

The Greater Capital Region of New York State Chapter of PDK #135

2018 PDK Prospective Educator SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PDK CHAPTER APPLICATION

The GCR PDK Educational Foundation annually awards scholarships to prospective educators. This application form is for high school seniors who intend to attend college and major in education and whose application is submitted to the local GCR PDK chapter for consideration. Once completed, this application must be returned by March 1, 2016, to the following PDK chapter representative:

To be completed by PDK Chapter Representative:

PDK Chapter Name The Greater Capital Region of NYS PDK Chapter Number #135

PDK Chapter Representative's Name Dr. Philip Fusco

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Submit your completed application packet no later than March 1, 2018, to the PDK representative listed above. All applications are reviewed by the chapter screening committee

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- **Goals Statement** – You have decided as a goal that you want to become a teacher. Please share your vision as to what that means to you and how you see yourself accomplishing this goal (about 100 to 150 words).
- **Reference Letter** – Please submit one letter of recommendation. The letter must be from a person familiar with your academic abilities and school activities, and should address your interest in teaching and the qualities that will make you a successful educator.
- **Transcript** – Request a copy of your high school transcript from your school counselor. Your transcript must include class size, class rank, and grade point average.

YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

____ Your goals statement

____ Reference letter

____ Transcript

____ This application form

____ FAFSA (if required)

Do not send folders, binders, photographs, or other attachments. Make a copy of the completed application for your record.

All paperwork is due by March 1, 2018

Please type or print legibly in black ink

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
STREET ADDRESS	CITY STATE or PROVINCE	ZIP OR POSTAL CODE ()
E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	
HIGH SCHOOL NAME		
HIGH SCHOOL		

What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female

Which best describes your race/ethnicity? Select all that apply. (Optional.)

- ☐ White, not Latino
☐ Latino/Hispanic
☐ African American
☐ Asian
☐ Native American
☐ Pacific Islander
☐ Other (please specify) _____

A copy of your academic transcript must accompany your application by March 1, 2018. Indicate if the transcript is attached or will be sent separately to the chapter representative.

- ☐ Transcript is attached.
☐ Transcript will be sent separately. (The transcript must be received by March 1, 2018)

Please complete the following academic information. See your high school counselor if you need assistance.

____ GPA (grade point averages are to be figured on a 4.0 scale.)
____ Class size
____ Class rank

Once I earn my teaching certificate, I would like to teach the following students. Check only one:

- ☐ Preschool/Early Childhood/Prekindergarten students
☐ Elementary students (grades K–6)
☐ Middle School Students (grades 7–8)
☐ High School Students (grades 9–12)
☐ College Students

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have worked with others in a teaching or learning capacity. Include any education-focused clubs or organizations you belong to. You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have served as a leader. Include any offices you have held in clubs or organizations. These activities could be both in school and outside of school. You can attach a separate sheet with your response

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have participated in service projects. These activities could be both in school and outside of school. Talk about your role in the activity and about any projects that you initiated . You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

List employment and other significant extracurricular activities not mentioned above. Tell us why you chose this activity and what you gained from your participation in the activity. You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

REFERENCE

List the person you have asked to provide your letter of reference. The letter must be from a person familiar with your academic abilities and school activities, and should address your interest in teaching and the qualities that will make you a successful educator. List the name, title, and telephone number or email address. Attach the letter of reference to this application form and make sure that your name is in the upper right corner.

Name_____ Title____ E-mail Address or Phone Number _

GOALS STATEMENT

You have decided as a goal that you want to become a teacher. Please share your vision as to what that means to you and how you see yourself accomplishing this goal (100 to 150 words). You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

If you become a member of Ed Rising, there are more options for scholarship opportunities (<https://www.educatorsrising.org/virtualcampus/>. It's a free website and there are no membership dues.

Prospective Educator Scholarships

Educators Rising is sponsored by PDK International. One of the many ways that PDK supports Educators Rising and fulfills its vision of cultivating great educators for tomorrow is through the [PDK Educational Foundation](#). The PDK Educational Foundation awards more than 30 scholarships each year to prospective educators who have a connection to PDK through membership in Educators Rising. All scholarships are available under a single application. **Typically, award amounts range from \$500-\$1,500.**

Eligibility

High school seniors intending to attend college and major in education, who are members of Educators Rising, can apply through the [online application](#)., which will be available in January 2018 at <https://www.educatorsrising.org/virtualcampus/event/48-prospective-educator-scholarships> .

Application Process

The PDK Educational Foundation offers more than 30 scholarships, but -- good news! -- You only need to fill out one application to apply for all Prospective Educator Scholarships. There are two types of scholarships: general endowed scholarships and scholarships with special criteria. All applicants will be considered for the general endowed scholarships. If you would like to be considered for any of the scholarships with special criteria, you will be asked to answer additional questions. Please note that these scholarships are highly competitive because they are offered nation-wide.

Find the list of scholarships and more details at

https://www.educatorsrising.org/virtualcampus/search?search_key=scholarships

An interesting article on the Ed Rising website is **10 College Faqs for Future Teachers**.

<https://www.educatorsrising.org/virtualcampus/article/51-10-college-faqs-for-future-teachers>