

**Parents Helping Students Organization
Scholarship Application Information
Academic Year 2009/2010**

The Portsmouth Helping Students Organization (PHSO) is pleased to offer a \$250.00 scholarship opportunity to a Portsmouth High School senior planning to attend a two or four year college program or a two or four year technical school program.

The PHSO is an organization of the parents of Portsmouth High School students. Our purpose is to be a positive presence and influence at Portsmouth High School, on behalf of our students. We encourage, promote and recognize the collective efforts and achievements of the students at Portsmouth High School and strive to enhance communication among all members of the Portsmouth High School community.

The PHSO is looking to help out a student who positively contributes to the Portsmouth school community. In light of our purpose, please write a short essay (no longer than 2 double spaced, typed pages) describing how you have been a positive influence on the Portsmouth school community, whether it has been recognized or not. The successful candidate will write a personalized, specific essay describing an event, activity or personal demeanor that is unique to that student that correlates directly to any portion of our purpose statement above.

Your essay must be mailed to PHSO Box Office 794, Portsmouth, RI 02871 and postmarked no later than May 15, 2010. Late applications will not be considered. This scholarship will not be needs or transcript based, and we encourage all to apply. The scholarship recipient will be chosen in conjunction with the Portsmouth High School Guidance Department and will be awarded at the 2010 Senior Night. The scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the student's college or technical school upon submission of appropriate enrollment information.

Questions regarding the PHSO scholarship may be sent via the contact us link on the PHSO website at www.PHSO.org, or by sending an email to info@phso.org.