



Against All Odds Application

2020-2021 School Year | Due: Friday, Dec. 18, 2020

The Peoria Education Foundation's Against All Odds Scholarship is intended for those graduating seniors who have overcome tremendous obstacles in their family or education and are still on track to graduate and pursue post-secondary education.

Students who apply must plan to attend a post-secondary institution including a university, community college or a vocational/trade school to further their education and should be comfortable sharing their story in this application. The amount of each award varies based on funds raised the previous year and are subject to approval from the Foundation Board.

All scholarships awarded will be made payable to the recipient's chosen college, university or vocational/ trade school upon confirmation of enrollment.

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Section I: Personal Information

Student Information

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| Name: | High School: | GPA: |
| Non-District Email: | Cell Phone Number: | |
| Home Address: | | |
| City, State, Zip: | | |
| Twitter Handle*: | Instagram Name*: | |
| School you plan to attend: | Area of Study: | |
| List clubs/sports/other: | | |
| List extracurricular activities (outside of school): | | |

Parent/Guardian Information:

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| Name: | |
| Email Address: | Cell Phone Number: |

**Note: We will not follow you, however we may tag you if you're a winner or communicate with you regarding your scholarship if address/phone number become outdated.*

Section II: School Reference

School Counselor/Teacher Providing Recommendation:

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| Name: | |
| Email Address: | Cell Phone Number: |

- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor stating how this applicant demonstrates qualities that would serve as an example or role model to others.
- Include a current high school transcript from your counselor.

Principal Approval:

To be eligible, all applicants must be endorsed by an administrator (principal or assistant principal) at the student's high school. This application is endorsed by the following high school administrator:

Administrator Name: _____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section III: Against All Odds

- Write a minimum one-page essay describing the degree to which you have experienced great challenges or extenuating circumstances that have made academic achievement difficult and how this has affected you. Your essay should also include how you have overcome these obstacles, what your vision is for the future and how obtaining a scholarship from the Peoria Education Foundation will help you meet your future goals.
- Include a separate one paragraph summary of the challenges that you included in your one-page essay. This should be information you would feel comfortable sharing with your family, academic advisors or scholarship donors. (Please note: Students who are awarded scholarships will be invited to the Peoria Education Foundation Scholarship Reception and a brief summary about each student will be shared with the audience. Only include details from your essay which you would feel comfortable being shared in a public setting.)
- Is there anything else about yourself that you would like to share or that the Foundation Board needs to know that is not included above which will help clarify your situation? If so, attach one additional page.

Section IV: Instructions for Submission

- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.

- Essays listed above should be at least one page but no more than two.

- Include a current high school transcript from your counselor.

Please note the following:

- Applications will not be returned.
- Notification will be sent to students via email by **Spring Break**.
- Upon receiving an award, students will need to provide proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution to the Foundation by **July 1, 2021**.
- All awards will be distributed directly to the post-secondary institution.
- All awards need to be claimed by **October 1, 2021**. Any unclaimed awards by that time will be lost and may be re-allocated to another student.

Return application with attachments to the Peoria Unified School District Office – 6330 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ 85306 (Attn: Public Relations) by 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18, 2020.

*NOTE: Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered.

Section VI: Application Acknowledgement

By signing, I acknowledge that this application is complete (all items in the appropriate section have been checked) and that all items listed in the appropriate section included. I understand I will not receive a returned copy of my application. If scholarship is awarded, my child's name will be shared in a media announcement from the Foundation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions, call 623-486-6100 or email pusdpr@pusd11.net.

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