

**PITTSFORD DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
2025-2026 BARB SHAPIRO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



The Pittsford District Teachers' Association is proud to partner with our retiree council (PDRTA), in offering a \$2,000 scholarship, to one senior at each high school. Interested applicants should be considering a degree in the field of education and review the additional criteria listed below. The Scholarship is awarded at the Senior Awards Night, held annually in June.

**Application Criteria Considerations:**

1. Anticipated area of study and its connection to the field of education
2. An overall average of "B" or higher
3. Personal essay demonstrating thoughtful, clear, and concise writing skills; and a demonstrated commitment to the field of education
4. Prior teaching experiences such as coaching, internship, scout leader, camp counselor, tutor, or other similar activities
5. Participation in *Take A Look at Teaching* (TALAT)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Directions:**

1. Complete and submit this application with a copy of your transcript by **Monday, April 27, 2026** to the Pittsford District Teachers Association Office, Lomb Building at 42 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford, NY 14534.
2. Using the attached form, submit **two** typed letters of recommendation, one from a teacher of your choice, and one from someone who can speak to the criteria listed in bullets number 4 and/or 5. Have them mail recommendations directly to the PDTA Office by **Monday, April 27, 2026**.
3. Tell us the name of the college you plan to attend, or the names of colleges you have applied to, and your proposed major(s):
4. List your activities both in and out of school that relate to the field of education. Please list the start and end dates for each activity. You may attach a separate page for this.
5. See the next page for instructions on the personal essay.

## **PERSONAL ESSAY**

Teaching happens in many facets of our lives- these experiences can include everything from helping a sibling with homework, to coaching a team. Type a one-page essay discussing yourself, teaching experiences you have had, and how you felt about those experiences. Please include details on how that work, or related work, may have influenced you to pursue a degree/career in the field of education.

**REFERENCE FORM**  
**PITTSFORD DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**2025-2026 BARB SHAPIRO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for the Pittsford District Teachers' Association Barb Shapiro Student Scholarship and listed you as a reference. Please complete and return this form to the address below by **Friday, April 24, 2026**. 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 the field of 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: Stephanie Warchol, PDTA President  
PDTA Office- Lomb Building  
42 W. Jefferson Road  
Pittsford, NY 14534