



2026 Scholarship for Creative Expression/The ARTS

Purpose: The Creative Expression Scholarship is to assist a deserving student in continuing his or her formal education/major in the fields of music, drama, art, photography, video/film production, dance/choreography and creative writing beyond high school.

Availability: Scholarship funds are available to high school seniors who are currently PTSA members at Trabuco Hills High School and graduating between January and June of the current academic year. This scholarship needs to be used during the fall semester/quarter following high school graduation at an accredited college or university, community college or trade/technical school to study in one of the arts next fall.

Application and due date: An application may be obtained at www.thhsptsa.org/scholarships or from the Guidance office. Complete the application. Attach a copy of your high school transcript through the end of first semester of senior year. Include a recommendation from an “arts” teacher at THHS (directly emailed to info@thhsptsa.org or submitted in a sealed envelope). Complete and attach a 1-2 page document that includes a one paragraph answer to each of the following questions:

1. How have the arts influenced your education at Trabuco Hills High School?
2. Why do you think incorporating the” arts” into a K-12 education would be valuable to all students and why? Why is studying the “arts” important in today’s educational curriculum?
3. Which field(s) of art do you find expression in? (music, drama, literature, dance/choreography, visual arts, photography, video/film production) Why do you love the “arts?”
4. What are your aspirations and goals in the “arts” field?

Submit your application to either info@thhsptsa.org or Shanti Lunsford in Guidance **no later than Friday, April 24 by 1pm - NO EXCEPTIONS!** Applications will not be considered if received after the due date or if any of the required materials are missing.

Qualifications: PTSA membership or Friends of PTSA is required. Apply at www.thhsptsa.org/membership. This scholarship recognizes an outstanding student who has a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Special consideration will be given for the following:

- Successfully completed "creative expression" classes at Trabuco Hills High School
- Participated in our THHS PTSA Reflections Program
- Overcome a challenge or hardship
- Value the arts education they have received at Trabuco Hills High School
- Clear idea of the direction they would like to take in the “arts” field
- Helped their community or school with service hours, particularly involved in the “arts”

Selection: Recipients are selected by representatives of the Trabuco Hills High Senior scholarship Committee and approved at a PTSA association meeting. A check for the scholarship will be given directly to the recipient at the Senior Award Night ceremony.

**Trabuco Hills High PTSA
2026 Scholarship for Creative Expression (the ARTS) Application**

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

List accredited college/universities, community colleges, or trade/technical schools in which you have applied and/or been accepted. Recipient must attend school within the first year following high school graduation:

Intended Major: _____

Signature of applicant (required) _____ Date _____

Do you give permission for your name to be used in a news release concerning these scholarships?
YES NO

You may write / type in your answers on this application or attach a separate document addressing each of the following areas:

Creative Expression:

List all creative expression classes that you have taken over the past four years.

Did you participate in the PTSA's Reflections Program this year? If yes, what category(s) did you enter?

Have you received any awards, performed in any special events, been published or received any recognition for work you have done in the "ARTS"? Please list your accomplishments in the field of creative expression.

Community Service:

Total number of verified community service hours performed in grades 9 - 12: # _____

Describe your participation in community service activities (particularly those associated with the "ARTS.")

Volunteering with the PTSA:

Describe your participation, if any, in the PTSA:

Special Circumstances:

Explain any special circumstances (challenges or hardships) that you have had to overcome in preparing to enter a post-secondary institution:

Attach a sealed Teacher Recommendation, a copy of your high school transcript, and your written paragraphs for this scholarship with your application. Submit your application to info@thhsptsa.org or Shanti Lunsford in the Guidance office.

Deadline Date to Apply: April 24 by 1pm.