



As part of PEC's ongoing commitment to youth and education, this year we will once again offer scholarships – totaling \$120,000 – to eligible high school and home-schooled seniors in our service area. Scholarships will be awarded in denominations of from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Recipients will be selected based on their applications, including an essay, academic and/or technical skills, leadership and financial need.

Requirements for Submission

When applying, entrants must be at the 12th grade level, either through private, public or home-schooled education. In addition to the online form, all components listed below are required to validate entry. Please have documents prepared in advance to avoid system time-out (standard of 45 min).

File formats accepted are Adobe pdf (.pdf) and Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx).

Requirements	Description
Online Form	Submit via scholarship page on website www.pec.coop/scholarship
Essay Attachment	Essay should not contain personal information. Attach when submitting online application.

Rules and Eligibility

No more than one entry per applicant may be submitted. Student's parent or legal guardian must be a PEC member in good standing. Applications for the PEC Scholarship Program must be submitted online via the PEC website. Any applications submitted by mail or dropped off in person at a PEC office **will not** be accepted.

Online submissions with required documents must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2019, Central Standard Time. Any scholarship applications submitted with blank or incomplete documentation may result in ineligibility. PEC has the right to extend the scholarship program deadline when deemed appropriate.

All applicants will be notified on or before April 8, 2019. Winners will be expected to attend an awards ceremony on April 25, 2019, and the distribution of the awards will be announced at that time.



Scoring

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

The profile has three sections, outlined as follows:

Applicant Profile Evaluation	75%
Academic and/or Technical Skills	25%
Leadership (Motivation, Character, Ability & Potential)	25%
Financial Need	25%

Essays will be judged on content, originality, grammar, structure and grammar, as indicated below. Judges will look for writing that is clear, articulate and logically organized.

Essay Topic
“If you could change your community in a positive way (including your school), what specific changes would you make and why?”

Essay Evaluation	25%
Content	10%
Originality	10%
Structure & Grammar	5%

Essays must be 500-700 words, double-spaced, 12-pt. Arial font with 1-inch margins.

Judging Process

Applicant profiles and essay submissions 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 the anonymity of our participants, all personal information should be removed from the Essay Form; judges will not see personal information from the Applicant Profile. Applicants' names are unknown to judges until after essays have been ranked and the contest results finalized.