



# 2026 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

## **COLLEGE BOOK SCHOLARSHIP** Two \$500 Awards

This scholarship will be awarded to students who graduate from high school in Iowa during the 2025-2026 school year. Students planning to further their education in a program leading to an education degree should submit:

- An official high school transcript
- An essay explaining why you want to be an educator (500 word min.)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher
- A current photo of applicant suitable for publication

Upon successful completion of the first semester, this award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice.

## **TEACHER OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP** Two \$1,000 Awards

This scholarship is for any Iowa high school senior graduating during 2025-2026 school year 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. Requirements include:

- An official high school transcript
- An essay explaining why you want to be an educator (500 word min.)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher
- A current photo of applicant suitable for publication

Upon successful completion of the first semester, this award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice.

## **LOCAL PEI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP** Ten \$150 Awards

Local chapters with their own scholarship fund and selection process may receive \$150 to boost their school's scholarship.

- 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
- A current photo of applicant(s) suitable for publication

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



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## **AMY M. KOSKOVICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** One \$1,000 Award

*This scholarship has been established in memory of Amy M. Koskovich who passed away in 2024 after a 7 year battle with cancer. Having grown up in a family of dedicated educators, Amy knew the value of education and devoted herself to the next generation. As a civilian, Amy served active duty families as the Youth Service Director at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickman.*

This scholarship is intended to assist a high school student (graduating during 2025-2026 school year) who is pursuing a career in elementary education AND has been directly impacted in their immediate family by EITHER active duty military service OR cancer. Requirements include:

- An official high school transcript
- An essay explaining why you want to be an educator AND how you have been personally impacted by active duty military service OR cancer in your immediate family (500 word min.)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher
- A current photo of applicant suitable for publication

Upon successful completion of the first semester, this award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice.

## **ED CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** One \$500 Award

*This scholarship has been established in memory of Ed Christian. Ed was a career educator who faithfully served as a science teacher, guidance counselor, basketball coach, and Principal. He taught in several Iowa districts including Castana, Gowrie, Dayton, Pocahontas, and Pomeroy.*

This scholarship is intended to assist a high school student (graduating during the 2025-2026 school year) who is pursuing a career in a science education field. Requirements include:

- An official high school transcript
- An essay explaining why you are pursuing a career in science education (500 word min.)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher
- A current photo of applicant suitable for publication

Upon successful completion of the first semester, this award will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution of choice.



# 2026 EDUCATOR AWARDS

## PEI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD One \$1,000 Award

This award is made possible by the PEI Association to honor a current PEI Professional Member who is an exemplary educator. Administrators, colleagues, parents, or community members may submit nominations. Individuals may also nominate themselves. Requirements include:

- All nominations must include a brief written explanation detailing why the nominee deserves to be recognized as PEI's Professional Educator of the Year (500 words or less). The explanation should highlight the nominee's exceptional contributions to education, their dedication to students, and their impact within the school or community.
- Two testimonial letters by students, parents, peers, or administrators

The \$1,000 prize will be paid directly to the winner and will be presented publicly at an assembly or awards ceremony. The winner will also receive one free year of Membership with PEI at the Professional level.

## ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD One \$500 Award

This award from the PEI Foundation for those individuals who have generously assisted in the classroom as an associate. Administrators, colleagues, parents, or community members may submit nominations. Individuals may also nominate themselves. Nominee does not need to be a PEI member. Requirements include:

- All nominations must include a brief written explanation detailing why the nominee deserves to be recognized as the Associate of the Year. The explanation should highlight the nominee's commitment, their love for students, and their impact within the school or community.
- Two testimonial letters from students, parents, peers, or administrators

The \$500 prize will be paid directly to the winner and will be presented publicly at an assembly or awards ceremony. The winner will also receive one free year of Membership with PEI at the Support level.

## JODIE NATION AWARD FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP One \$1,000 Award

This Foundation award is designed to recognize an educator or administrator who serves with passion and humility, both in the classroom and outside of it. The recipient will be a valued and revered member of his/her school community, as evidenced by sacrificial service to the greater good. Administrators, colleagues, parents, or community members may submit nominations. Nominee does not need to be a PEI member. Requirements include:

- All nominations must include a brief written explanation detailing why the nominee deserves to receive the Jodie Nation Award for Servant Leadership (500 words or less). The explanation should highlight the nominee's servant leadership qualities.
- Two testimonial letters by students, parents, peers, or administrators

The \$1,000 prize will be paid directly to the winner and will be presented publicly at an assembly or awards ceremony. The winner will also receive one free year of Membership with PEI at the Professional level.