



Against All Odds Application

2021-2022 School Year | Due: Friday, Dec. 10, 2021

The Peoria Education Foundation's **Against All Odds Scholarship** is intended for those graduating seniors who have overcome tremendous obstacles personally or with their learning 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 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.

Students who are granted scholarships, and their families, will be invited to attend the annual Scholarship Reception in the spring hosted by the Foundation Board.

Section I: Against All Odds Application Requirements

1. In 500 words or less, explain the circumstances which you have experienced a tremendous obstacle in your family, health or education and are still on track to graduate. You should include what events have made academic achievement difficult and how this has affected you.
2. In 350 words or less, share how you have overcome, or are currently working to overcome, these obstacles.
3. In 350 words or less, explain what your vision is for the future and how obtaining a scholarship from the Peoria Education Foundation will help you meet your future goals.
4. Please include any additional details, such as participation in clubs, athletics, extracurricular activities, that added to your circumstances or life story.

In addition to the write-up, students must submit the following:

- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor stating how this applicant demonstrates qualities that are a strong fit for this scholarship.
- Include a current high school transcript from your counselor.

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Section II: Student Information

Name:	High School:
Non-District Email:	Cell Phone Number:
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Twitter Handle*:	Instagram Name*:

**Note: Including this is optional. 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we may tag you if you're a winner or communicate with you regarding your scholarship if address/phone number become outdated.*

College/trade school you plan to attend:	Area of Study:
List clubs/sports/other:	
List extracurricular activities or community involvement (outside of school):	

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name:	
Email Address:	Cell Phone Number:

School Counselor/Teacher Providing Recommendation:

Name:	Email:
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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:

Name:	Date:
Signature:	

Section III: Instructions for Submission

- Submissions must include answers to the questions in Section I.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.
- Include a current a copy of your high school transcript from your counselor.
- Include the name and email address of the counselor providing a recommendation
- Make sure the application is signed by a school administrator.
- Make sure that you and a parent or guardian signs the application.

Return the completed application and any necessary attachments by 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 by emailing the Peoria Unified School District at pusdpr@pusd11.net.

Applications will be scored according to the student's ability to detail information as requested in Section I, as well as proper use of grammar, spelling and punctuation. Note that applications will not be returned.

Timeline:

- 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 pusdpr@pusd11.net by **July 1, 2022**.
- All awards will be distributed directly to the post-secondary institution, not the student.
- All awards need to be claimed by **October 1, 2022**. Any unclaimed awards by that time will be lost and may be re-allocated to another student.

*NOTE: Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered.

Section IV: 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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