



January 2026

Dear Guidance Counselors and Career Centers

Connecticut PTA and Nutmeg Statewide PTA are pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for all 2026 graduating seniors from a PTA/PTSA high schools.

**Applications are now being accepted from PTA/PTSA High schools, which have a minimum of 25 paid members and are in good standing with CT PTA.**

Eligible PTA/PTSA high schools may submit one application per scholarship

**Only applications forwarded by School Guidance Counselors or Career Centers will be accepted.**

**Eligible PTA Schools as of January 7, 2026**

Hamden HS	PHACT PTSA	Greenwich HS
Stratford HS	Terryville HS	North Haven HS
Staples HS	Wilbur Cross HS	Ridgefield HS
Fairfield Warde HS		

IF YOUR PTA IS NOT LISTED, please have your PTA President contact CT PTA: [office@ctpta.org](mailto:office@ctpta.org) or 203-891-6140

Please find attached applications for each of the scholarships. We ask that you post these scholarship opportunities on your school's website and/or distribute in accordance with your school's policy. Please ensure the applicant uses the appropriate application for the scholarship he/she wishes to be considered for.

**Please forward applications by 3/25/2026 to:**

CT PTA  
60 Wellington Road Suite F  
Milford CT 06461

# PTA Scholarships Available

**Connecticut PTA Scholarship Award** - \$1,000. This award is in memory of Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher in space who was tragically killed in the Challenger in 1986. To be considered for this award a student must be attending a college or university to pursue a career in teaching. The applicant must submit a one (1) page essay answering the question **"The reason I am entering the teaching profession is. . ."** (refer to application)

**Carol P. Duggan Nutmeg PTA Scholarship Award** - \$1,000. This award is presented to a high school student planning on attending post-secondary education or training to pursue a career in service to children ***other than teaching***. The applicant must submit a one (1) page essay beginning with the sentence **"I expect to be serving children in ten years by. . ."** (refer to application)

The **Janet E. Petkus Scholarship Award**- \$500. This award is given to the runner-up of the Carol P. Duggan Nutmeg PTA Scholarship. - no additional application needed

**Joseph G. Pearson Scholarship Award** - \$1,000. This award is presented in memory of a longtime supporter of Nutmeg PTA, Joseph G. Pearson and is awarded to a high school student who has been identified with special needs, has an active 504 plan or IEP, and will be attending post-secondary education or training. The applicant is required to write a one-page essay with the first sentence beginning **"I expect to overcome challenges in the future by. . ."** (refer to application)

**PTA Presidents will be Notified of Winning applications by April 22, 2026**

**All scholarships will be presented at the CT PTA Annual meeting on  
Thursday June 4, 2026**

Sincerely,

Judy Goldberg  
President, Connecticut PTA

Don Rosmer  
President Nutmeg Statewide PTA

**PTA MISSION**

*To Make Every Child's Potential a Reality by Engaging and  
Empowering Families and Communities to Advocate for All Children*

