

**Pinellas Education Employees – Retired (PEER)**  
**2019 Scholarship**

Each year PEER offers one \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Pinellas County public high school senior who is related to our PEER/PCTA/PESPA family to help further his/her education. 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 copy of his/her current high school transcript through the first semester, and send them postmarked (or in the PCTA/PESPA Office) by February 28, 2019 to:

PEER Scholarship Committee, c/o Robin Haines  
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](http://www.pcta-pespa.org)) and clicking on either the PEER link or the 2019 PEER Scholarship link after December 1, 2018 or by calling Terry Plaia at 727-799-2937 prior to February 15, 2018.

**Pinellas Education Employees – Retired (PEER)  
2019 Scholarship Application**

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):

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return completed application and essay, with a current high school transcript attached, to PEER Scholarship Committee, c/o Robin Haines, Jade Moore Building, 650 Seminole Blvd., Largo, Florida 33770, postmarked or in the PCTA/PESPA office by February 28, 2019.**

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

Please fully answer the following essay question: (up to 70 points) **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?**