

THE ARBOR PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT PROUDLY PRESENTS....

# The Dr. James Upchurch & The Mr. Patrick Ahern Scholarships

## Arbor Park PTO Scholarship Eligibility

To be considered for scholarship funds, applicants must:

- Be a graduate of APMS
- Eligible to graduate from accredited high school in current academic year
- Accepted into a college or university for consecutive academic year
- Complete, sign and include application and essays

## Dr. James Upchurch

Dr. Upchurch served SD145 for many years prior to his retirement as Superintendent in 2004. Always a friend to the PTO, it was decided that one of the general scholarships awarded would be named in his honor. The applicant with the highest score will be named winner of The Dr. James Upchurch Scholarship and will receive a scholarship valued at \$750.00

## Mr. Patrick Ahern

Mr. Ahern devoted 24 years of his career to SD 145, including holding the Principal position at Morton Gingerwood prior to his move into administration as Assistant Superintendent. It is with great pleasure that the second of two general scholarships, valued at \$750.00, is named in his honor and awarded to the applicant with the second highest score.

The Arbor Park PTO is a collaboration of parents, teachers and staff of School District 145. As a group, we value education and strive to see our students succeed in their studies. The PTO funds these scholarships through fundraising activities throughout the year. All APMS alumni are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Recipients will attend the APMS Spring Band Concert to read their winning essay and be presented their award.

Our organization depends on our membership to work with the school district, providing our students quality educational programming throughout their education. Please support the Arbor Park School District 145 PTO.

The PTO meets the second Thursday of each month at APMS.

Applications will be scored in the following areas and weighted as indicated:

- Essay 50%
- Academics 15%
- Activities/Service 15%
- Personal Accomplishment 20%

## Application

Recipients of this scholarship will receive their award at the APMS PTO Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7PM and will be asked to read their essay aloud. Applications must be received in the district office by Monday, May 1, 2020 by 3PM.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yr. Graduated APMS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Currently Employed?**  Yes  No **Hours/week:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College, University or Trade School that you will attend:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Activities:** *Use additional sheets if needed*

Club/Organization	Role(s)	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## Essay

**Compose a one page essay on one of the following topics. Your entry must be typewritten in a 12 point font not to exceed one page. Please circle your choice. The essay comprises 50% of your score.**

1. Describe a change that you would make to our current educational system that would improve opportunities for future students.
2. What would you change about your school's curriculum or building features to improve the educational experience?
3. What is your best skill or attribute, how have you developed this attribute during your time in high school and how has it affected your choice of profession?

## Application Procedure and Checklist

All components must be included for an application to be considered. Regrettably, incomplete applications will not be considered.

- \_\_\_ Completed Application and any additional pages
- \_\_\_ Official Transcript(s)
- \_\_\_ Essay  
must be typewritten in a 12 point font, **not to exceed one page**, based on one of the predetermined topic choices listed on application.
- \_\_\_ Personal Accomplishment Statement  
On a separate sheet, describe for the judges a significant experience in your life that that has made an impact on the person you are today. Must be typewritten in a 12 point font, **not to exceed one page**.
- \_\_\_ Completed checklist, including release signature

*I certify the statements in this scholarship application are true.  
I grant the Arbor Park PTO permission to use all of the data to determine eligibility for scholarships awarded and administered by the Arbor Park PTO. I give the Arbor Park PTO permission to use my name and picture for publication, reports, and press releases.*

I understand that the scholarship will be awarded at the APMS PTO Meeting on May 14, 2020 at 7PM and that I am expected to attend if selected and read my essay aloud.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2020 3PM**

**Regrettably, late and/or incomplete applications  
will not be considered**

**Submit completed applications to:**

Arbor Park School District 145  
ATTN: PTO Scholarship Committee  
17301 S. Central Avenue  
Oak Forest, IL 60452

For additional information,  
Please contact

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