

Petal High School

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE BOOKLET



A Guide To Local, State and National SCHOLARSHIPS

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Petal School District Education Foundation Trust, Inc.

Scholarships

Creating opportunities for success...

The Petal Education Foundation administers a variety of scholarships to help students pursue higher educational goals. In many cases, the scholarships make the college and university experience accessible to students who might not otherwise dream of a college education. The Petal Education Foundation offers different scholarship opportunities for Petal High School seniors to attend both in-state and out-of-state schools.

Our scholarship donors are corporations, associations, organizations, and individuals who want to create a brighter future by encouraging education. Each donor has the opportunity to determine the criteria of their scholarship. The Foundation provides assistance in establishing the scholarship funds at no cost and an awards recognition brunch/luncheon in May. The brunch/luncheon gives the donors and scholarship recipients the opportunity to meet if they haven't already done so.

To date, the Foundation has awarded more than 423 scholarships totaling nearly \$287,840.00.

To the student...

Scholarship Selection Process

The Scholarship Review committee selects recipients based on information submitted by the applicant. Some scholarship funds have specific eligibility requirements established by the donor, such as enrollment at a certain college or university or specializing in a special field of study. Other criteria associated with a particular scholarship must be followed completely in order to be a candidate for that scholarship. The selection review committee makes their selections and the recipient is notified prior to the Scholarship Recognition Brunch/Luncheon in May.

PETAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Addison McKinley Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: The individual must pursue a degree at a college or university in Mississippi. Student must have maintained a 3.0 GPA and/or a letter of recommendation from the PHS principal stating promise and potential in pursuing a college degree. An essay stating financial need is required. On additional letter of recommendation, resume, and transcript is required.

Complete PEF application.

Anderson Brothers Leadership Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The recipient will be a Petal High senior who has participated in school and community service activities and demonstrated leadership skills and abilities. Student must have maintained a 2.5 GPA, letter of recommendation and resume addressing leadership and community service skills.

Complete PEF application

Aspiring Teacher/Educator Scholarship

Award: 250.00

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, Essay stating why you want to enter the field of education and highlight the teacher who had the greatest impact in your life, one letter of reference and resume. Priority will be given to students enrolled in the PHS Teacher Academy.

Complete PEF application

Beth Havard English/Education Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The recipient will be a deserving senior student pursuing a degree in Education or English. A minimum 3.25 GPA, one letter of recommendation from a language arts teacher and an essay entitled: *"My Education and Career Goals."* Selection will be determined by recommendations of PHS language arts teachers, PHS principal, and PEF Scholarship committee.

Complete PEF application.

Bob & Kristi Pierce Senior Class President Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: PHS Senior Class President, a letter from a senior sponsor stating that student is in good standing, resume listing accomplishments as president and transcript.

Complete PEF application.

Bobby Drake Athletic Scholarship**Amount: \$250.00**

Requirements: Christian athlete with leadership skills and good work ethics, letter of recommendation and resume
Complete PEF application

Burkett Ross, Sr. Academic Excellence Athletic Scholarship**Amount: \$250.00**

Requirements: Highest GPA among the top twenty-five senior athletes at Petal High School

C.D. Kolbo Scholarship**Award: \$500.00**

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, Applicant has a disability, an essay about the disability and how a college education would help you to overcome the difficulty associated with the disability and possibly help others with a disability. Two letters of recommendation based on *“Why this applicant would use a college education to help others with disabilities.”*

Complete PEF application

Coach Si Thompson’s “Bootstrap” Scholarship**Award Amount: \$1000.00**

Requirements: Requirements: The recipient will be a Petal High School senior who has a history of unselfish participation in the academic success of others. The student is required to write a one-page essay stating his/her desire to help others succeed and connect that desire to one of the below listed *Core Beliefs of the Petal School District*.

- A person's potential to learn is limitless.
- All people have intrinsic worth.
- People are influenced more by what others do than by what they say.

