



2023 PEC Scholarship Guidelines

As part of PEC's ongoing commitment to youth and education, PEC will once again offer scholarships totaling \$100,000. Eligible applicants are high school and home-schooled seniors in our service area. In addition, the Scholarship Committee has chosen to include a scholarship for a qualifying adult seeking to further their education.

Eligibility for High School Student Submission

- Be at the 12th grade level in private, public, or home-schooled education.
- Have a parent or legal guardian who is a PEC member in good standing. (or be a PEC member as defined in the PEC Tariff)
- Plan to attend a university, college, junior college, technical, or trade school to obtain an undergraduate level degree or trade certification.

Eligibility for Adult Student Submission

- Be over 18 years of age, with a GED or high school diploma.
- Be a PEC member or reside in a household served by PEC and in good standing.
- Plan to attend a university, college, junior college, technical, or trade school to obtain an undergraduate level degree or trade certification.

Rules

- Applications for the PEC Scholarship Program must be submitted online via the PEC website. Applications submitted by mail or dropped off in person at a PEC office will not be accepted.
- No more than one entry per applicant may be submitted.
- Online submissions with required documents must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023. PEC has the right to extend the scholarship program deadline when deemed appropriate.

Scoring

Scoring will be based on two documents provided by the applicant: application and essay. The application accounts for 75% of the overall score, and the essay accounts for the remaining 25%.

Application Evaluation	
Academic and/or Technical Skills	25%
Leadership	25%
Financial Need	25%



Essay Evaluation	
Content	10%
Originality	10%
Structure & Grammar	5%

Essay Topic

Tell us about a time when you did not succeed. What did you learn from the experience?

Judging Process

Applications and essays are evaluated in a fair and unbiased judging process. Judges are individually selected by the PEC Scholarship Fund Board and will consist of judges from the public and educational sectors. To ensure anonymity of participants and a transparent scoring process, judges will not see personal information from the application or essay. Applicants' names are unknown to judges until after contest results are finalized.

Awards

All applicants will be notified of award status by the end of April. Scholarship funds must be used within one year of the award date. PEC has the right to extend the timeline of use when deemed appropriate.