



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*