- One brief teacher recommendation stating that you have consistently engaged in the academic success of others and that trait is an important part of your character.
- A GPA of 3.00 is required
- Applicant must complete the PEF application.

Class of 1956 Scholarship**Amount: \$500.00**

Requirements: Essay—“My Educational and Career Goals”, GPA-2.5+, two letters of recommendation

Complete PEF applica

Dee Dee & Robert Lowery Accounting Scholarship**Award:** \$1000.00

Requirements: Recipient must be majoring in Accounting with a four or five year degree, maintained a 2.5 GPA, been enrolled in business class(es) at Petal High School and provide a resume to include involvement in business related clubs and activities. Provide a letter of recommendation from a PHS business teacher.
Complete PEF application.

Dr. Chuck Harrell Health Scholarship**Amount:** \$250.00

Requirements: Senior must be pursuing a degree in a health related field of study, GPA 2.5, Essay stating academic and career goals in the medical field as well as a short paragraph indicating financial need.
Complete PEF application

Dr. Milton Baxter Band Scholarship**Award:** \$1000.00

Requirements: Senior must have been a member of the PHS band in good standing for no less than 2 years, must attend a public or private community or senior college in Mississippi does not need to pursue a degree or career in music, must meet requirement to graduate from Petal High School, 2 letters of recommendations, 250 word essay stating education and career goals, complete PEF application

Earl Porter Cross Scholarship**Amount:** \$300.00

Requirements: Senior PHS student, must have 3.5 or better GPA, must have succeeded in higher sciences arena, (AP courses). List all high school science courses with the grade earned. Student must display leadership and the ability to complete a college degree program, 2 letters of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Eddie Miley Lewis Legacy Scholarship**Award:** \$500.00

Requirements: The scholarship is established to provide an opportunity for a FEMALE graduating senior to pursue a college education and degree in the field of ***Business and/or International Studies***. 3.0 GPA, Resume, Two letters of recommendation, and an essay stating educational and career goals.
Complete PEF application

Edith Easterling James Education Scholarship**Award:** \$300.00

Requirements: must major in **education**, show potential for success, maintained a 3.0 GPA, include an essay stating financial need, letter of recommendation

Complete PEF application

Elizabeth Clinton Wilson Community Engagement Scholarship

Award: \$400.00

Requirements: The annual scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to volunteer service in the community. The scholarship may be awarded to the same student for four consecutive years, i.e. freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years of college, for a total of \$1600.00. The student must provide evidence that they are enrolled in college or university each year in July, in order to receive the scholarship after the first year. Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA with documentation and documented community service for all four years of high school. This scholarship will be awarded every four years or until college career is interrupted.

Complete PEF Application

Elizabeth Dabbs Brock "Fight the Good Fight" Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must be a PHS graduating senior who has been affected by a terminal illness in their immediate family. To qualify for this scholarship, a member of the applicants immediate family (mother, father, sibling, self, close grandparent) must have/have had a terminal illness. Write an essay telling your story. "How has this illness affected your life? What have you learned from this experience?" Teacher recommendation to include a brief description of how the student has grown and persevered through their ordeal, including strengths and perseverance the student has shown.

Complete PEF Application

"Friends of the Foundation" PSD Employee Dependent Scholarship

Amount: Varies from year to year based on contributions to the "Friends of the Foundation" Annual Campaign Scholarship Fund

Requirements: must be a PHS graduating senior, son or daughter of a full or part time Petal School District employee, attended PHS all four years of high school, maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Complete PEF application

Gail McInnis Choral Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Must be a 4 year member of the choral department, 3.0 GPA, College bound, be of high moral character, possess good leadership skills, have a love of music, must write a 250 word essay stating why you think you are worthy of this scholarship.

Complete PEF application

Gene High Memorial Scholarship-Medical/Science/Math Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, Consideration is given to a student who applies for this scholarship becoming *the first in his/her family to earn a college degree*, a paragraph stating aforementioned item. Include a letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application.

