

PCEF Scholarship Application Essay Prompts – 2021

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Scholarships that require additional essays:

1. **The Sandy Moore Scholarship**
2. **The Person County Education Foundation Spirit Scholarship**
3. **The David and Dr. Vickie Tribble Scholarship**
4. **The Rebecca Gentry Wilson Rise Up Scholarship**
5. **The “Why I’m Ready” Scholarship** – this scholarship requires both a written and video essay. The video essay must be uploaded to your social media page. If you do not have social media you may still apply! Details below

You may submit your essays by written form or by video.

If you wish, you may choose to submit both written and video essays. For example: Required Essay 1 will be submitted in written format, and Required Essay 2 will be submitted in video format. Simply check the appropriate checkboxes. The same rules apply with additional scholarship essays.

Video Essays – Must be at least 30 seconds and no longer than 2 minutes per essay video. Make sure that your video file is named with your name. Applicant must be featured in the video answering the essay question. A new submission is required for each essay.

How to submit your video essays:

- Upload them to <https://pcef.app.box.com>
- Email to PCEF at pcefscholarships@gmail.com
- Contact Amanda Morrow at 336-592-1507 with any issues or other options.

Written Essays - Must be written by the applicant. Be sure to proofread your essays, spelling and grammar is a factor in application scores. **All essays must be typed, PCEF will not accepted handwritten essays!**

How to submit your written essays:

- Emailing to PCEF at pcefscholarships@gmail.com
- Leaving materials in PCEF’s Drop Box (email for directions and instructions)

[Click Here for Video Essay Tips](#)

PCEF REQUIRED ESSAYS

Both of the following essays must be completed by each applicant for the scholarship application to be complete. You may submit your essays in written form or by video.

Required Essay 1: Describe your goals and explain how your high school accomplishments are related to your collegiate and long-range career plans.

Required Essay 2: Explain why you are seeking financial assistance. Be sure to cite any evidence of financial need.

ESSAYS FOR PARTICULAR SCHOLARSHIPS

You may submit your essays by written form or by video.

Moore Scholarship Required Essay: Describe the importance of being a first-generation college student. Share your family dynamics and if you live in a single-parent household, please explain how that has affected you. What characteristics do you possess due to your upbringing and how have those characteristics helped you in your quest for furthering your education?

Spirit Award Required Essay: Describe how you try to make your community a better place. Examples can include any of the following areas: home/family, school, community, church, work.

Tribble Scholarship Required Essay: What does ‘paying it forward’ mean to you?

Rise Up Scholarship Required Essay:

About the scholarship: Becky Gentry Wilson was the 1970 Valedictorian graduate of Person Senior High School. She attended East Carolina University (ECU), graduating Magna Cum Laude with her degree in Elementary Education. After graduation, Mrs. Wilson returned to Person County where, for 30 years, she would Rise Up each school day to educate students at Bethel Hill and Woodland elementary schools. Now retired, Becky Rises Up each and every day to care for her husband of 46 years, Donald as they battle amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and continues to do so with unrelenting care, love, dedication and devotion.

Essay Prompt: How have you faced, and overcome, some of life's obstacles in order to meet some dream or outcome?

Why I'm Ready Scholarship Required Essay:

Awarded to Person County seniors who demonstrate how they are college and career ready beyond what their grades might apply. To apply for this scholarship students must:

1. Answer the following essay question on your scholarship application.
2. Submit a copy of the video to one of the following:
PCEF's Essay File Upload: <https://pcef.app.box.com/f/6a7a1b0ef42f4c5f9361014d381e4a42>
Email to PCEF at <mailto:pcefscholarships@gmail.com>

Essay Prompt: Briefly (250 words or less) explain why you know you are college and career ready and how that shaped your post-secondary plans.

Video Requirements:

Submit one video to PCEF telling us why you are college or career ready beyond your academic standing (grades, test score, class rank).

Examples include: completion of an internship, Advanced Placement or dual credit class, or a career certification; near-perfect attendance; or participation in activities.