

## PROFILE

**Purpose**

The Mystic Valley Regional Charter School, Parent-Teacher Organization “MVRCS PTO” is pleased to offer the MVRCS PTO Scholarship, which will be presented to two graduating seniors in recognition of their distinction and excellence in volunteerism and community service. The purpose of these awards is to recognize and reward achievements in volunteerism and community service among the students of Mystic Valley Regional Charter School “Mystic Valley”. The goals of the scholarship are to:

Foster volunteerism within the community, and  
Promote the appreciation of both the rights and responsibilities  
of citizenship within the community.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to volunteering is the sense of accomplishment, pride and satisfaction that the student feels from helping others in need within their community. Those personal benefits are reason enough for students to serve as volunteers, however the other obvious benefit is to the community in which the student has given his or time and talents to help make a difference. The ideals of volunteerism and service to the school community are at the foundation of the PTO’s mission. It is a natural extension of the PTO’s core mission to celebrate the achievements of volunteerism and community service by students of Mystic Valley.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the MVRCS PTO Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior from Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.
2. The applicant must submit a completed application package, including all components of the package, during the period beginning January 16, 2009 and ending March 1, 2009.
3. The Scholarship Review Committee will not consider incomplete application packages or application packages that are submitted prior to January 16, 2009 or after March 16, 2009. The application must be post-marked no

earlier than January 16, 2009 and no later than March 16, 2009 in order to meet the deadline requirement.

4. The applicant must be a member in good standing in his or her community and in the school.
5. The applicant must possess a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

### **Application Package**

Each applicant to the MVRCS PTO Scholarship must include the following documentation:

1. A completed MVRCS PTO Scholarship application form.
2. Two letters of recommendation. The letters of reference shall be from the following sources: two letters from source (a), or one letter from source (a) and one from source (b).
  - a. a non-relative representative of a charitable service agency where the applicant has performed community service submitted on the agency letterhead.
  - b. a non-relative who has known the applicant for at least a school year and can comment on the applicant's involvement in volunteer activities or community service. This may include a teacher, clergy, neighbor or family friend.
3. An essay, ranging from 500 to 1000 words in length, which answers the question: What impact did your volunteer or community service experiences have on you and what did you learn about yourself as a result of your volunteer or community service? The essay should be typed (preferably) or neatly handwritten.
4. A Scholastic Standing and Confirmation of Graduation form (attached to the application) signed by the Director or the High School Assistant Director attesting to the applicant's scholastic standing with a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better and confirming that the applicant will graduate from Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.

### **Award**

Two scholarships shall be awarded annually, subject to the availability of adequate funding for the awards. No applicant shall receive more than one scholarship from the MVRCS PTO Scholarship.

### **Conditions of the Award**

The MVRCS PTO Scholarships shall be awarded under the following conditions:

1. The recipients of the awards will be announced at graduation ceremony by the Scholarship Review Committee Chairperson.
2. The scholarship award shall be presented in the form of a check issued by the MVRCS PTO and made payable to the applicant.
3. Applicants are required to notify the MVRCS PTO Scholarship review committee of any changes in their mailing address or enrollment status at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.
4. MVRCS PTO reserves the right to alter or discontinue this scholarship program at any time without notice.
5. All application packages shall be judged fairly and impartially by the scholarship review committee.
6. All information received by the Scholarship Review Committee from the applicant shall be considered confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone other than the Scholarship Review Committee.
7. The Scholarship Review Committee's recommendations shall remain confidential until the time of the award at Graduation with the exception that the award recipients will be made known to the High School Director prior to the graduation date.