Greater Hattiesburg Home Builders Association Construction I Technology Scholarship

Amount: \$300.00

Requirements: Outstanding Construction Technology I student who will be completing requirements for their 1st year, nominated at the beginning of the school year by the instructor, and attend a Tuesday luncheon with the GHHBA. Recommendations from director, teacher, and counselor for the Construction Technology Program are required.

Greater Hattiesburg Home Builders Association Construction II Technology Scholarship

Amount: \$700.00

Requirements: Outstanding Construction Technology II student who will be completing requirements for their 2nd year, nominated at the beginning of the school year by the instructor, and attend a Tuesday luncheon with the GHHBA. Recommendations from director, teacher, and counselor for the Construction Technology Program are required. Must be approved by the Petal Education Foundation Scholarship Review Committee and attend the annual PHS awards program.

Health Care and Clinical Science Outstanding Student

Amount: \$100.00

Requirement: Outstanding Student – minimal absences, hard worker, preference given to members of HOSA, documented community service hours stating date and time served.

H.R. Nobles Scholarship

Amount: \$400.00

Requirements: Student Body President—senior, must be in good standing with Petal High School administrators, sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club of Petal.
Complete PEF application

H & S Robotics Club Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Senior, GPA of 2.5, participated in Robotics Club at least 2 years including your senior year, attended regional competition, letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Ione Ginn Bond Education Scholarship**Amount: \$1000.00****Requirements:** Essay: "Why I Am Majoring in Education," PHS student for a minimum of two years, GPA-3.0+, Must have taken ACT, letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application**Jennifer Trussell Purvis Memorial Music Scholarship****Amount: \$500.00****Requirements:** Essay: *"How the Choral Program at PHS and Love of Music Have Impacted My Life,"* Choral Student, Two Reference Letters
Complete PEF application**Jimmy Havard Community Leadership Scholarship****Award: \$250.00****Requirements:** Resume listing leadership positions held, community service activities including dates and hours of service, letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application**Jim Smith Athletic Scholarship****Award: \$250.00****Requirements:** a student in any PHS sport, a resume, must exhibit Christian attitude on and off the field, 2.5 GPA, two letters of recommendation
Complete PEF application**Kevin Patrick Duckworth Memorial Baseball Scholarship****Award: \$500.00****Requirements:** Award recipient must have played for 4 years on the PHS Baseball Team. This may include the 9th grade, junior varsity and varsity. Student must have maintained a 3.25 GPA or better, demonstrated leadership skills that further ensure success in college, resume listing leadership skills, include a letter of recommendation.
Complete PEF application**King CPA Accounting Scholarship****Award: \$500.00****Requirements:** Recipient must be majoring in Accounting with a four or five year degree, maintained a 2.5 GPA, been enrolled in business class(es) at Petal High School and provide a resume to include involvement in business related clubs and activities. Provide a letter of recommendation from a PHS business teacher.
Complete PEF application.**Landry & Lewis Architects Scholarship for Architectural or Engineering Studies****Amount: \$1000.00**

- Requirements:** A. Student planning to attend an accredited Architectural School and majoring in architecture,
B. Students majoring in Architectural Engineering
C. Students majoring in Construction Engineering
D. Students majoring in Civil Engineering

250 word essay stating educational and career goals

Letter of recommendation

Complete PEF application

Larry Watkins Legacy Baseball Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Senior student who has been a member of the PHS Baseball Team and is nominated by the baseball coach, has a Christian attitude on and off the field, exhibits leadership skills and has a 2.5 GPA, one letter of recommendation

Complete PEF application

Lynn Cartlidge Leadership Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Resume listing proven leadership activities and community service activities, 2.5 GPA, two letters of recommendation

Complete PEF application

Making Strides Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The graduating senior must have worked to overcome a disability or experienced hardship with an immediate family member stricken with a debilitating illness or disease. Essay describing the medical situation, letter of recommendation, 2.5 GPA, resume listing school and community involvement.

