

PSCA 2026 Scholarship Competition

One Scholarship Awarded **\$1,000**

Eligibility & General Guidelines:

- Participants should be high school seniors planning to pursue a post-secondary education at a 2 or 4 year institution or trade school.
- Please submit a one (1) page essay of no more than 750 words on a School Counselor who has made a difference in your academic, career and/or social-emotional development. The body of the essay should be double-spaced. Your essay must include three examples. The essay must focus on one of your current or previous school counselors. The school counselor about whom you are writing must be a certified school counselor, currently employed as such in Pennsylvania.
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 - **Use the proper terminology of “school counselor.” The use of “guidance counselor” will result in the deduction of points.**
 - **Essays will be checked for AI assistance. Those identified as generated or heavily assisted by AI tools will not be selected. The selected essay will reflect the author’s authentic voice, creativity, and unique experiences.**
 - **Please place your last name and high school in the upper right corner of the essay.**
 - **Do NOT include a resume.**
 - **All submissions should be in Word Document or PDF format.**
- ALL Essays must be submitted electronically at the link below.
- Create an account [LINK](#) to apply or scan the QR Code.



Deadlines:

April 1, 2026 11:59 PM—
Deadline for submissions

May 8, 2026—
Recipient announced



Questions can be directed to:

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