



2024 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 or a qualifying adult in our service area, 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, 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 Wednesday, March 20, 2024. 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%. An attached resume is optional and can be utilized by the judges in the application evaluation scoring. However, an attached resume does not take the place of the application questions, and they should not be left unanswered.

Application Evaluation	
Academic and/or Technical Skills	25%
Leadership	25%
Financial Need	25%
Essay Evaluation	
Content, Originality, Structure & Grammar	25%



Essay Topic

Applicants will select their preferred topic from three options. Essays will be judged on content, originality, structure, and grammar. Essay submissions must be saved as a PDF and uploaded into the application form. Essays should be no longer than 300 words, double-spaced, 12-pt Arial font, with 1-inch margins.

Essay Topic Options:

- If you had to have a motto or slogan for your life, what would it be and why? This could describe your past, future, or something you strive for.
- Tell us about the career or education you are pursuing. What made you choose that? Why do you believe you could be successful in that career or university/college/school program?
- Tell us about something you are proud of and why.

Judging Process

Applications, responses, and resumes are evaluated in a fair and unbiased judging process. The PEC Scholarship Fund Board individually selects judges and are from the public and educational sectors.

Awards

All applicants will be notified of the 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.