

Peters Township Education Foundation

Matthew Cheran Scholarship Application

The Peters Township Education Foundation will grant one scholarship each spring to a graduating senior of the Peters Township High School in the amount of \$500 in honor of Matthew Cheran. A beloved teacher at Peters Township Middle School, Mr. Cheran served as the President of the PTEF for more than 12 years. Upon his retirement, the scholarship was initiated in his honor to assist students with post-graduation pursuits who show strong moral character, positive attitude and dedication to their school.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Post graduate plans (college, technical school, military, other – if attending a school please include the name and your intended major). _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Two teacher/faculty/guidance counselor signatures are required and may be contacted by the scholarship committee for a verbal confirmation of reference. *No letter of recommendation is needed.*

Teacher/Faculty reference signature: _____ Printed name _____

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ESSAY PROMPTS: PLEASE SELECT ONE

Integrity and Ethics: Describe a situation where you were faced with a moral dilemma. How did you navigate through it? What principles guided your decision-making process?

Resilience and Perseverance: Share a significant challenge or setback you encountered in your academic or personal life. How did you overcome it, and what did you learn from the experience?

Empathy and Compassion: Discuss an instance where you demonstrated empathy towards others, particularly in a difficult situation. How did your actions impact those involved, and what did you gain from the experience?

Leadership and Service: Reflect on a time when you took on a leadership role to initiate positive change within your community or organization. What motivated you to lead, and what outcomes did you achieve?

ESSAY GUIDELINES: Each essay should be 500-700 words in length. Demonstration of good character traits such as integrity, resilience, empathy, and leadership as well as clarity and coherence of writing will be taken into consideration by the scholarship committee. Use clear and concise language, providing specific examples to support your points. Ensure your essay is well-structured, and proofread carefully. We look forward to reviewing your scholarship application.

Please submit your application along with the essay in electronic form to belchers@pt-sd.org by April 10, 2026.

Paper copies may alternately be submitted to the District Administration Office at 631 East McMurray Road, McMurray PA 15317.

Late submissions will not be considered. Winners will be announced at the District's Senior Awards Assembly.