

# PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

Professional Educators of Iowa is pleased to announce the 2024 Association and Foundation scholarship program with over \$7000 available. Established to create an ongoing network of educational opportunities for Iowans, the PEI Foundation supports worthwhile academic endeavors by awarding student and teacher scholarships.

## ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Association scholarship specifically designed for PEI members.

### PEI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD - One \$500 Award

This award is to honor educators who exemplify the essence of professionalism. Nominees can be recommended by administrators, peers, or parents. **Contact the PEI office for an application.**

### STUDENT PEI CLASSROOM SUPPLY AWARD - Two \$250 Awards

This scholarship will go to an active student member of PEI who is graduating with an education degree and will be teaching the following semester. **Applications are due August 1, 2024.** Requirements include:

- BOEE Folder number or a copy of college/university diploma
- Name of employer (must be an Iowa school)
- Applicants should submit a short essay about how they envision utilizing the scholarship funds to improve their classroom and better the lives of their students
- Current photo of applicant suitable for publication

Scholarship recipient must upgrade membership to Professional category to receive the award. Applications can be submitted online to [info@peiowa.org](mailto:info@peiowa.org) or mailed to the PEI office.

## FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS\*

### STUDENT AWARDS

#### COLLEGE BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS - Ten \$100 Awards

This scholarship drawing will be awarded to students who will graduate from high school during the 2023-2024 school year. Students planning to further their education in a program leading to a two or four year certificate or degree should submit:

- A current transcript
- Scholarship Cover Sheet
- Current photo of applicant suitable for publication

The award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice upon successful completion of the first semester.

#### TEACHER OF TOMORROW - One \$1000 Award

This scholarship is for any Iowa high school senior aspiring to teach and will be awarded on the basis of the student's career goal as an educator, academic record, accomplishments, and community involvement. Interested students should submit:

- An official transcript
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher
- An essay explaining why you want to be a teacher
- A bio on accomplishments and community service
- Current photo of applicant suitable for publication

The award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice upon the successful completion of the first semester.

#### ED CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL - One \$100 Scholarship

This scholarship has been created to assist a high school senior student who is pursuing a career in a scientific field in either a two or four year college or university. Requirements include:

- An official high school transcript
- A letter of recommendation from an educator
- An essay stating the career field of science pursuing, describing personal goals and qualifications that contribute to eligibility for being awarded this scholarship.
- Current photo of applicant suitable for publication

The award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice upon the successful completion of the first semester.

#### EDUCATIONAL PERSISTENCE - One \$1000 Scholarship

This unique award is for high school seniors or students currently enrolled as education majors and requires a recommendation from a PEI member. The student must be pursuing an education degree. The applicant must submit:

- An official high school transcript
- PEI member recommendation
- A bio on accomplishments and community services
- One page essay describing the obstacles the applicant has faced and overcome in pursuit of their educational goals
- Current photo of applicant suitable for publication

The award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice upon the successful completion of the first semester.

#### LOCAL PEI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS - Twelve \$150 Awards

Local chapters with their own scholarship fund and selection process may receive \$150 to boost their dollar amount for their school. Requirements include:

- The scholarship must be presented publicly at an assembly or awards ceremony
- Local guidelines should be on file or submitted to the PEI office with preferred criteria including character, need, occupational pursuit, and public service.
- Current photo of applicant(s) suitable for publication

The award will be paid directly to the local PEI chapter.

## EDUCATOR AWARDS

### PEI LICENSE RENEWAL CREDIT CLASS HALF PRICE AWARDS - Up to \$1000 Available

Apply now! PEIF is offering half price scholarships for educators attending PEI Professional Development Classes. These scholarships are intended to help classroom teachers expand their professional skills and knowledge in areas of ethics, classroom management, dyslexia, leadership, financial literacy, STEM, and more.

To apply for a scholarship, please submit a paragraph describing the workshop that you wish to attend and the direct benefits that you expect this opportunity to bring to you and your students.

Scholarship awards will be applied directly to the Professional Development class specified in the application (limit one per person).

## ASSOCIATE AWARD

### TEACHER ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR - One \$200 Award

Nominate *your* associate! This award is a stipend for those individuals who have generously assisted in the classrooms. The recipients will also receive a one year complimentary membership in PEI which includes the \$2,000,000 liability coverage. To nominate an associate, submit a detailing of their commitment, love of children, and any other pertinent information. You may include letters from other educators and letters from parents. Please include information about yourself and why your associate deserves this award.

**\*The following rules apply: Foundation scholarships are available to all Iowa students or educators regardless of affiliation.**

All recipients will be featured in the PEI newsletter. Transcripts and other required documentation as well as a current photo suitable for publication must be received before monetary awards are given. Recipients must wait four years to apply for another award or scholarship.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024**