



February 5, 2021

Dear MVRCS Class of 2021,

The MVRCS PTO is pleased to announce that we will be offering **four PTO Scholarship** awards to graduating Seniors this year, each in the amount of **\$500 each**.

The awards will be made to four Seniors in recognition of their distinction and excellence in **volunteerism and community service**. The Scholarship Application package is now available online at www.MVRCSPTO.org, or you may obtain a copy from the College Counseling Office.

If you have any questions about the PTO Scholarship, please contact the College Counseling office, and they will reach out to the Scholarship Committee on your behalf.

Please note: With seniors participating remotely, hybrid or full-time in-person, the PTO has revised the application process to make it easier to submit the application package, Letter(s) of Reference, and the Scholastic Standing documentation as required by the Scholarship Committee.

Please read the Scholarship Profile and Scholarship Application carefully! Applications for the Scholarships are now **due on or before 5pm Friday, April 9, 2021**. The Committee cannot accept late applications. We hope that you will keep the deadline in mind and apply for one of the scholarships.

We wish you all the best of luck as you approach your High School graduation.

Sincerely,

Peggy Kerans
PTO Scholarship Chairperson

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The Mystic Valley Regional Charter School PTO Scholarship Committee does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, gender identity, homelessness, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation with regard to its applicants.

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The MVRCS PTO is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE
2020-2021****Purpose**

The Mystic Valley Regional Charter School, Parent-Teacher Organization “MVRCS PTO” is pleased to offer the MVRCS PTO Scholarship, which will be presented to graduating seniors in recognition of their distinction and excellence in volunteerism and community service. The purpose of these awards is to recognize and reward achievements in volunteerism and community service among the students of Mystic Valley Regional Charter School “Mystic Valley.” The goals of the Scholarship are:

To foster volunteerism within the community, and promote the appreciation of both the rights and responsibilities of citizenship within the community.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to volunteering is the sense of accomplishment, pride and satisfaction that the student feels from helping others in need within their community. Those personal benefits are reason enough for students to serve as volunteers; however the other obvious benefit is to the community in which the student has given his or her time and talents to help make a difference. The ideals of volunteerism and service to the school community are at the foundation of the PTO’s mission. It is a natural extension of the PTO’s core mission to celebrate the achievements of volunteerism and community service by students of Mystic Valley.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the MVRCS PTO Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior from Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.
2. The applicant must submit a completed application package, including all components of the package, during the period beginning February 1, 2021, and ending April 9, 2021.

3. The Scholarship Review Committee will not consider incomplete application packages or application packages that are e-mailed, delivered or post marked after April 9, 2021. The application must be e-mailed or post-marked no later than April 9, 2021 in order to meet the deadline requirement.
4. The applicant must be a member in good standing in his or her community and in the school.
5. The applicant must possess a grade point average of 2.0 or better.
6. The applicant must have applied and been accepted to an institution of higher learning or plan on entering the military by May 1, 2021.

Application Package

Each applicant to the MVRCS PTO Scholarship must include the following documentation:

1. A completed MVRCS PTO Scholarship application form.
2. One letter of recommendation. The letter of reference shall be from the either option (a) or one from source (b).
 - a. a non-relative representative of a charitable service agency, where the applicant has performed community service submitted on the agency letterhead.
 - b. a non-relative, who has known the applicant for at least a school year and can comment on the applicant's involvement in volunteer activities or community service. This may include a teacher, clergy, neighbor, or family friend.
3. An essay which answers the question: What impact did your volunteer or community service experiences have on you and what did you learn about yourself as a result of your volunteer or community service? The essay should be typed (preferably) or neatly handwritten.
4. A Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation form (attached to the application) signed by the College Counselor to the applicant's

scholastic standing with a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better and confirming that the applicant will graduate from Mystic Valley Regional Charter School. In lieu of a signature, you may also have an email confirmation of the same information sent by a college counselor directly to Outreach@mvracspto.org under subject line “Scholastic Standing for...” with appropriate student name.

Award

Scholarships shall be awarded annually, subject to the availability of adequate funding for the awards. No applicant shall receive more than one Scholarship from the MVRCS PTO Scholarship.

Conditions of the Award

The MVRCS PTO Scholarship shall be awarded under the following conditions:

1. The recipients of the award will be announced by the Scholarship Review Committee Chairperson, or another designee, no later than May 31st, 2021.
2. The Scholarship award shall be presented in the form of a check issued by the MVRCS PTO.
3. Applicants are required to notify the MVRCS PTO Scholarship review committee of any changes in their mailing address or enrollment status at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.
4. MVRCS PTO reserves the right to alter or discontinue this Scholarship program at any time without notice.
5. All application packages shall be judged fairly and impartially by the Scholarship Review Committee.
6. All information received by the Scholarship Review Committee from the applicant shall be considered confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone other than the Scholarship Review Committee.

