



## 2026 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 homeschooled seniors in our service area, seeking to further their education.

### Eligibility for Submission

- Be at the 12th-grade level in private, public, or homeschooled 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.

### 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.**
- Applications must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. PEC has the right to extend the scholarship program deadline when deemed appropriate.

### Scoring

Scoring will be based on three sections: resume, essay, and financial need. The applicants resume accounts for 50% of the overall score, the essay accounts for 25%, and financial need accounts for the remaining 25%.

<b>Resume Evaluation</b>	
Academic and/or Technical Skills Judging considers: GPA and/or class rank, certifications, coursework, skills, honors, and awards	25%
Leadership Judging considers: work experience, community service, and/or extracurricular activities	25%
<b>Essay Evaluation</b>	
Content, Originality, Structure & Grammar	25%
<b>Financial Need Explanation</b>	
Need for assistance and/or preparations for future	25%



## Essay Topic

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?

## Judging Process

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

## Awards

All applicants will be notified of the award status by the beginning of May.

All funds distributed or disbursed under the Bylaws and through the Corporation's committees shall be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution to pay for qualified expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Services, within one year of the award date. No excess funds above these qualified expenses are to be retained by the recipient or the educational institution.