

**PITTSFORD DISTRICT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
2023-2024 BARB SHAPIRO SENIOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage highly qualified applicants to enter the teaching profession. At graduation, the Pittsford District Teachers Association will give a \$1,500 scholarship to one senior at each high school who best meets all of the criteria.

**Criteria:** An overall average of “B” or higher; a personal essay demonstrating thoughtful, clear, and concise writing skills; and a demonstrated commitment to teaching. Preference will be given to candidates with prior teaching experiences such as coaching, internship, scout leader, camp counselor, tutor, or other similar activities.

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Directions:

1. Complete and submit this application with a copy of your transcript by **Friday, April 19, 2024** to the Pittsford District Teachers Association Office, PCSD Administrative Annex and 42 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford, NY 14534.
2. Using the attached forms, submit two typed letters of recommendation, one from a teacher of your choice and one from someone who can speak to your teaching experience. Have them mail recommendations directly to the PDTA Office by **Friday, April 19, 2024**.
3. Tell us the name of the college you plan to attend, or names of colleges you have applied to if you are uncertain at this time, and your proposed major(s):
4. List your activities both in and out of school that relate to teaching. Please list beginning and ending dates for each activity:
5. See the next page for instructions on the personal essay.

## **PERSONAL ESSAY**

Please type a one-page essay discussing yourself, the teaching experiences you have had, and how you felt about those experiences. Teaching happens in many facets of our lives, so these experiences can include everything from helping a sibling with homework to coaching a soccer or Little League team. Tell us about your relationship with teaching both now and in the future.

**REFERENCE FORM**  
**PITTSFORD DISTRICT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
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\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for a Pittsford District Teachers Association Barb Shapiro Senior Student Scholarship and listed you as a reference. Please complete and return this form to the address below by **Friday, April 19, 2024**. Please use black ink or a computer when completing this reference.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Do you believe the applicant will be successful in a career in professional education? Why?
3. What is your evaluation of the applicant's academic ability?
4. Are there any unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of receiving scholarship support?
5. Please add any additional comments which you think would be helpful to include, using the back side of this page if necessary.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail reference to: Dwayne Cerbone, PDTA President  
PDTA Office  
PCSD Administrative Annex  
42 W. Jefferson Road  
Pittsford, NY 14534