



***ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION IS PARAMOUNT!***

Thank you for your interest in PEP Annual Scholarship. Our goal is to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all students in the city of Paramount. PEP is a collaborative effort between the City of Paramount, Paramount Unified School District, and the Paramount Chamber of Commerce.

We are proud to offer various scholarships: \$1,000 for students attending a community college and \$3,000 for students attending an accredited four-year institution within the United States, including vocational/trade/technical schools. Scholarship monies may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies for the 2015-2016 school year.

Information for the 2015 PEP Annual Scholarship is enclosed in this packet. Please review the instructions carefully before submitting the application. In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship, you must complete and submit all requested material.

The application must be delivered by **March 27, 2015** to the address below:

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
Paramount Education Partnership  
16400 Colorado Avenue  
Paramount, CA 90723  
Phone: (562) 220-2121  
Email: [srosales@paramountcity.com](mailto:srosales@paramountcity.com)



# PEP Annual Scholarship

## *Requirements and Helpful Information*

### ***MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:***

- Must be a City of Paramount resident or Paramount Unified School District student.
- Have a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED).
- Enrolled in an accredited program.
- Provide one letter of recommendation (cannot be a relative).
- Possess a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.
- Submit proof of enrollment to be eligible.
- Include a copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report

### ***ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:***

In essay form, please respond to the following question as is applicable to your situation and/or experience:

- How would receiving a scholarship from PEP Annual Scholarship help you in achieving your goals?

Your essay must:

- Be typed in Times New Roman font.
- Be typed in a 12 point font size.
- Have 1” margins.
- Be double-spaced.
- Be coherent and well organized.
- Be in the first-person.
- Be no more than 2 pages

### ***REQUIRED FORMS:***

Application Form  
Financial Analysis Sheet  
Recommendation Form

Student Essay Form  
Copy of transcripts  
Proof of college acceptance

### ***HELPFUL INFORMATION:***

- We encourage you to have your letter of recommendation completed by someone who has known you for at least a year.
- We encourage you to review the criteria by which you will be scored.
- Be sure to review your essay for correct grammar and punctuation.

# PEP Annual Scholarship

*Application - 2015*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (attach transcript) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a past PEP scholarship recipient? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many hours do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

What School will you be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Career or Major in College \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a list of school activities, specifically identifying those with leadership responsibility.

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List any community service or work experience \_\_\_\_\_

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List any awards, honors or scholarships \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. Furthermore, I agree and understand that any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact may be justification for rejection of my award.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

# PEP Annual Scholarship

*Financial Analysis Sheet*

\_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

Campus (Attending or Applying To) \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Total Household Members (Including you) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of household members currently in college/university \_\_\_\_\_

Family Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**COST ANALYSIS** (Provide Proof of Cost Directly from the Institution for Cost Analysis Accuracy)

Registration per Year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books/Fees per Year (Estimated) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Housing (Dorms/Rent) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE** (Include copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA).

Have you applied for Financial Aid? Yes  No

\* If yes, amount of Awards:

Grants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Work Study: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EFC  
(Expected Family Contribution): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost: _____
Awards: _____
Unmet Need: _____

Scholarship applied to:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships received:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the information listed above is complete and accurate. I understand that this scholarship is based on Financial Need. I understand and agree that if my financial need changes, so will my PEP Scholarship award.*

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# PEP Annual Scholarship *Recommendation Form*

To the Individual Completing This Form:

The person whose name appears above has applied for PEP Annual Scholarship. The selection committee would appreciate your answering the questions below in a specific and candid manner, noting particular incidents which illustrate his/her maturity, initiative and academic potential to succeed in college. Please understand that your recommendation may be made available for inspection at the student's request according to the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and related laws and regulations.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain comments by using complete sentences. Avoid short responses such as "yes" or "no." If your relationship with the applicant does not allow you to make an evaluation of any item, please indicate "N/A" or not applicable.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months  
 What is your relationship to the applicant?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Based on your knowledge, how do you rate the applicant's skills, characteristics and motivation?  
*Please indicate on line provided:*

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average
A.) Academic Achievement	_____	_____	_____
B.) Has Positive Self-Image	_____	_____	_____
C.) Demonstrates Leadership Capability	_____	_____	_____
D.) Is Highly Motivated	_____	_____	_____
E.) Has Potential for Growth	_____	_____	_____

3. Please attach a letter of recommendation to this form. If applicable please submit letter using formal letterhead. Letter should respond to the following:

- What is your assessment of the student's potential and motivation to succeed in college?
- What qualities come to mind that best describe the applicant?