



# Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA Senior Scholarship

## The purpose of the MRHS PTSA Senior Scholarship:

*To support students in reaching their dreams*

### To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a senior currently enrolled at Marriotts Ridge High School
- Have at least one family member as a registered 2022-2023 MRHS PTSA member as of March 1, 2023.
- Have achieved a minimum cumulative unweighted G.P.A. of 2.0 through the first semester of senior year (Counselors will verify this after submissions are made)

### Selection process:

1. Applicants will complete and send the application (see page 2) to the committee chair, Mark Roy, at [mandmhome27@gmail.com](mailto:mandmhome27@gmail.com), who will assign and email each applicant a unique number.
2. Applicants will write an essay following the instructions on page 3. **Applicants must not include their name** and instead put their assigned number at the top of the essay. This will ensure that essays are anonymous and reviewed objectively by the MRHS PTSA Scholarship Committee.
3. Applicants must send their essays as either a .pdf or .docx file to [mandmhome27@gmail.com](mailto:mandmhome27@gmail.com) by **10:00 pm on Friday, April 7, 2023**.
4. The MRHS Scholarship Committee will select **four winners** based on applicants' written essays, specifically, its presentation/grammar, content, relevance, and originality. Applicants should refer to the attached rubric to understand the scoring of the essay. Each applicant must agree that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not open to appeal.
5. Each winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Winners will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony. Scholarship checks will be payable directly to winners.

Questions regarding this process may be directed to **Mark Roy at [mandmhome27@gmail.com](mailto:mandmhome27@gmail.com)**.

# Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA Senior Scholarship Application 2022-2023

**Applicant Information (please print):**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**We have read all of page 1 of this document and fully agree to its terms. In addition, we have confirmed at least one family member's PTSA membership.**

**Signature of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of PTSA Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any student who is not a PTSA member or does not have a family member who is a PTSA member as of March 1, 2023, will be disqualified from consideration.**

**Please direct any questions about membership to  
mrhsptsamemberships@gmail.com.**

**The MRHS PTSA wishes you much success in all your future endeavors!**

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**Essay Topic:**

“It is very important to know who you are. To make decisions. To show who you are.” – Malala Yousafzai. Tell us three things that are important to you. How did you arrive at this list? Will these things be important to you in ten years? Why?

**Essay scope and format:**

- Submit your essay in .docx or .pdf format, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font, and no more than 500 words in length.
- **Do not include your name and instead put your assigned number at the top of the essay in 16-point font.** You should receive this from the scholarship committee chair via email when you submit your application.
- Length is not as important as making sure you clearly address all parts of the essay topic.
- Use the attached rubric for guidance on the scoring of the essay.

Be assured that your essay will be evaluated anonymously by the MRHS PTSA Scholarship Committee, composed of an MRHS administrator, MRHS PTSA board member, and three other members of either the PTSA or the community. Anyone with a current MRHS senior is not eligible to be a member of the committee.

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Evaluation Rubric**

|                                    | <i>1</i>   | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i>  | <i>Points</i> | <i>Weighting</i> |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------|------------------|
| <b><i>Presentation/Grammar</i></b> | Shifts in tense and person. Mechanical errors (incomplete sentences, slang, incorrect punctuation) interfere with understanding. Demonstrates little proofreading. | Uses appropriate details with clear and correct sentence structure. Few mechanical errors.          | Sentences are clear and varied; uses appropriate vocabulary. Minimal mechanical errors.   |               | <b>10%</b>       |
| <b><i>Content</i></b>              | Student does not have a grasp of the question.   | Student is able to answer the question but fails to fully elaborate.                                | Answers essay with a strong central focus. Exhibits personal passion.                     |               | <b>35%</b>       |
| <b><i>Relevance</i></b>            | Student does not connect their life experiences to how they will use them to pursue their dreams.  | Student partially connects their life experiences to how they will use them to pursue their dreams. | Student connects their life experiences to how they will use them to pursue their dreams. |               | <b>35%</b>       |
| <b><i>Originality</i></b>          | Creativity was minimal.  | Kept the attention of the reader but did not exhibit originality.                                   | Used original and creative techniques to keep the attention of the reader.                |               | <b>20%</b>       |

***Total Weighted Points*** \_\_\_\_\_