Complete PEF application

Marcus Ware Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1200.00

Requirements: Resume, Two letters of recommendation must attend Mississippi State University majoring in engineering.

Complete PEF application

Milton Carpenter Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: GPA-2.5+, Take ACT, Resume noting community service with number of hours from freshman-senior years, Letter of reference noting community service

Complete PEF application

Mississippi Scholars Program PEF Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must meet all the requirements of the Mississippi Scholars Program,
letter of reference
Complete PEF application

Mississippi Scholars Tech Masters PEF Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must meet all the requirements of the Mississippi Scholars Tech Masters Program, complete PHS Career Technical Tech Masters application, <http://goo.gl/forms/sJbvVVmwrM>
Complete PEF application

Odis B. Clinton Music Scholarship

Amount: \$400.00

Requirements: Scholarship is given to a PHS Band member on even years and a PHS Choral student on odd years. Students must include a letter of recommendation from the lead teacher of the respective fine arts program. Cosmopolitan Club of Petal is the sponsoring organization of this scholarship.
Complete PEF application

Fine Arts Scholarship

Peggy James Child Nutrition Employee Dependent Scholarships

Award: Varies from year to year based on donations

Requirements: Parent must be a Petal School District food service employee, 2.0 GPA,
Complete PEF application.

Penny Jones Alexander Stay in School Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Student will be awarded for extra effort exerted to stay in school and graduate, despite exceptional circumstances (i.e. pregnancy) and to males students who may graduate despite obstacles other students do not face. Graduation is the ONLY requirement. A student could receive this award with academic awards also. Nominations may be made by any school employee, certified or otherwise, to high school principal.

Petal Arts Council Scholarship

Amount: \$100.00

Requirements: Must be a visual arts student who exhibits talent with their chosen medium, i.e., paint materials, clay, sculpture materials, photography, etc. Medium does not include computer generated work. 2.5 GPA, submit three, (3) representations of their original work created within the last three years prior to high school graduation, submit a letter of recommendation focusing on the student's artistic aptitude.
Complete PEF application

Petal High School Junior ROTC Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: Senior who displays standards, characteristics, and the following traits: Academically average 2.5 GPA, who intends to enroll in Army ROTC with intentions of graduating with a commission in the Army or USMC, if attending OCS upon graduation, enjoys military lifestyle and is comfortable in a military atmosphere, self motivated, shows and possesses leadership skills and traits, is neat in personal appearance, candidate must be recommended by both JROTC instructors and interviews by donor or local retired military, essay required stating; "Why you would like to receive the ROTC Scholarship, letter of reference
Complete PEF application

Petal Band Presidential Inaugural Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00—to the most outstanding senior band member *majoring in music*

Requirements: PHS Band membership, 250 word essay stating, "Why you think you are worthy of this scholarship." 2.5 GPA, exhibit leadership skills, one letter of reference
Complete PEF application

Petal Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Applicant must be employed by a business that is a member in good standing of the PACC or
Applicant must be the legal child of a business owner that is a member in good standing of the PACC or
Applicant must be the legal child of a parent employed at a business that is a member in good standing of the PACC.

Scholarships can be utilized for full or part-time tuition to any college undergraduate or graduate program, for technical college or for community college in Mississippi.

◦Applicants will be selected based on:

- Participation and leadership in school activities and work experience;
- Academic achievement--GPA 3.0 or above required
- Economic need

- Response to the essay question. Choose (1) from the following list.

Essay Questions

1. Leadership: How have you demonstrated strong leadership during your high school years and been a role model for your peers?
2. Perseverance: Provide an example of a time in high school where you faced a challenge and explain how you approached the situation and the outcome.
3. Character: What adjective best describes your personal character and why did you chose this word?
4. Aspirations and Goals: Include your aspirations and goals in life and why you have chosen them.

