

RED HEART AWARD APPLICATION
Phoebus High School PTSA
2007-2008 School Year

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Phoebus High School PTSA is nominating its Scholarship program for the Red Heart Award. We believe this meaningful program, supported solely through PTSA fund-raising activities meets many of the Developmental Assets recognized as important to an Asset Building Community.

Each year, Phoebus High School PTSA offers scholarship awards to eligible graduating seniors who are in good academic and behavior standing at the school and who are members of the PTSA by December 15 of each school year. The cash awards must be used to off-set costs at a 4-year or community college, technical or trade school, or for a military enlistment. In May 2007, 16 graduating seniors shared in \$4,000 of scholarship awards.

The scholarship program is an example of both a caring school environment, and how the community values its youth. Students can see first-hand that adults care about their success in high school and in the future. The scholarship program exemplifies how the Phoebus PTSA, as part of the school community, values the students and wants to reward their outstanding achievement. Because the scholarship does not focus mainly on students bound for college after high school, each Phoebus student can see that their individual success has worth to the PTSA.

The scholarship application packet promotes positive family communication by encouraging families to help the student complete the application, reviewing their academic and personal achievements and goals. The process helps students build their self-esteem by identifying their positive traits and achievements and recognizing their abilities.

Through its Scholarship program, the Phoebus High School PTSA is actively promoting the concept of an Asset Building Community by **supporting** students, **empowering** them towards future success, rewarding **constructive use of time and commitment to learning**, and helping students build a **positive identity**.