

Pinellas Education Employees – Retired (PEER) 2024 Scholarship Application

Each year PEER offers a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Pinellas County public high school senior who is related to a member of PEER/PCTA/PESPA. Criteria for the scholarship include demonstrating above average achievement and motivation toward advancing his/her education, GPA of 2.5 or above, service to school and community, leadership and good character, and an immediate family relationship (parent, sibling, grandparent or legal guardian) with a PCTA, PESPA or PEER member. An interested student needs to complete the PEER Scholarship Application and essay, attach an **official sealed copy of his/her current high school transcript through the first semester of senior year**, and send these items, postmarked (or in the PCTA/PESPA Office) by February 29, 2024, to:

PEER Scholarship Committee, c/o Sheryl Lane
Jade Moore Building
650 Seminole Blvd,
Largo, FL 33770

Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- Addressing the essay topic fully
- Spelling
- Grammar and punctuation
- Neatly typed and double-spaced
- Grade point average
- Community/school leadership and service activities
- Other factors/Special circumstances

Release of scholarship funds to the recipient will occur following proof of registration in college or vocational school.

Students or their parents/guardians may obtain applications by downloading them from the PCTA/PESPA website (www.pcta-pespa.org) and clicking on either the PEER link, the 2024 PEER Scholarship link, or by calling **Terry Plaia at 727-799-2937** prior to February 29, 2024.

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Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Name of immediate family member who is a current member of (circle one) **PEER**, **PCTA (Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association)**, or **PESPA (Pinellas Educational Support Professionals Association)**: _____

Circle appropriate relationship - **parent, sibling, grandparent, or legal guardian**

Student's address: _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address _____

Address of Parent/Guardian (if different from student's):

Academic/Leadership Information

- **High School:** _____

- **Honors and Awards (and year(s) earned):** (up to 10 points)

- **Community and school leadership and service activities:** (up to 10 points)

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- **Other factors/special circumstances that you would like us to consider:** (up to 10 points)

- **Please fully answer the following essay question: (up to 70 points)**
 - The winning essay will be published in an edition of PEER Pipeline, please limit your response to two typed, double-spaced pages.

Essay Question: If you were governor, what changes would you make in programs to improve Florida for children and young adults; and why would you choose those changes?

To Return:

- Your completed application and essay
- A current **official sealed high school transcript** from the school's Registrar

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PEER Scholarship applicants must meet minimum standards for the scholarship to be awarded.