

Scholarship Application

The Pender Education Partnership is a nonprofit organization established to support the students and staff of Pender County Schools. Its mission is to enhance innovative, educational opportunities for the students of Pender County Schools by collaborating with educators, parents, businesses and the greater community.

One of the Pender Education Partnership's goals is to provide financial support for Pender County Schools' graduates to further their education, whether that is through **a public certificate program, a community college or four-year institution of higher education in North Carolina.**

One \$1000 and one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student at each of the district's high schools – Heide Trask High School, Pender Early College High School, Pender High School, Pender Innovative Learning Academy and Topsail High School.

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must be a graduating senior at one of Pender County's five high schools and plan to attend a PUBLIC community college, four year college/university or a trade school in North Carolina.

Check list:

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| ☐ PEP application | ☐ Two letters of recommendation |
| ☐ After school activities list (or resume) | ☐ Essay |

Students should submit their applications to their school counselor by April 13, 2026. School counselors must submit all completed applications to Shannon Grable via email (Shannon_grable@pender.k12.nc.us) or shared in Google drive by April 17, 2026. **Please download the application before typing.**



Applicant Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

School Information

High School: _____ Awards night date: _____

Name of the public institution of higher education in NC the student plans to attend:

(Awarded scholarships will be sent directly to the public North Carolina community college, university, or trade school)

Field of Study: _____

After school Activities

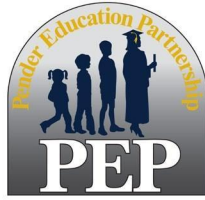
(List Clubs, Sports, Work, Volunteering, etc. Include year(s) of involvement; you may attach a separate sheet or resume for this section).

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Essay

Please attach a one-page essay that answers the following:

How do you feel the education you have received as a Pender County School's student has prepared you for your continuing education? Please discuss your educational goals and career aspirations, as well as how this scholarship will help you in reaching these goals.



Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation to your application, one of which must be from a Pender County Schools staff member. Letters of recommendation may not be from a family member.

Submission

Please submit this application to your school counselor on or before **Monday, April 13, 2026.**

Interview

The PEP *may* schedule virtual interviews with top candidates following the application submission. PEP may also ask that recipients be present at PEP's spring fundraising event (date TBD).