



Eastern Region PSEA Scholarship Program

Five awards of \$1000 each, one winner per represented county, to be presented during the Eastern Region PSEA Scholarship Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, **April 17, 2020**, at Bear Creek Mountain Resort.

The Eastern Region of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (heretofore referred to as “Eastern PSEA”) is proud to announce the establishment of the Eastern PSEA Scholarship Program. The graduating child/stepchild of one PSEA member in each of the five counties represented by Eastern PSEA – Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lehigh, or Northampton – will receive a one-time, one-thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarship to pursue continuing studies beyond high school.

I. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

- A) The applicant must be a graduating senior at a school represented by PSEA.
- B) The parent/stepparent/guardian of the child must be a dues-paying PSEA member in Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lehigh, or Northampton County.
- C) The applicant must have applied to or have been accepted into a post-high school program or college/university.

II. SYSTEM FOR SELECTION OF RECIPIENT

Five \$1000 scholarship awards will be given per year to the child of a member from each of the five counties represented by Eastern PSEA — Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton County. The applicant does not necessarily need to go to a school located in the same county in which his/her parent/stepparent/guardian is employed as a PSEA member. (For instance, the child of a member who works in Carbon County but who lives in Pike County would still be eligible to apply, as long as the applicant attends a public or PSEA-represented school.)

Each applicant must submit a **complete** application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The PSEA Eastern Region Office will collect all submissions.

A committee consisting of PSEA Region Staff members will determine successful applicants. Names will be withheld from selection committee members.

III. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications are evaluated on a 100-point scale according to the following:

- A) High school records supported by official copies supplied by the school office: (20 points)
 - 1. Class rank
 - 2. Grade point average
 - 3. Official transcripts
- B) Evidence of school and extra-curricular activities (20 points)
- C) Involvement in community activities/employment record (20 points)
- D) Letters of recommendation (20 points)
 - 1. Two letters from separate educators or paraprofessionals at your school
 - 2. One letter from a community member or neighbor (not related to the applicant)
- E) Written essay (20 points) – “Why public education matters to me, my family, and the future.”

IV. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- A) Scholarship recipients will be presented with their awards at the Eastern PSEA Scholarship Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, **April 17, 2020**, at Bear Creek Mountain Resort.
- B) The student and two adults will be treated to dinner for that evening.
- C) Scholarship recipients must be present at the banquet in order to receive the award.
- D) Scholarship recipients will be asked to offer a few words to the audience upon accepting their award. Recipients may read their essays aloud in lieu of preparing separate remarks.
- E) Upon notification of successful application, additional family members and friends will be eligible to attend the banquet at a cost of \$40 per person. Information will be provided to scholarship recipients.
- F) **All applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2020** and sent to: PSEA, Attn: Scholarship Program, 4950 Medical Center Circle, Allentown, PA 18106. ***Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.***
- G) Successful applicants will be notified by March 18, 2020.

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\$1000 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – Page 1

Name of Student Applicant: _____

Home Address (include ZIP code): _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

School which applicant currently attends: _____

Teacher you would like to invite if selected: _____

Building in which above-named teacher works: _____

Name of the PSEA parent/stepparent/guardian: _____

School district where the PSEA parent/stepparent/guardian works: _____

DECLARATION:

"I certify that the information is correct to the best of my knowledge, and any misrepresentation of facts could result in the forfeiture of any scholarship money awarded. I understand that all information supplied on this application will be kept in strict confidence, and that after usage of this form is completed, it will be destroyed."

Applicant's signature: _____

PSEA Member's signature: _____

Schools or Colleges applied to:

_____	Accepted? _____	Pending? _____
_____	Accepted? _____	Pending? _____
_____	Accepted? _____	Pending? _____

Intended Major or Field of Study: _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2020 and sent to:

**PSEA EASTERN REGION OFFICE
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
4950 MEDICAL CENTER CIRCLE
ALLENTOWN, PA 18106-9692**

[ER-PSEA Office use only: Assigned Code # _____ County _____]

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A) High school records supported by official copies supplied by the school office: (20 points)

1. Class rank: # _____ out of _____ students

2. Grade point average: _____

** Please include a copy of an official transcript with your application*

B) Evidence of school and extracurricular activities (20 points)

- **Please list any school-related groups or clubs to which you belong that meet either before, during, or after school:**

- **Please list any positions or offices you might hold in any school-related groups or clubs, as well as any other prizes, awards, or special honors you have received in school:**

** A resume containing the above information may be attached to this application*

C) Involvement in community activities/employment record (20 points)

- **Please list any groups or clubs to which you belong that are not related to school:**

- **Please list any positions or offices you might hold in any of the aforementioned groups, as well as any other prizes, awards, or special honors you have received:**

- **Please list any jobs or employment activities which you might have that are not directly related to school:**

** A resume containing the above information may be attached to this application*

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D) Letters of Recommendation (20 points)

1. Please complete the following information, accompanied by a letter of recommendation from two educators or paraprofessionals (PSEA members) at your school who are not related to you.

Reference #1: Name: _____

Position: _____

E-mail or Phone Number: _____

Reference #2: Name: _____

Position: _____

E-mail or Phone Number: _____

2. Please complete the following information, accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a community member or neighbor who is not related to you.

Reference #3: Name: _____

Position: _____

E-mail or Phone Number: _____

E) Written essay (20 points) – “Why public education matters to me, my family, and the future.”

Our motto in Eastern PSEA is “Promoting the Promise of Public Education.” Therefore, on a separate page, please type a 2-page, double-spaced (*using standard type and margins*) essay on what public education means to you as a student, to your family, and to future generations of schoolchildren and/or school employees. It is suggested that your essay contain a story of how public education or someone in public education has impacted you.

***Please do not forget to include your transcript, your three letters of recommendation, and your essay along with this application form.**

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Thank you, and good luck!

[Please do not write below this line. For ER-PSEA use only.]

Region PSEA County _____ Date application received _____
Date of application review _____ Total points received: _____ / 100
Initials of ER Staff Supervising Selection Process: _____