Polk Education Association
Scholarship Application
2020
(for students outside Polk County whose parent is a member of the PEA)

Number of scholarships awarded: 2
Amount awarded: $1,000

Scholarship Criteria:

GPA: 2.00  SAT/ACT:  Community service hours: 0
Number Awarded: 2  Scholarship Amount: $1,000
Distribution: 1-time payment

Scholarship Overview: Two (2) scholarships of $1,000. Minimum GPA 2.0. Parent/guardian must be an active member of the Polk Education Association. PEA will verify membership. Additional essay required: “The importance of the Union for today’s worker.” (one-page)

This award administered by the Polk Education Foundation.

Application must be postmarked by Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 and sent to:

Polk Education Foundation
1530 Shumate Drive
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 534-0519

You must complete this application, sign it and attach all the required items listed below. Please secure all items to application with one staple.

- Completed application including the personal essay and the additional essay “The importance of the union for today’s worker”.
- Headshot photo of applicant with name and school marked on back
- A copy of high school transcript
- Parent’s income information or if independent, student income information
- Please provide one of the following: 2019 W-2(s), 2019 income tax report, 2019 FAFSA or SAR report
Computer generate or print entire application neatly in black ink.

Name___________________________________________

School___________________________________________

School Counselor and their phone number with area code_____________________________________

Your Mailing address________________________________________

City, ZIP___________________________ Phone________________________

Email address________________________________________

Wght.GPA___________ ACT score___________ (if taken) SAT score___________ (if taken)

Mother’s Name__________________________ Employment__________________________

Father’s Name__________________________ Employment__________________________

Name and work location of relative who is a PEA member __________________________

# people living in your home____________

Who does this include? __________________________

# of family members attending college including you___________

Your past and Present Employment History______________________________________________

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Selected college or institution_________________________________________________________

Have you been accepted? ___________ Intended college major________________________________

List all other scholarships for which you have applied and/or received other than those on this form: Scholarship Name, Amount per year, and if it is received, denied or pending.

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Essay #1 – please computer generate both essays and attach to scholarship package.
Use this essay to provide information requested by each individual scholarship; personal financial need information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Things like medical problems, divorce, and special family situations could all be considered when awarding scholarships. Most scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay, so be specific and state your need clearly. Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra-curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they are discarded and not considered. Minimum type size 10 point.

Essay #2 – please type or computer generate Please attach to scholarship package.
Essay topic – “The importance of the union for today’s worker” Minimum type size 10 point.

SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT
I understand that:
(a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items from the required list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged or returned,
(b) many scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
(c) those other than Polk Education Foundation staff may review my application for the selection process,
(d) only those chosen to be interviewed will be notified of interview date/time,
(e) if requested, I must attend an interview or be disqualified,
(f) only the recipients of the scholarships will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:
(a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award(s),
(b) I will send a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of my scholarship(s) and a copy of the same thank you note to the Polk Education Foundation,
(c) my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet AND a copy of my thank you note has been received by the Foundation office,
(d) the Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
(e) if I change colleges, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to the Polk Education Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify the Polk Education Foundation of this in writing,
(f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within five years of my graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to the Polk Education Foundation,
(g) all scholarship checks will be sent on/about July 1 for Fall enrollment IF the above mentioned paperwork is returned to the Polk Education Foundation.

Student's
Signature______________________________________________________________

Date______________________________________________________________

Parent's
Signature______________________________________________________________

Parent's Printed
Name______________________________________________________________