



Pat Woodin Scholarship

About The Sharon Academy Middle School

The Sharon Academy Middle School is a lively, academically rigorous learning environment where students are known, valued, and challenged. Through a variety of offerings and opportunities, TSA students graduate from our middle school confident of their own abilities, articulate in the communication of their knowledge and their needs, and effective as team members who are empowered to take responsibility and leadership within their communities.

Scholarship Information

The Pat Woodin Scholarship is named for a beloved member of The Sharon Academy community who passed away in 2013. Pat Woodin was the school's first Internet Technology Director and a parent of three TSA alumni, Maegan, Bekah, and Tim. Pat and her husband, Joe Woodin, former CEO at Gifford Medical Center, were especially active in their support of the school.

The Sharon Academy Middle School is pleased to offer The Pat Woodin Scholarship to students enrolled in TSA's 7th or 8th grade with a demonstrated need for financial aid.

The scholarship can cover up to two-thirds of tuition expenses. Families who receive a scholarship will be required to cover the difference between any award and full tuition. TSA's website provides more information about tuition.

Successful scholarship applicants will demonstrate:

- Financial need
- Strong academic curiosity
- Respect for self and others
- Diverse interests and talents
- Active participation in the TSA community

Applicants will be assessed based on this application and an interview with the Director of the Middle School.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of The Sharon Academy not to discriminate on the basis of a student's or his/her family member's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, creed, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital/civil union status, age, military/uniformed service or veteran's status, disability, or other legally protected classification in the provision and administration of its educational programs, activities, services, and access provided to the public, in accordance with and to the limits of applicable requirements of state and federal laws. TSA complies with the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as well as other applicable state and federal laws with respect to accommodating individuals with disabilities. TSA provides special education to eligible students in accordance with the School's special education approval from the State of Vermont in the categories of Specific Learning Disability and Other Health Impairment, state and federal legal requirements, the School's policies and in coordination with the student's school district.



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How to Apply

Step 1: Enroll at TSA

The Sharon Academy has an open enrollment policy. We accept all students (whose learning needs we are certified to meet) and enrollment occurs on a first-come, first-served basis until the class is full. To enroll, please email enrollment@sharonacademy.net.

Step 2: Fill Out FAST Application

FAST - Financial Aid and School Tuition - is a secure, third-party financial aid processing service TSA and many independent schools use to help determine financial need. Fill out the FAST Financial Aid form on [FAST's website](#). All information TSA receives on this form will be held in the strictest confidence.

Step 3: Complete Application for Pat Woodin Scholarship

Please complete this application and return it to Andrew Lane, Director of the Middle School, at alane@sharonacademy.net in a timely manner following the submission of your child's other enrollment materials.

The application involves three components:

1. A series of questions to be completed by the student.
2. A series of questions to be completed by a parent.
3. A reference form to be completed by an adult that knows the student well. The reference form can be found in your enrollment checklist or requested by emailing enrollment@sharonacademy.net.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

As of July 1, 2023, TSA will be approved to receive students on any special education plan. TSA also accommodates eligible students with disabilities in accordance with and to the limits of state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Please notify us at the time that you submit the enrollment form if your child is or has been on an IEP, a Section 504 Plan, or an Educational Support Plan so that we can coordinate the implementation of placement and program with TSA staff, you as parents, your student and/or the sending school district. These conversations regarding the best implementation of our program ideally take place prior to enrollment and then throughout your time in our learning community.

Student

Please answer the following questions.

1. What is something you are passionate about? How do you pursue and share that passion?
Please note: you are welcome to write about an academic interest or an extracurricular interest.

2. What excites you about attending The Sharon Academy Middle School?

3. Describe a situation where you had to make a challenging decision to “do the right thing.” What did you do? How did it turn out?

4. What would your ideal classroom look like? How would this ideal classroom help you to improve your learning?

