

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PSD Seniors, please watch this [brief video](#) that contains the directions for the PSD Scholarship Application.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Hello PSD Seniors! Welcome to the PSD Scholarship Application. Before you begin, please download, print and take time to review the [LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS](#). This list includes the scholarship name, criteria, any additional application materials that may be required, the scholarship amount and a brief description of the scholarship. **Please note that this list is the only place you will see the scholarship descriptions within the application.** You will want to refer to this list as you fill out the application. Again, it is highly suggested that you download this list for your reference as you work through the application. Pay close attention to the scholarship description as you **must** meet the criteria specified in order to be eligible for each scholarship to which you wish to apply.

PSD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SECTIONS

In the section following this overview, section 3, you will answer several questions that will provide donors with your applicant information. You must answer the required questions to move to the next section. Required questions contain an asterisk (*). In sections 4-5, you will write your required essay and optionally provide an unusual circumstances statement. It is highly recommended that you copy and paste your essay from a Word or Google Doc. In sections 6-7, you will be upload materials for the PSD Scholarship Application. Make sure to name the files correctly! In section 8, you will select the scholarships to which you are applying. In section 9, you will be uploading extra materials as specified by individual scholarships. You will officially submit your application in Section 10. You must press submit before the deadline. The deadline is Friday, January 24, 2025 at 4:30pm. **This deadline is strict and late applications will not be accepted.**

Application Sections:

Section 1: Short Video of Application Overview

Section 2: Download List of PSD Scholarships & Read Scholarship Directions

Section 3: Fill Out Applicant Information

Section 4: Write the Required Essay

Section 5: Provide Unusual Circumstances Statement (OPTIONAL)

Section 6: Upload One Letter of Recommendation**

Section 7: Upload Most Recent Transcript

Section 8: Select Scholarships To Which You Are Applying

Section 9: Upload Extra Materials For Specific Scholarships (ie, statement, FAFSA/CASFA, etc)

Section 10: Read Important Information & Press Submit

Remember that applying to a scholarship is much like applying to a job or a college. In order to present yourself in the best way possible when applying for a scholarship:

-Read the directions completely before you begin.

- Give yourself ample time to do your best work.
- Be very accurate and descriptive.
- Impress your audience.
- Be neat and organized in your writing.
- Use correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and manner of expression.

The better you present yourself, the better your chances are of receiving a scholarship! Good luck!

**Please allow your recommender(s) at least two weeks to write your letter. A letter of recommendation from out-of-school sources may be used.

Section 3: FILL OUT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please note that questions with an (*) are required. You cannot proceed to the next section if you leave these questions blank.

What is your high school?*

- Centennial High School
- Fort Collins High School
- Fossil Ridge High School
- Polaris
- Poudre Community Academy
- Poudre Global Academy
- Poudre High School
- Rocky Mountain High School
- Timnath Middle High School
- Wellington Middle High School

Last Name *

First Name *

Date of Birth *

Mailing Address (Including address/city/state/zip) *

Cell Phone Number *

Email Address (other than PSD email) *

Student ID Number *

School Counselor Name *

Weighted GPA listed on your transcript. *

Class Rank as listed on your transcript. For example "50 of 250" *

SAT Total Score (Leave blank if you did not take the SAT.)

ACT Total Score (Leave blank if you did not take the ACT.)

What is your intended type of post-secondary education? *

- Community or Junior College
- Four Year College or University
- Vocational or Trade School

What is your intended field of study? *

Will you be a first-generation college student? (A "first-generation college student" is defined as a student whose parent/guardian has not received a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree.) *

Yes

No

Please list awards/honors that you have received in order of importance. If you have not received anything, please answer "not applicable." *

Please list school organizations/clubs (ie NHS, StuCo, etc.) in which you have participated in order of importance. Please highlight any leadership roles you have had. If you have not participated in clubs/organizations, please answer "not applicable." *

Please list community organizations & community service that you have participated in and your role (for example, volunteer work, church, scouting, 4H, Extracurriculars, etc.) in order of importance and do not repeat information in the next three sections. Please highlight any leadership roles you have had. If you have not participated in a community organization or service, please answer "not applicable." *

Please list work experience you have had. List job titles in order of importance. Please highlight any leadership roles you have had. If you have not worked, please answer "not applicable" *

Section 4: WRITE THE REQUIRED ESSAY

You need to write a required essay. Your application is considered incomplete if you do not submit an answer to the essay question listed below. For the required essay, please answer the following prompt:

PROMPT: What are your post-secondary plans and career goals and why have you made these choices?

