

### Guidelines for the Pearl River High School PTSA Scholarship Details:

There will be 3 - \$1,500 scholarships given to the top three rated essays as determined by the scholarship committee based on a scoring system of

- 80% for addressing the theme
- 20% for effective and technical writing

### **Essay Parameters:**

- 1) Must be submitted by Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Guidance department
- 2) Double spaced at 12-point font with 1-inch top, bottom, and side margins
- 3) 300-500 words
- 4) Absolutely NO name on the essay, only your student ID. Any essays with a student's name will be automatically disqualified.

### **Essay Content**

The NYS PTA, and closer to home, the Pearl River PTSA, is essentially a community organization focused on enhancing the educational experience for our students. This is an example of the importance of service to one's community for the betterment of all involved.

Your essay topic should discuss the importance of community service and involvement touching on at least one, if not several, of the PTA values listed at [www.nyspta.org](http://www.nyspta.org). Those values are listed below for your reference:

- o Collaboration
- o Commitment
- o Accountability
- o Respect
- o Inclusivity
- o Integrity