



Project Unify Scholarship

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

The Peoria Education Foundation's Project Unify Scholarship is intended for those graduating seniors who have experienced working with special needs students during their high school career who plan to complete their field of study, specifically working with individuals with disabilities. As well as special needs students who participated in Unified Sports activities for at least one year during their high school career.

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.

Section I: Application Requirements

Demonstration of Unified Activities

In a one-page essay, please describe your experience working with individuals with disabilities on your campus. Questions for you to consider addressing in your essay are:

- Were you involved in Unified Sports? What was your involvement?
- Are you in the Best Buddies program? What made you want to sign up?
- How has your high school experience shaped your outlook on individuals with disabilities?
- What will be your field of study in college?
- After college, what are your career plans and how has your high school experience influenced that decision?

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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: 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we may tag you if you're a winner or communicate with you regarding your scholarship if address/phone number become outdated.*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 (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 the essay as outlined 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 students' 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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