Limit essay to two pages, typed, double-spaced, max 650 words. Include your name and the name of each scholarship you are applying to at the top of the essay.*

**It is recommended that you copy and paste your essay from a Word or Google Doc*

Please copy and paste your essay below.

Section 5: Unusual Circumstances Statement (OPTIONAL)

If you are applying to a needs-based scholarship, you will need to answer the next question in 50 words or less.

Why do you qualify for a scholarship based on financial need?

Section 6: OBTAIN AND UPLOAD ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

You are required to submit one letter of recommendation. There are 2 ways to submit your letter of recommendation:

1. After you have received your letter of recommendation from your recommender, upload your letter of recommendation below. Your letter of rec file must be a pdf saved as your Last name_First Name_LOR_Recommender Name. (For example Doe_Jane_LOR_John Smith.)
2. If the letter of recommendation is confidential, please have your recommender email their letter of recommendation directly to mgrady@psdschools.org with the subject PSD Scholarship Letter of Recommendation. Please ask them to save their letter as Student Last name_Student First Name_LOR_Recommender Name.

Please allow your recommender(s) at least two weeks to write your letter. A letter of recommendation from out-of-school sources may be used.

Upload your Letter of Recommendation (Saved as your Last name_First Name_LOR_Recommender Name) Upload your transcript (Saved as your Last name_First Name_Transcript) *

Section 7: OBTAIN AND UPLOAD MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT

You need to submit your transcript. Contact your counselor or College & Career Coordinator or upload your transcript from StudentVue in the Course History Tab to obtain your most recent unofficial transcript.

After you have obtained a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript, upload a pdf of your transcript below. Your transcript file must be a pdf saved as your Last name_First name_Transcript. (For example Doe_Jane_Transcript.)

Section 8: SELECT THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

Please mark whether you are applying or not applying to each of the scholarships from the LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS. Please note that there may be additional materials that need to be uploaded for a specific scholarship. You will be prompted to upload the materials in Section 10. Also, some scholarships are only offered to certain high schools. You will see the high school in parenthesis next to the name of the scholarship. If you do not attend that high school, do not choose the scholarship. You do not meet the criteria. It is required that you choose whether you are applying or not applying for each scholarship. Your application materials will only be sent to the scholarships for which you mark that you are applying.

Brian Ball Memorial Scholarship *

Chris Miranda Memorial Scholarship *

CTE Growth Scholarship *

Danielle & Ted Phillips Vocational Scholarship *

Doc And Marian Pike "All Ways" A Lambkin Memorial - Arts Scholarship *

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Don Unger *
Elks Academic *
Elks Vocational Scholarship *
Engelhardt & Nelson Family Dentistry Scholarship *
Finley Cook Memorial Scholarship *
Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary Scholarship *
Fort Collins Children's Theatre Scholarship *
J. Fred Kapp Memorial Scholarship *
Jim Lombardi Scholarship *
Joyce Ann Chaffin Scholarship *
Lena & Evelyn Traut Memorial Scholarship *
Local Change Foundation Avid Scholarship *
Lynch Family Scholarship (PHS/WMHS) *
Mandy Quinby Memorial Scholarship *
Manuel Cordova Memorial Scholarship *
Martha Scott Trimble Memorial - CSU Scholarship *
Martha Scott Trimble Memorial - CU Scholarship *
Matthew G. Bailey Scholarship *
Megan Marie Nuttall Mcgrew Memorial Scholarship (FCHS) Scholarship *
PASE Education Focus *
Poudre Education Association Scholarship *
Poudre Faculty And Staff Award Scholarship (PHS/WMHS) *
PHS Impala Fund Scholarship (PHS/WMHS) *
Poudre Retired School Employees Association Scholarship *
Rotary Club of Fort Collins Scholarship *
Scott Harper Memorial Scholarship *
Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship *
Shepardson STEM Educating All Children Scholarship *
William Thompson Memorial Scholarship *

