

# Montgomery County PSEA-Retired Susan K. Castle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Carol Cohen and Diana Kernop, co-chairs

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The retired educators in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (PSEA-Retired) annually offer scholarships to rising college juniors or incoming seniors who have graduated from a Montgomery County public high school. We are looking for college level students who are planning an education degree for teaching.

We are asking that you share this email with your future educators. They can request an application from the email address listed below. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2025.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Cohen ( [carolco328@gmail.com](mailto:carolco328@gmail.com) )

Diana Kernop

Montgomery County PSEA-Retired, Susan K Castle Memorial Scholarship  
Committee Co-Chairs

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**Montgomery County PSEA-Retired**  
Carl Reiffenaugh, President MER PSEA-Retired  
Carol Cohen, Diana Kernop, Scholarship Co-Chairs

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a graduate of a Montgomery County, Pennsylvania public high school.
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate junior or incoming senior at the time of application
- Must be enrolled in a course of study leading to certification to teach in public education in Pennsylvania
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- An application packet should be completed and received by June 15, 2025 and send in PDF format to:
- Carolco328@gmail.com

## INSTRUCTIONS

- The completed application materials should be received by June 15, 2025
  - The completed application packet includes:
    1. A completed application form
    2. An essay with not more than 500 words in which the applicant
      - **Introduces himself/herself and family**
      - **Cites involvement in any school, community or educational activities**
      - **Discusses why education was *the* chosen major**
      - **Relates future goals in education**
    3. A current letter of recommendation from a professor in the applicant's major field of study
    4. A current letter of recommendation from a non-relative, non-college related person who can **address the applicant's work or interaction with children, work ethic and possible success in education**
    5. The most recent college transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable) stating the applicant's GPA, class level, and certification that the student is majoring in a program that will lead to a career in public education
    6. Proof of graduation from a Montgomery County high school (a copy of graduation certificate is acceptable)
      - The committee will complete its decision-making process by mid-August
- Montgomery County PSEA - Retired

**Scholarship Application Form**  
**Montgomery County PSEA-R Scholarship Form**  
Please print clearly or type

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

College/ University: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Incoming Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE Financial Aid/Bursar's address:

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