



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Five awards of \$1500 each, one winner per represented county, to be presented during the Eastern Region PSEA Scholarship and Awards Recognition on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the Aster Event Center in Allentown.

The Eastern Region of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (heretofore referred to as “Eastern PSEA”) is proud to announce the continuation of the Eastern Region 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 five hundred dollar (\$1500) 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 \$1500 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 their 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, given 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 former region officers and committee volunteers will determine successful applicants. Names will be withheld from selection committee members.

III. **EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications are evaluated according to the following:

- A) High school records supported by official copies supplied by the school office:
 - 1. Class rank
 - 2. Grade point average
 - 3. Official transcripts
- B) Written essay – Public education plays a vital role in shaping individuals, families, and communities. In a well-developed essay, explain “why public education matters to you, your family, and the future”. Consider sharing personal experiences, values your family holds about education, and how public education can impact society moving forward.”

IV. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

- A) Scholarship recipients will be presented with their awards at the Eastern Region PSEA Scholarship Banquet and Awards Recognition on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the Aster Event Center in Allentown.
- B) Scholarship recipients must be present at the recognition in order to receive the award.
- C) The student and two adults will be treated to an evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Additional family members and friends will be eligible to attend the recognition for \$20 per person. Information will be provided to scholarship recipients.
- D) Scholarship recipients will be asked to suggest a teacher they would like to join them that evening in order to introduce them for the presentation of their award.
- E) Scholarship recipients will be asked to offer a few words to the audience upon accepting their award. Recipients may reference their essays in preparing separate remarks.
- F) All applications must be submitted by February 13, 2026, via email to e-rgn@psea.org. The email subject line should read PSEA Scholarship Program Application. *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.*
- G) Successful applicants will be notified no later than March 21, 2026.



2026 EASTERN PSEA **\$1500 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name of Student Applicant: _____

Home Address (include ZIP code): _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address (used for notification): _____

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:

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| | Accepted? _____ | Pending? _____ |
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Intended Major or Field of Study: _____

Completed applications must be submitted by FEBRUARY 13, 2026, and sent to:

e-rqn@psea.org

Subject Line: PSEA Scholarship Program Application

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A) **High school records** supported by official copies supplied by the school:

1. Class rank: # _____ out of _____ students

2. Grade point average: _____

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

School and extracurricular activities

- 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*

Involvement in community activities/employment record

- 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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B) Written essay – Why public education matters to me, my family, and the future.

At Eastern PSEA, we are dedicated to the health and vitality of Pennsylvania's public schools. We invite you to share your perspective on why this mission matters.

In a double-spaced essay (maximum 2 pages), please explore the significance of public education in your life, your family's history, and for the generations yet to come. We encourage you to center your essay around a personal story, perhaps a specific educator or an experience in school, that has shaped your journey.

Please do not forget to include your transcript and your essay
along with this application form.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.