

PECO Supplemental Academic Scholarship

This is a SAMPLE application. Applicants must submit the online application by the deadline to be considered.

The online application begins with a series of basic demographic questions. What follows are samples of the short response and essay questions.

Academic Excellence: Please indicate the year of the recognition/award and/or when you were involved with the club/organization. Explain the nature of the award/recognition, and/or what your role was with the club or organization. Note that this should be presented in list format, not as a paragraph. The focus should be on post-high school experiences.

TIP: Respond to this question in list format, not as a paragraph.

TIP: Please ensure that it is easy to understand what you did and when. What was your role? What did you accomplish? How many hours a week did you dedicate to this club/organization, and for how long did you participate? All of this should be very clear.

TIP: If you list a club or organization, it should be in some way linked to your major. **If you have participated in non-academic clubs or organizations, they belong in another category (probably leadership).**

TIP: Spell out names of clubs, organizations, or awards. Don't use acronyms.

TIP: You should not repeat activities in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, or Professional responses, so decide which category makes most sense for each of your experiences.

Leadership: Indicate the years or semesters when you were involved in these activities and the number of hours per week/month you spent on each. Give a *brief* description of your role. Note that this should be presented in list format, not as a paragraph. Do not repeat items listed previously. The focus should be on post-high school experiences.

TIP: You should respond to this as a list, not in paragraph format.

TIP: Please ensure that it is easy to understand what you did and when. What was your role? What did you accomplish? How many hours a week did you dedicate to this club/organization/position, and for how long did you participate? All of this should be very clear.

TIP: Spell out names of clubs or organizations. Don't use acronyms.

TIP: You should not repeat activities in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, or Professional responses, so decide which category makes most sense for each of your experiences.

Professional: Indicate the years or semesters when you were involved in these experiences and the number of hours per week/month you spent on each. Give a *brief* description of the nature of your work. Note that this should be presented in list format, not as a paragraph. Do not repeat items listed previously. The focus should be on post-high school experiences.

TIP: You should respond to this as a list, not in paragraph format.

TIP: Please ensure that it is easy to understand what you did and when. What was your role? What did you accomplish? How many hours a week did you dedicate to this experience, and for how long did you work/intern there? All of this should be very clear.

TIP: You should not repeat activities in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, or Professional responses, so decide which category makes most sense for each of your experiences.

Personal Statement (maximum 3000 characters)

Write a personal statement that thoughtfully addresses all the following points: 1) A college experience that motivated or increased your interest in your major; 2) A life challenge or obstacle (relating to your studies, family, finances, health, etc.) that you have overcome or are overcoming, and what you learned from it; 3) An experience with community service, volunteering, or other campus/community involvement, and how it has affected you and your outlook. 4) Your plans for after graduation.

TIP: Ensure that you answer all four points in a meaningful way.

TIP: The maximum character count is 3000 characters: use your space appropriately (for example, don't spend 2500 characters answering the first prompt).

TIP: It is okay if you expand on any of the experiences you wrote briefly about in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Professional questions.

TIP: For points 1-3, don't just describe what happened—reflect on it.

TIP: The personal statement should be in **paragraph format**. You may answer the questions in any order.