

# Skyline High School PTSA - Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Why should I join the PTSA?

Joining the PTSA demonstrates a commitment to fostering a strong school community. Membership supports programs that directly benefit students, families, and staff, while also ensuring that parents and guardians have a voice in advocacy, enrichment, and resource allocation for Skyline High School.



[Join Us](#)

## 2. What are the membership dues?

- **Individual Membership:** \$25
- **Family Membership:** \$35
- **Sponsor a Teacher Membership:** \$10

## 3. What does the PTSA do?

The PTSA funds and coordinates initiatives such as classroom grants, student scholarships, staff appreciation events, college readiness programs (mock SATs and ACTs), Senior Breakfast, Pantry support, Reflections Arts Program, Spartan Grants, Senior Volunteer Service Cords and community-building events. It also celebrates excellence through the Outstanding Educator Awards, Outstanding Advocate Awards, and Golden Acorn Awards.

## 4. Can I donate without joining?

Yes. You can donate without becoming a member. Donations directly fund programs and enrichment opportunities at Skyline.



[Donate](#)

## **5. Is my donation or membership dues tax-deductible?**

Yes. PTSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so membership dues and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## **6. Can I do company matching?**

Yes. Many companies match PTSA donations or volunteer hours. Check with your employer's HR or benefits office for matching opportunities. Company matching can double or even triple your impact.

## **7. Do I have to volunteer if I join?**

No. Membership does not require volunteer hours. Your support through membership is valuable on its own, and volunteering is always optional.

## **8. What opportunities are there to volunteer?**

Volunteer opportunities range from one-time event help to year-round roles. Examples include Curriculum Night, Staff Appreciation lunches, Textbook & Laptop distribution/collection, Picture day, Senior Breakfast, Reflections judging etc.

Go to the [Skyline PTSA website](#). Along the left side, under “**Volunteers**”, you’ll find a list of all open positions with their descriptions. You can sign up directly there or reach out to a PTSA board member for more information.

## **9. How does one join the PTSA Board?**

Board members are elected each spring at a general membership meeting. Any member in good standing may be nominated or can self-nominate. Vacancies mid-year may be filled by appointment.

## **10. What programs or committees does the PTSA offer?**

PTSA committees and programs include:

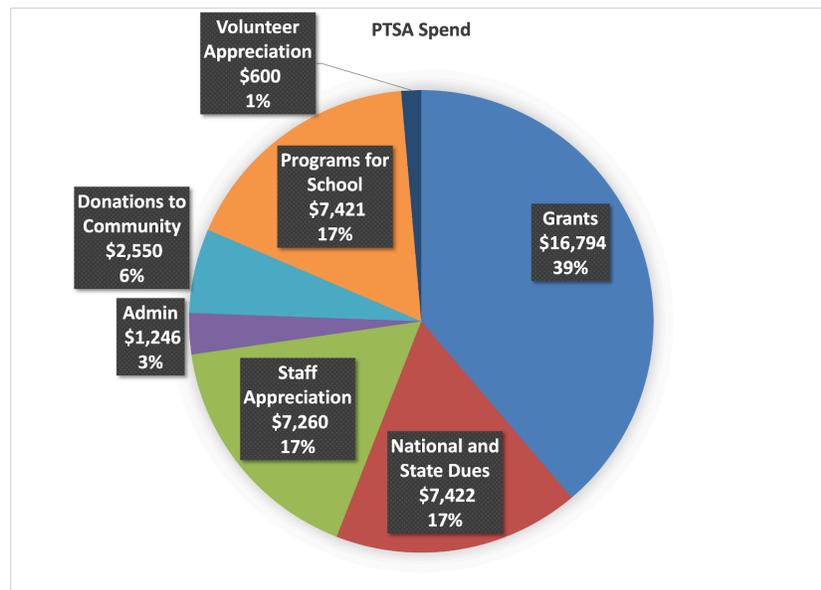
- College Readiness (*Mock SATs/ACTs, Seminars*)
- Community Volunteer Service
- Scholarships (*Senior Scholarships*)
- Senior Breakfast
- Spartan Staff Grants
- Reflections Arts Program
- Pantry Coordination: Support Student Wellbeing
- Awards: Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Advocate, Golden Acorn
- Staff Appreciation
- Welcome Committee
- Outreach & FACE (*Family and Community Engagement*)
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Volunteers Coordination
- Communications & Website
- Nominating Committee ....and more

## 11. How does PTSA spend the money it raises?

PTSA dollars are carefully allocated to maximize impact for students, staff, and the Skyline community. See the 2024–25 spending breakdown in the pie chart below:

**21% covers operating expenses:**

- 17% state and national PTA dues
- 3% administrative costs
- 1% volunteer appreciation



### **76% goes directly back to the community:**

- Classroom and Spartan Grants for teachers and programs
- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- College readiness events such as mock SATs, mock ACTs & college readiness seminars.
- Community programs including Senior Breakfast, Staff Appreciation, Pantry support, and more
- Recognition awards such as Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Advocate, and Golden Acorn.

This breakdown shows that the majority of PTSA funds are invested directly in students, staff, and enrichment at Skyline High School.

### **12. How is PTSA different from ASB, Booster Clubs, and ISF?**

- **PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association):** Parent-led nonprofit that supports *all* Skyline students and staff through grants, scholarships, advocacy, and enrichment.
- **ASB (Associated Student Body):** Student-run organization that manages school clubs, activities, and events with funds raised through student fees and fundraisers.
- **Booster Clubs:** Parent-led groups that raise funds for specific teams, clubs, or activities (e.g., band, football, robotics).
- **ISF (Issaquah Schools Foundation):** District-wide nonprofit that funds educational initiatives across all Issaquah schools.

### **13. Are there any open positions on the PTSA board?**

Yes. Each year there are opportunities to get involved at different levels. Go to the [Skyline PTSA website](#). Along the left side, under “**Volunteers**”, you’ll find a list of all open positions with their descriptions. You can sign up directly there or reach out to the PTSA at [President@skylineptsa.org](mailto:President@skylineptsa.org)

## 14. How can I stay connected with Skyline PTSA?

Follow us on the following channels for updates, events, and opportunities to get involved:

 **Facebook:** Skyline High School PTSA

 **Instagram:** @skylineptsa

 **WhatsApp:** Skyline High School Parents (*Info posts only – reach out to a PTSA board member or an existing member to be invited to the group*)

 **Email Preferences:** When you sign up as a PTSA member, be sure to check these boxes to get PTSA communications:

 *Skyline PTSA Scoop* – monthly newsletter with updates

 *Skyline PTSA Reminders* – key dates, deadlines, and quick notices

 *Skyline PTSA Latest* – last-minute updates and urgent info