7. The Scholarship Review Committee's recommendations shall remain confidential until the time of the award presentation with the exception that the award recipients will be made known to the High School Director prior to the graduation date.

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Scholarship Review Committee only

Applicant No: _____

Date received: _____

MVRCS PTO Scholarship Application 2020-2021

Deadline: 5pm on Friday, April 9, 2021. No late applications will be considered. Mail to the address listed below, or email application package to OUTREACH@MVRCSPTO.ORG.

Application Instructions:

1. Carefully read the MVRCS PTO Scholarship instructions before completing the application. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
2. Make sure the application and all required forms are completed, and submit all requested information, including at least one Letter of Reference. This Letter can be sent directly to Outreach@mvracspto.org with subject line “**Letter of Reference for...**” and the appropriate student name.
3. The Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation Form must be signed by one of the college counselors. In lieu of signature, college counselors may send an email confirming the applicant’s GPA and anticipated graduation date to Outreach@mvracspto.org. Please use subject line “**Scholastic Standing for...**” and the appropriate student name.
4. Return the application and all requested documents via EMAIL to: Outreach@mvracspto.org. PDF and Word docs accepted. All scholarship application materials will be forwarded to Scholarship Committee Chair Mrs. Peggy Kerans. OR they may also be mailed, and must be post-marked no later than Friday April 9, 2021 to:

MVRCS PTO Scholarship Committee
% Peggy Kerans, Chairperson
96 Pond Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

Application package checklist:

I have completed the Applicant Information section.

I have enclosed at least one Letter of Reference (no more than two), or requested that it be forwarded directly to Outreach@mvracspto.org using subject line “Letter of Reference for...” and the appropriate student name.

I have enclosed my Essay.

I have enclosed a signed Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation form, or requested email confirmation from a college counselor be sent directly to Outreach@mvracspto.org using subject line “Scholastic Standing for...” and the appropriate student name.

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Date received: _____

Part I - Applicant Information (Print or Type)

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State: MA Zip:

Telephone ()

Please list **extra-curricular activities** in which you participated while a student at the High School of the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School. (You may list additional activities on a separate sheet, if necessary). **

Please list **volunteer or community service activities** in which you participated while a student at the High School of the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School. (You may list additional activities on a separate sheet, if necessary). **

**In the alternative, the Applicant may attach any resume of extra-curricular and/or work experiences prepared for college applications (not a copy of the college "Common Application").

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Part II – Letter(s) of Reference

Please include with your application **at least one*** Letter of Reference, or have your letter sent directly to Outreach@mvracspto.org with subject line “**Letter of Reference for...**” and the appropriate student name. The Letter of Reference shall be from the following sources: one letter from source (a), or one from source (b).

- a. A non-relative representative of a charitable service agency or organization including school, where the Applicant has performed volunteer activities or community service, submitted on the organization’s letterhead.
- b. A non-relative who has known the Applicant for at least a school year and can comment on the Applicant’s involvement in volunteer activities or community service. This may include a teacher, clergy, neighbor, or family friend.

*Choose people who know you well enough to comment on your volunteer activities or involvement in community service. ***Do not submit more than two Letters of Reference.***

Part III – Essay

Please submit an Essay with your application. Staple your essay directly to the application forms and include in your submission. Your essay should answer the following question:

What impact did your volunteer or community service experiences have on you and what did you learn about yourself as a result of your volunteer or community service?

Your essay should be between 250 and 1,000 words in length. It should be typewritten (preferably), or neatly handwritten on separate sheets. **PLEASE DO NOT TYPE OR WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. DO NOT USE YOUR NAME IN THE BODY OF THE ESSAY.** Your essay will be assigned a number that corresponds with your application and will be evaluated “blindly” by the review committee.

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Date received: _____

Part IV - Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation

To be signed by one of the college counselors, or in lieu of a signature, have an email confirmation of the same information sent by a college counselor directly to Outreach@mvracspto.org under subject line "Scholastic Standing for..." with appropriate student name.

I, _____, College Counselor of the Mystic Valley
College Counselor Name

Regional Charter School, confirm that I have reviewed the scholastic record of the following Applicant to the MVRCS PTO Scholarship:

Student Applicant's Name

[] Initial here	I certify that this Applicant has achieved a current grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
[] Initial here	I certify that the Applicant is a student of Mystic Valley Regional Charter School and is expected to graduate in June 2021.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Dated: _____

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