

2026 Scholarship Application

Below is the 2026 Susan K. Castle Memorial Scholarship application from the Montgomery County Pennsylvania State Education Association–Retired Teachers.

We would appreciate it if you would share this information with your undergraduate Education Department.

Montgomery County PSEA–Retired is pleased to offer scholarships to Montgomery County high school graduates who are rising juniors or incoming seniors and who are interested in pursuing a career in education.

Please feel free to contact us if you need the application in a different format or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Cohen (carolco328@gmail.com)

Diana Kernop

Co-Chairs, Susan K. Castle Memorial Scholarship Committee

Montgomery County PSEA-Retired
Jules Mermelstein, President MER PSEA-Retired
Carol Cohen, Diana Kernop, Scholarship Co-Chairs

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a graduate of a Montgomery County, Pennsylvania public high school.
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate junior or incoming senior at the time of application
- Must be enrolled in a course of study leading to certification to teach in public education in Pennsylvania
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- An application packet should be completed and received by June 15, 2026 and send in PDF format to:
- Carolco328@gmail.com

INSTRUCTIONS

- The completed application materials should be received by June 15, 2026
 - The completed application packet includes:
 1. A completed application form
 2. An essay with not more than 500 words in which the applicant
 - **Introduces himself/herself and family**
 - **Cites involvement in any school, community or educational activities**
 - **Discusses why education was *the* chosen major**
 - **Relates future goals in education**
 3. A current letter of recommendation from a professor in the applicant’s major field of study
 4. A current letter of recommendation from a non-relative, non college related person who can **address the applicant’s work or interaction with children, work ethic and possible success in education**
 5. The most recent college transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable) stating the applicant’s GPA, class level, and certification that the student is majoring in a program that will lead to a career in public education
 6. Proof of graduation from a Montgomery County high school (a copy of graduation certificate is acceptable)
 - The committee will complete its decision-making process by mid-August
- Montgomery County PSEA - Retired
 Carol Cohen, Diana Kernop, Scholarship Co-Chair

**Scholarship Application Form
 Montgomery County PSEA-R Scholarship FORM**

Print clearly or type

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Personal Contact Phone Number _____

Permanent Email Address

High School _____

High School Graduation Year _____

College/ University _____

Check one: Junior _____ Incoming Senior _____

Anticipated Graduation Year _____

Major/Minor _____

COLLEGE Financial Aid/Bursar's address

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Please use PDF format