

The 2024 Northeastern Region PSEA-Retired Scholarship*

Eligible applicants for the \$2000 scholarship must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a graduate of a public high school in the 12 counties of Northeastern Region PSEA (Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming)
- Be a full-time student in the junior year of college/university
- Be an education major

The application should contain the following items:

- An introductory letter, including the name of the public high school/school district from which you graduated and any education-related activities, including Student PSEA
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from your college professors
- Most recent transcript showing your GPA or equivalent (unofficial copy is acceptable)
- Proof of being a junior education major
- A typed, double-spaced essay (500-750 words) explaining what you have learned about being a teacher from your pre-service experiences
- Contact information including current mailing address, current phone number, current email address.
- For data collection purposes only, please indicate how you heard about this scholarship. This information will not be part of any evaluation criteria.

Address questions to **Laurie Tylutki at ltylutki@gmail.com**

Completed application must be **postmarked by Wednesday, April 10, 2024**. No email applications accepted. Mail application via United States Postal Service to

**Laurie Tylutki
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All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee; a recipient will be chosen by the Committee using the following scale. The decision by the Committee is final.

- 10 points: Introductory letter
- 20 points: Letters of recommendation (2)
- 10 points: Grades
- 10 points: Activities
- 50 points: Essay (see rubric)

Applicants might also consider applying for the "NEA-Retired Jack Kinnaman Scholarship"; five scholarships available, \$3500 each. Contact nea.org/jack-kinnaman-scholarship. This scholarship is not related to the Northeastern Region PSEA-R Scholarship and is merely a suggestion for an additional scholarship opportunity.

****Established during the PSEA-R presidency of Mary Moran***

2024 Northeastern Region PSEA-Retired Essay Rubric

Criteria	Needs Improvement 2 pts	Approaches Expectations 4 pts	Meets Expectations 6 pts	Excellent 10 pts
Organization	The essay has an inconsistent organization.	The essay has an attempted organization, but contains weak or unclear topic sentences.	The essay is logically and appropriately organized, with clear topic sentences.	The essay contains strong topic sentences and a controlled organization.
Conventions	The essay contains multiple errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and/or paragraphing which interfere with the content.	The essay demonstrates reasonable control over writing conventions; errors tend to distract and impair legibility.	The essay demonstrates correct writing conventions which allows the essay to be read with ease.	The essay demonstrates proper use of standard writing conventions (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and paragraphing) which improves the readability of the content.
Thesis	The thesis is not evident or does not fit the theme of the essay.	The thesis is evident but phrasing may be simple and lacks complexity.	The essay contains a clearly stated thesis; however, the focus could have been sharper.	The essay contains a clearly stated and focused thesis statement.
Content/Ideas	The essay lacks relevant content or a clear sense of purpose.	The essay contains unbalanced content with few relevant, specific details.	The essay contains illustrative and balanced content, with some specific details.	The essay contains well-developed content and relevant, specific details.
Style	The essay does not demonstrate apparent control over sentence structures and word choice.	The essay contains several awkward or unclear sentences. There are a few word choice problems.	The essay contains precise and varied sentence structures and word choices.	The essay reveals a strong writer's voice and a precise tone, using effective sentence structures and word choice.