



TO: Knox County High School Seniors with Special Needs

FROM: Debbie Boles  
Knox County Council PTA

SUBJECT: **2020 Application for the Knox County Council PTA Jablonski Family Educational Needs Scholarships**

Thank you for your interest in the Knox County Council PTA Scholarships. Enclosed you will find:

1. Guidelines
2. Application
3. Reference forms for:
  - a. Principal or Guidance Counselor - Once completed, this form should be returned to KCC PTA in a sealed envelope with their initials on seal.
  - b. High School Teacher - Once completed, this form should be returned to KCC PTA in a sealed envelope with their initials on seal.

I urge you to read and follow all the guidelines carefully. A transcript of your grades and documentation of special needs is also needed with the application. **Some helpful hints: write clearly, request help as needed, complete all sections, make sure all forms are signed, and return on or before the January 10, 2020 deadline.** Late or incomplete forms will be disqualified. Any and all information you submit in your application is very important. Materials will be shredded after the final selections have been made.

**Submit completed applications on or before the January 10,**

**2020** to: Knox County Council PTA  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 31882  
Knoxville, TN 37930

This scholarship may be used for any type of study you choose and having been awarded other scholarships does not disqualify you from this scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact [scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com](mailto:scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com). Good luck!

Sincerely,

Debbie Boles  
Scholarship Chair  
Knox County Council PTA



## KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA GUIDELINES

### Jablonski Family Educational Needs Scholarship

The **Jablonski Family Educational Needs Scholarship** is a Knox County Council PTA Scholarship for students with disabilities who are entering post-secondary opportunities. This Scholarship is given in recognition of the **Jablonski Family's** efforts and advocacy for individuals coping with the challenges of disabilities. The scholarship's function is to help reduce the barriers of education advancement and completion by providing the necessary skills for youth with disabilities. The goal of the scholarship is to help enable young people the opportunity to become active participants in their communities.

This one-time scholarship will range in value from **\$500 to \$750** and will be awarded to Knox County graduating high school seniors with a documented disability who will be enrolled in a university, two-year community college, vocational/technical training program, or a specialized program for students with disabilities in the fall. These students may obtain assistance in submitting application and writing their personal essay.

The ideal candidate is a student:

- whose disability is characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior
- has received special education services through Knox County School District and will continue to need support services in post-secondary education
- who demonstrates financial need

Eligibility:

- Essay written by either the applicant or guardian as to post-secondary plans and how this scholarship will help them reach those goals
- Provide most current documentation of their specific disability
- Provide a statement of financial need

Submission Deadline and Awarding of Winners:

- The Jablonski Family Educational Needs Scholarship application must be complete and submitted by **January 10, 2020**. Please allow 5 business days for submission through US mail. Any application received after January 10, 2020, or not post marked by January 10, 2020, will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by February 10, 2020. Applications should be **mailed to**:

Knox County Council PTA  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 31882  
Knoxville, TN 37930

The Scholarship recipient(s) and their families are invited to attend the Knox County Council Student Awards Celebration on February 24, 2020. A member of the Jablonski family will be present for presentation of the Scholarship.

Questions: contact Debbie Boles at [scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com](mailto:scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com).



List siblings living in same household or in college:

Name	Age	In college?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If more room is needed for additional siblings, please attach on a separate sheet of paper.

**SECTION III: STATEMENT OF NEED**

Please briefly in one page why you need this scholarship (attach additional documents if necessary):

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**SECTION IV: GOALS**

College/University/School Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

State the goals which you hope to attain in higher education:

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\*Attach additional documents if necessary.

**SECTION V: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List the school, church and community activities in which you have participated in during high school. (May include sports, work, etc.)

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\*Attach additional documents if necessary.

**SECTION VI: ATTACHMENTS**

**Please make sure that everything is mailed together. Reference letters should be sealed in an envelope by the person writing it and they need to initial on the seal.**

		Please Initial
1. High school transcript from school office		_____
2. Reference forms:	Principal – Form 2	_____
	High school teacher – Form 3	_____
3. Personal essay		_____

Complete and return forms on or before Monday, January 10, 2020. (Please allow at least 5 days for mail delivery). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

**PLEASE MAIL TO:**

Knox County Council PTA  
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P.O. Box 31882  
Knoxville, TN 37930

Applicant’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORM 2: JABLONSKI FAMILY EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP - REFERENCE FORM**

This form is to be completed by the principal or guidance counselor. Once completed, please place in a sealed envelope with the principal or guidance counselor's signature across the seal. This form may be returned to KCC PTA by the student or mailed to KCC PTA Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31882, Knoxville, TN 37930 by January 10, 2020. Contact [Scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com](mailto:Scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com) with any questions.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual completing form: \_\_\_\_\_

The student named above is applying for one of the Knox County Council PTA Scholarships. By answering these questions honestly and frankly, you will aid the scholarship committee in its decision. Any information you provide will be confidential.

**KNOWLEDGE OF STUDENT**

How well do you know the student?

Very well \_\_\_\_\_ Fairly well \_\_\_\_\_ Casually \_\_\_\_\_ Not at all \_\_\_\_\_

This reference form is being completed based on:

Personal knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ Official records \_\_\_\_\_ Report of others \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had contact with this student outside of school? If yes, please explain.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**EVALUATION OF STUDENT**

Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student taken the normal college prep courses? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student taken any honors courses? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what courses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use the back of this form for any additional comments that you would like to make about this student to help us make our decision. Thank you.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_



**FORM 3: JABLONSKI FAMILY EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP - REFERENCE FORM**

This form is to be completed by high school teacher. Once completed, please place in a sealed envelope with the teacher’s signature across the seal. This form may be returned to KCC PTA by the student or mailed to KCC PTA Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31882, Knoxville, TN 37930 by January 10, 2020. Contact Debbie Boles [scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com](mailto:scholarships.kccpta@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## **FORM 4: PERSONAL ESSAY**

**On a separate sheet of paper, either type (double spaced) or neatly write your personal essay explaining why you think you are a good candidate for this scholarship. Please do not exceed one page.**