SECTION 9: PROVIDE EXTRA MATERIALS FOR SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Over half of the scholarships on the **LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS** require applicants to upload write an extra statement*, a resume or the FAFSA/CASFA. Below, you will see the scholarship name and what extra materials are required for their application. If you fail to submit the extra material, your application for the scholarship is incomplete and will not be considered.

*It is recommended that you copy and paste your additional statements from a Word or Google Doc

CHRIS MIRANDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (PHS/WMHS)

Statement of origin is required. Providing either mother's or father's surname is sufficient.

CTE (CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION) GROWTH SCHOLARSHIP

In 500 words or less, describe what has been your most influential CTE experience and how it is helping you plan future goals.

FORT COLLINS BASEBALL CLUB "FIRST PITCH" SCHOLARSHIP How have baseball or softball influenced your life? How will you use your baseball or softball experiences as you move forward? What are your postsecondary plans and career goals? How are/were you involved with FCBC through your childhood and high school years? Include specific details about your involvement with FCBC.

FORT COLLINS BREAKFAST ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

Additional Statement Prompt:

As Rotarians we abide by a "4- Way Test"; to assist in our decision making.

In 250 words or less, double-spaced, please write a statement on how you would, have or will use the 4-Way Test in your life.

The 4 Way Test states....

"Of the things we think, say, or do"

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Send your statement as an attachment in pdf format saved as your Last_Name_First Name_Breakfast Rotary Essay to: fcbreakfastscholarship@gmail.com. Applications will not be accepted without submission of the statement. Application finalists will participate in an interview with representatives of the Breakfast Rotary Club.

I have emailed my statement to fcbreakfastscholarship@gmail.com.

FORT COLLINS CHILDREN'S THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP

Upload a pdf of your résumé of performance activities in and out of school or experience relative to current endeavors saved as your Last Name_First Name_Theatre Resume. If you need help with your resume, please contact your school's work-based learning coordinator.

J FRED KAPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP In 500 words or less, write about your post-secondary plans, career goals and give examples of your involvement with the Jewish Community at-large. 69. Check all that apply.

JOYCE ANN CHAFFIN SCHOLARSHIP

Additional Statement:

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 1214 SCHOLARSHIP

In 250 words or less, why is your faith important, how you have lived it out so far and how do see yourself doing so in adulthood?

LENA & EVELYN TRAUT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Evelyn and Lena were born and raised in Colorado. They dedicated their careers to education, improving the community one class at a time. In 500 words or less, please describe how you plan on contributing to the community in your future career.

LYNCH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP (PHS/WMHS) The Lynch Family Scholarship honors the lives of Joe and Katie Lynch, former educators at Poudre High School. Joe and Katie lived their lives with optimism, commitment and honesty. In 250 words or less, tell us where you would like to be in five years and how you will incorporate the qualities of optimism, commitment and honesty in your life then.

MANDY QUINBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (PHS/WMHS) In 500 words or less, please answer one of the following: Describe a time when you were struggling with your mental health and what helped you get through it? or Based on your experience, what changes would you propose to improve suicide prevention and overall mental well-being for other teens? Important note: We recognize that some applicants may currently feel suicidal or know others who do. Please contact a local hotline or text line immediately if that applies to you. Safe 2 Tell: 1-877-542-7233 (report anonymously 24/7) or Dial: 988 for help.

MANUEL CORDOVA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 500 words or less, what event in your life shaped you to pursue your dreams and how will this scholarship assist you in your endeavor?

MATTHEW G BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 250 words or less, what are you the proudest of in your school career and what are your dreams for the future?

MEGAN MARIE NUTTALL MCGREW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (FCHS only)

In 500 words or less, what role does music play in your life?

