



# PENNSYLVANIA WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

## 2026 Scholarship Application

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: ( First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Permanent Mailing Address:

(Number & Street): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating School: \_\_\_\_\_ PIAA District #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address:

(Number & Street): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach transcripts) Based on a 4.0 non weighted G.P.A. only **(counts for 25%)**

Class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Class size: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors Received by Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Wrestling Honors Received by Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **(counts for 25%)**

Current Overall Varsity Win/Loss Record:

FR \_\_\_\_\_ SO \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Career \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Is the Coach a member of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Coach must be a member of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA) for a student to receive a scholarship.*

Institutions Where Applicant has applied: Accepted (Yes, No, or Pending)

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Intended Profession/Career: \_\_\_\_\_

All applicants are asked to attach an essay (*counts for 50%*) on any **ONE** of the following topics:

***“Describe a moment in your wrestling career that pushed you to your physical and mental limits. How did overcoming this challenge shape you as a person both on and off the mat?”***

**OR**

***“Wrestling has a rich tradition of individual effort within a team setting. If you could change one thing about how the sport of wrestling is approached in your school or community, what would it be?”***

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I certify that the above information is factual and that there have been no misrepresentations of the facts.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Completed Applications MUST be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Forward all materials to Scholarship Chairman, Rusty Wallace at:**

**[rwallace@norleb.k12.pa.us](mailto:rwallace@norleb.k12.pa.us)**

### **PWCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **What is a PWCA Scholarship?**

PWCA Scholarships provide financial assistance to high school seniors who exhibit excellence in a well-rounded educational and extracurricular program. The scholarships are made possible by the sponsorship of our corporate partners, generous donations of our countless supporters and from the dues paid by PIAA school districts annually. The scholarships are administered by the PWCA Scholarship Committee.

#### **Who is eligible for a PWCA Scholarship?**

Any current high school senior wrestler who is enrolled in a public or accredited private school in PA and has attained a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) non-weighted based on a 4.0 scale for the three previous academic years. (Grades 9, 10 and 11). Applicants must also be planning to continue their education beyond high school in an accredited institution of higher education or a technical school.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The PWCA Scholarship Committee will consider the following for the purposes of awarding the \$1,000 scholarships.

A. Academic Achievement **25%** (GPA and Class Rank)

B. Athletic Achievement **25%**

C. Essay Contest **50%**

1a. The \$500 Scholarships are based solely on the essay.

2. May be used at any institution of recipient's choice. Education program must be designed to take one or more years to complete.
3. Recipients will be announced in June and receive a letter from the PWCA. A list of all winners will be sent to their guidance counselors. Non-recipients will not be notified.
4. All winners must submit a certificate of admission or letter of acceptance to the Scholarship Committee by July 1<sup>st</sup>. No letter, No Scholarship!
5. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees and other academic costs, room and board.
6. A check will be sent to the individual upon receiving of receipts for books, tuition, lodging, computer etc. The check will be sent when the receipts are received by the PWCA.
7. If a recipient leaves the institution and there are PWCA Scholarship funds remaining, the institution shall return the balance to the PWCA
8. If a scholarship winner must delay their education for any reason, the scholarship will be held for up to two (2) years from the date of high school graduation.
9. The PWCA will be awarding up to four (4)- \$1,000 scholarships for the total application and four (4) - \$500 scholarships based only on essay content. The same person cannot win both.
10. All applications must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are awarded.