Petal Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Senior, who has, maintained a 2.5 GPA, exhibited citizenship and high ideals, resume proving participation in service to their community, and information highlighting the student's patriotism and goodwill to others, one letter of reference
Complete PEF application

Petal Optimist Club Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Resume including community service, transcript, letter of reference
Complete PEF application

Petal School District Most Outstanding Ambassador

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must be a Petal School District Senior Ambassador, must have exhibited leadership skills and participated in functions with the Foundation, Chamber of Commerce as well as other community service projects, submit a resume listing leadership positions and community service activities including dates and hours of service.
Complete PEF application

Petal Youth Sports Association Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, male or female who has participated in organized sports during their high school career, write a brief essay entitled, *"The Importance of Interscholastic Sports and the Lessons I Have Learned."* Student must attend an accredited Mississippi college, junior college or university.
Complete PEF application

Possible Pharmacy Scholarship

Power of the Pen Scholarship

Award: \$300.00

The pen has the power to alter the status quo. Authors and poets have been voicing their opinions through original fiction and poetry for centuries, and by commentating through characters and/or verse, they have continually incited change.

Requirements: Submit an original work of poetry or short fiction that in some way addresses an issue relevant to society today. There are no stylistic guidelines; student may choose the format that best suits their message. Submissions should be 1,500 words or less.

Complete PEF application

Ray Perkins Athletic Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Member of the PHS Football Team, one letter of reference

Complete PEF application

Resinall Science/Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Deserving student planning to pursue degrees in Chemistry, Polymer Science or Engineering, Minimum 3.0 GPA, letter of recommendation from Math or Science Teacher, must attend a state funded college or university within the State of Mississippi (EX: USM, MSU, UM, JCJC, PRCC), essay entitled, "Why I Am Choosing a Degree in Chemistry, Polymer or Engineering."

Complete PEF application.

Robert E. Hendrix Scholarship

Amount: \$6,000.00 (\$1,500.00 per year for four years)

Requirements: Hendrix Application, Paragraph stating student need,

Essay-*"My Future Education and Career Goals,"* **Must have a PHS Mentor beginning in 9th grade,** Mentor recommendation

Complete PEF application

Ronnie Harrington Memorial Baseball Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Senior student who has been a member of the PHS Baseball Team, has a Christian attitude on and off the field, 2.5 GPA, two letters of recommendation

Complete PEF application

SPC William Anthony Blount Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must prove financial need, public service, and character. Two letters of reference

Complete PEF application

Spirit of Robert Burgess Athletic Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Nominated by a member of the PHS coaching staff, resume, 2.0 GPA, must have played or been involved in a sport at Petal High School, possess a strong spirit of volunteerism, two letters of recommendation attesting to the student's sport and volunteerism

Complete PEF application

Steve Simmons "P.R.I.D.E." Scholarship

Award: \$500

Requirements: Senior student who possess an outstanding—

Positive attitude, Respect others, Integrity, Determination, Effort.

Must participate in at least one extracurricular activity, List the college you plan to attend, been excepted to the 2 or 4 year college or university, submit a resume listing activities and involvement at school and in the community, include an essay stating justification/proof of the above mentioned attributes.

Two letters of recommendations are required from a PHS teacher/**counselor** with knowledge of the student's P.R.I.D.E.

Complete PEF application.

Teresa Brown Academic Excellence Scholarship in Health Care and Clinical Science

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest Health Science Student Average

Willie Ratliff Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Student must be of high moral character, shown kindness to those less fortunate, have financial need, teacher recommendation, 250 word essay stating education and career goals

Complete PEF application

Other Scholarships Administered by the Petal Education Foundation:

(Students do not apply for the following scholarships. Award is based solely on test scores.)

CTE-Information Technology Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Polymer Science Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Culinary Arts Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Construction Technology

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Health Care and Clinical Science C-PAS Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest CPAS Score for HS II

CTE-Business & Marketing Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE- Digital Media Tech

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE- Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Teacher Academy Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Law and Public Safety

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

New—Pending

Community Service Scholarship

Law Enforcement Scholarship

Pharmacy Scholarship

Fine Arts