POUDRE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP In 500 words or less, how has an educational experience made an impact or difference in your life?

POUDRE FACULTY AND STAFF AWARD SCHOLARSHIP (PHS only)

In 250 words or less, answer both of the following questions: Character: Write about an experience or set of experiences you had during high school that helped you build or develop some aspect of your character such as resilience, integrity, kindness, or inclusiveness, etc; Commitment to Learning: How have you demonstrated a commitment to learning; Contribution to the PHS Community: How do you feel you've contributed to the PHS Community and demonstrated the spirit of Ubuntu?

POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL IMPALA FUND SCHOLARSHIP (PHS only)

In 250 words or less, how have you overcome a personal obstacle or hardship. (i.e. – family circumstances, illness, and academic challenges)

POUDRE RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP In 500 words or less, please answer one of these prompts: What is a challenging personal situation that you have experienced and how did you overcome it? Tell about a time you learned an important life lesson. Tell about a volunteer or job experience that has been meaningful to you. Tell about a club, activity or sport that has been important to you.

ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship to which you are applying is a needs-based scholarship and requires either page 1 of your Federal Student Aid Report (see the sample image below). If you have done your FAFSA/CASFA Report, save a pdf of page 1 of your FAFSA/CASFA Report as your Last name_First name_FAFSA_Rotary Club or Last name_First name_CASFA_Rotary Club and upload below. (For example Doe_Jane_FAFSA_Rotary Club or Doe_Jane_CASFA_Rotary Club.) If you have not completed the FAFSA/CASFA, the Rotary Club will consider your unusual circumstances statement.

SCOTT HARPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (RMHS only)

In one paragraph, how can you best describe your zest for life?

THE SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship to which you are applying is a needs-based scholarship and requires either page 1 of your Federal Student Aid Report (see the sample image below). If you have done your FAFSA/CASFA Report, save a pdf of page 1 of your FAFSA/CASFA Report as your Last name_First name_FAFSA_Scott Johnson or Last name_First name_CASFA_Scott Johnson and upload below. (For example Doe_Jane_FAFSA_Scott Johnson or Doe_Jane_CASFA_Scott Johnson.) If you have not completed the FAFSA/CASFA, the donor will consider your unusual circumstances statement.

SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (FRHS only)

In 250 words or less, how you have overcome a significant personal challenge.

SHEPARDSON STEM EDUCATING ALL CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP

In 250 words or less, please answer ONE of the following:

- Why do you want to pursue a career in teaching?
- If you could change education in any way to make it more successful for all students (PK-12), what would you do?
- Describe someone or an event that highly influenced you in your interest to pursue teaching. Educators are advocates for students. Describe something you feel strongly about that resulted in your taking some action.
- What areas of education do you find highly compelling and why?

WILLIAM THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 250 words or less, email a statement describing how cancer has affected you during your life to: William.Thompson.Scholarship@gmail.com.

I have emailed my statement to William.Thompson.Scholarship@gmail.com.

Section 10: READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION & PRESS SUBMIT

Complete applications are due Friday, January 24, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. This deadline is strict and late applications will not be accepted. Be patient as the process of reviewing applications and awarding scholarships can be lengthy. Recipient and non-recipient notifications will start April 1st.

ASCENT/TREP Program Applicants Some scholarships are not applicable if you are accepted into the ASCENT/TREP Program. If you take an ASCENT/TREP spot, please be aware you may need to decline any PSD Scholarship Application scholarship offer. We encourage you to apply for both ASCENT and the PSD Scholarship Application.

AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Poudre School District to obtain from my high school, high school counselor, teachers, and other sources credentials that may be required with this application, including, but not limited to course grades and unofficial transcripts. I acknowledge this information will be released to third party donors. I also waive the right of access to the credentials collected, which shall be considered confidential, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Checking the box below indicates that I understand this obligation and that all information provided is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented. By checking this box and hitting "submit," you have officially submitted your application.

Applicant Authorization

Parent/Guardian Authorization (If applicant is under the age of 18)