



New York State Public Employees Federation

DIVISION 234 – OTDA/OCFS 2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PEF Division 234 will award up to ten (10) college scholarships of \$500 each (totaling \$5,000) to the children of PEF Division 234 members who are undergraduate, graduate, or vocational degree candidates during the Fall 2026 semester.

To ensure applicants have an equal opportunity to benefit from our awards program, qualified applicants will participate in a random drawing to receive a scholarship award. A dependent can only win this award once. **Past awardees are not eligible.** To qualify, applicants must send required documentation described below. The information will be verified by the PEF Division 234 Scholarship Committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be the child/ren, stepchild/ren, or legal dependents of an active PEF Division 234 (OTDA/OCFS) member as of August 21, 2026.
2. Applicants must be enrolled full/part-time at a college, trade, or graduate school for the Fall 2026 semester.
3. Applicants must submit Fall 2026 enrollment verification consisting of **one** of the following:
a) Fall 2026 class schedule, b) college acceptance letter, c) tuition statement, or d) other form of verification from the applicant's educational institution indicating enrollment for the Fall 2026 semester.
Scholarship applications submitted but lacking the required documentation to verify enrollment will be disqualified.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete all sections of the *2026 APPLICATION FOR PEF DIVISION 234 SCHOLARSHIPS*.
2. Return the application with all required documentation, BY EMAIL, to the Scholarship Committee.
3. Email: div234scholarships2025@gmail.com

Applications must be received by 11:59PM on Friday, August 21, 2026.

Late submissions will not be considered.

Copies of the *2026 APPLICATION FOR PEF DIVISION 234 SCHOLARSHIPS* can be obtained from any Division 234 Steward, Council Leader, Executive Board member, the [PEF-OTDA Electronic Bulletin Board](#), or [PEF website](#).

SELECTION:

Applications will be reviewed by the Division 234 Scholarship Committee. All documents submitted are kept confidential. Scholarship award winners will be selected during a random drawing at the Scholarship Committee meeting in August 2026. Scholarship Award winners will be notified by phone and mail.

If you have any questions, please contact one of these Division 234 Stewards/Activists:

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