

# Alpharetta Tamil School

## பாரி-சான்றோன் விருது

### Paari – Saandron Award

#### Scholarship Opportunity for ATS Students

##### Guidelines for Parents and Students

Alpharetta Tamil School is committed to support students beyond the school limits especially when they step into their college life. Providing an opportunity to receive an academic scholarship is one among them which will in turn ease the burden of their financial needs. With that in mind, in 2021 we established the “Paari Saandron” award program at our school. Graduates from ATS and current seniors at ATS with a minimum of final two years at ATS can apply for an academic scholarship award towards their freshman year at college. Scholarships are available for seniors at high school. Three scholarships are awarded, \$1000 each for three deserving students.

##### Eligibility:

Applicants must meet all the following conditions:

1. Must be a graduate from Alpharetta Tamil School or a current senior at Alpharetta Tamil school with a minimum of final two years at ATS.
2. Must be a senior at a high school in Georgia going to pursue a college / associate degree.
3. Be enrolled to attend an accredited college or university during the fall of the academic year as a full-time student pursuing their first undergraduate degree.
4. Applicants must have a minimum 3.3 cumulative grade point average (GPA) by the end of the prior semester.

##### Application Process:

Must submit a completed application form through the online application, inclusive of the following documents:

- Current Transcript: Transcript from your current high school showing the GPA until the fall semester in senior year. Transcripts that have been downloaded, score printed are acceptable for the submission of the scholarship application. However, selection committee must receive an official transcript directly from the student’s school before scholarship funds can be released to scholarship recipients. If the transcript has the numeric number up to 100, please convert that into the 4.0 scale and report in the form. You can refer this following link. <https://pages.collegeboard.org/how-to-convert-gpa-4.0-scale>

- Resume: List down your activities at school and outside in community, clubs, volunteer work, or service records and any awards. Awards can be grouped into School, County, State, National and International awards. List any distinction you received at school or outside. List your extracurricular and school club activities and community activities you are involved. Give a brief description to each activity, total service hours and how long you have been associated with.
- Recommendation: Letter from one reference who is not a family member and/or relative, could be the counselor, teacher or any one from an organization the student is involved with.
- Essay: Submit an essay following the prompt and directions and word limit. The prompt will be posted at the time of receiving applications.
- Supporting Documents: All the supporting documents such as the transcript, recommendation letters, proof of volunteering, service hours, award letters etc. should be submitted along with the application to complete the application process.

Only complete applications with all required supporting materials that are received by the published deadline will be considered by the Evaluation Committee.

#### **Decision and Release of the award:**

All completed applications accompanied by all required supporting materials will be reviewed by the Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee to ensure that every applicant receives full consideration. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement in the High school, Tamil School and all other achievements and activities, recommendations and the essay. ATS will be choosing the awardees based on the holistic approach.

Awardees will be notified by Mid-April and announced at the yearend in the annual day celebrations at ATS.

The decision by the committee is final and scoring or standing of applicants will not be revealed.

A proof of enrollment like admission letter in a college or university for the fall semester of the application year needs to be submitted to release the award.

The scholarship is given for only one (1) time for the first academic year, that is during the freshman year.

Scholarships are earmarked for tuition, books, lodging or meal costs and will be made payable to the college or technical school by ATS.