-named applicant and send it directly to Oregon PTA. Complete and attach this form with your written statement.

Forms must be received in the Oregon PTA office by May 1, 2026.

Since virtually all our applicants are well qualified, any specific information you can provide to help the scholarship selection committee choose among the candidates will be especially appreciated. Please include whatever you think is important or outstanding about this applicant’s suitability for a career in teaching.

You may use the following guidelines:

- The length of time you have known the applicant and your relationship to him/her/them
- Applicant’s leadership skills: do he/she/they work well with others?
- Qualities that contribute to a successful teacher: teamwork, dedication to teaching ideals, likes working with youth.
- Community involvement: willingness to serve without the expectation of an award.

Signature of Personal Reference: (blank) Date: (blank)

Printed Name: (blank) Phone Number: (blank)

Relationship to Applicant: (blank) Years Known: (blank)

Occupation: (blank) Title/Position: (blank)

Please send this form and your separate statement about the applicant via email to office@oregonpta.org or by postal mail to the following address:

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School reference form

Applicant Name: (blank)

Please complete a written statement (250 words or less) about the above-named applicant and send it directly to Oregon PTA. Complete and attach this form and attach a current academic transcript with your written statement.

Forms must be received in the Oregon PTA office by May 1, 2026.

Since virtually all our applicants are well qualified, any specific information you can provide to help the scholarship selection committee choose among the candidates will be especially appreciated. Please include whatever you think is important or outstanding about this applicant’s suitability for a career in teaching. Please include a description of this applicant's academic accomplishments.

Signature of school representative: (blank) Date: (blank)

Printed Name: (blank) Phone Number: (blank)

Title/Position: (blank) Years Known: (blank)

Please send this form and your separate statement about the applicant and a current academic transcript via email to office@oregonpta.org or by postal mail to the following address:

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Form editions: OPTA TES Application 8/25 (scholarship application); OPTA TES Application 1/25 (personal and school references).