

# Pat Woodin Scholarship



## APPLICATION STEPS

### Step 1: Enroll at TSA

The Sharon Academy has an open enrollment policy. We are certified to meet the needs of all students and enrollment occurs on a first-come, first-serve basis until the class is full. To enroll, please email [enrollment@sharonacademy.net](mailto:enrollment@sharonacademy.net).

### Step 2: Fill out a FAST Application

FAST (Financial Aid and School Tuition) is a secure, third-party financial aid processing service TSA and many independent schools use to 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 the Pat Woodin Scholarship Application

Please complete this application and return it to Enrollment Manager, at [enrollment@sharonacademy.net](mailto:enrollment@sharonacademy.net) following the submission of your child's other enrollment materials.

### The application involves three components:

- A series of questions to be completed by the student.
- A series of questions to be completed by a parent.
- A teacher recommendation
- Optional: Additional recommendations from adults (non-parents/guardians)
- Optional: A list of extra curricular / out-of-school activities and interests

Email [enrollment@sharonacademy.net](mailto:enrollment@sharonacademy.net) with any questions.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

As of July 1, 2023, TSA is 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 after you have submitted 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. We'd welcome your questions before enrollment as well on how we can best support your student at TSA. You are in no way required to disclose information before enrolling. Our hope is to create a communication system where conversations about your student's need can be ongoing pre-enrollment through to graduation.

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## ABOUT THE SHARON ACADEMY

The Sharon Academy 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 and high school confident of their own abilities, articulate in the communication of their knowledge and 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 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 is pleased to offer the Pat Woodin Scholarship to students enrolling in 7-12th grades with a demonstrated need for financial aid. The Pat Woodin Scholarship is exclusively funded by generous donations from the Woodin family and community members.

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 Head of the Middle or High 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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**This portion of the application is for the prospective student to complete.**

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

2. What excites you about attending The Sharon Academy?

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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. Describe an ideal class or learning environment. For instance, what would the space look like? Who would be involved? What would you do? What would you learn?

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**This portion of the application is for the parent(s) to complete.**

1. How would you define your ideal educational experience for your child?

2. How do you think your student will most benefit from attending The Sharon Academy?

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**This portion of the application is for the parent(s) to complete.**

3. What do you think will be your student's greatest contribution to The Sharon Academy community?

## Student & Parent Signatures

Parent Full Name

Student Full Name

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

Date

# Pat Woodin Scholarship Reference Form

The mission of The Sharon Academy is to nurture intelligent, independent, and creative thinking in a small school community, awaking students to their immense potential and the difference they can make in the world.

## Scholarship Information

\_\_\_\_\_ is a candidate for the Pat Woodin Scholarship. This scholarship is for students enrolled in The Sharon Academy with a demonstrated need for financial aid. The student's family has asked you to fill out a reference form as part of the application.

## About the Pat Woodin Scholarship

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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. The Sharon Academy offers between five-seven scholarships in an academic year.

### Successful scholarship applications will demonstrate:

- Financial need
- Strong academic curiosity
- Respect for self and others
- Diverse interests and talents
- Willingness to work hard as active members of the TSA community

Applicants will be assessed based on their application and an interview with a TSA representative.

## About The Sharon Academy

The Sharon Academy Middle School and High 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.

**Please use either blue or black ink to complete this application**

## Reference Form

### Reference Form from an adult who knows the student well

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the student and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you taught them a class, how long and what class(es)? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Evaluations - Please place a check in the appropriate box for each question:

	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable
Diligence				
Participation in class/activities				
Homework preparation				
Responsibility				
Honesty/integrity				
Leadership ability				
Cooperation with adults				
Relations with peers				

### On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. Overall evaluation as a student or learner:
2. TSA is a school governed by an honor code. How do you think this student would function under this system?
3. Please comment on the student's character and any other pertinent personal qualities.
4. What additional information can you provide that would help us know or understand this student better?

**Using the enclosed envelope, please return your Reference Form to:**

**The Sharon Academy  
Pat Woodin Scholarship  
P.O. Box 207  
Sharon, VT 05065**