



Peter's Wish, Inc.

"Inspiring and Empowering Youth to Grow into Greatness"

A 501(c)(3) Public Charity

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2018 Community Service Scholarship Information and Requirements

I. Peter's Wish, Inc. will award post-secondary scholarships to selected high school seniors for the following areas and amount:

- **Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Va Beach, VA**
 - **Three \$1,500 scholarships**

Applications are due November 10th, 2017. Peter's Wish will notify scholarship recipients by November 30th, 2017. Selection will be conditional until the recipients complete 30 hours of community service by June 1st, 2018.

II. Purpose. Inspired by Peter D. Colucci, Peter's Wish, Inc. was founded to empower and inspire youth to grow into greatness. We believe higher education and a solid commitment to community service enable youth to become great. As a result, Peter's Wish will reward dedicated and motivated youth who volunteer in their communities by providing scholarships for higher education. The students benefit from the rewarding experience of giving back to their community and earn financial aid in their pursuit of higher education. The community benefits from the short-term volunteer hours and gains invaluable long-term benefits from a well-educated individual who can add to the overall productivity of society.

III. Eligibility and Selection. This scholarship is about heart and character. The scholarship is meant to inspire an early awareness to the importance of community involvement and selfless service.

Any senior who plans to attend either a two or four year degree accredited college or university or an accredited trade school is encouraged to apply. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale). The intent is to award the scholarships to the most inspired individuals; therefore, the highest emphasis is not placed on previous academic performance. However, applicants need to have at least the ability and motivation to pursue and succeed at higher education beyond high school.

Family members and relatives of the Board of Peter's Wish are not eligible. Family members and relatives of substantial contributors to Peter's Wish are also not eligible. Selection will be based on the letter of recommendation, projected impact and scope of the planned community service, and the content of the essay. The Board of Peter's Wish, Inc. will make the final selections. Peter's Wish reserves the right to not award the scholarships if applicants do not meet the criteria.

IV. Process.

1) Applicants need to email the application to Peter's Wish by November 10th to peterswish@peterswish.org.

A) Application (format attached). The application requests basic information and a community service plan. The plans should describe the following: community service to be performed, agency information, representative with contact information of who will oversee efforts, anticipated impact on the community, schedule for completion of the 30 hours, and future educational plans.

B) Letter of Recommendation. One short letter of recommendation by a current or former teacher who can attest to the applicant's character must be provided. The focus for selection will be on individuals who possess the heart and genuine intent to make a difference in their community. Other traits evaluated are responsibility, maturity, and commitment. Letters of Recommendation are confidential and can be emailed or mailed directly to Peter's Wish. Applicants do not have the right to view the letters unless the providing teacher allows it.

C) Essay. ***"The measure of a person is in the affect they've had on the people around them."* - Jackie Robinson.** Applicants should discuss what this quote means to them. In answering this question, applicants can tie in concepts of the overall importance of community service, any previous volunteer efforts, and how they plan on contributing to society with their education. The essay is the opportunity for the Board of Peters Wish, Inc. to assess the character and genuine intent of the applicant. **The essay should not be longer than two pages double-spaced and written in size 12 Arial font.**

2) Selected students will be notified by **November 30th, 2017**. The scholarships are conditional pending the completion of the 30 hours by **June 1st, 2018**.

3) **At least 15 hours must be completed and submitted to Peter's Wish, Inc. by March 1st, 2018.** After 15 hours of completed service, conditional awardees will submit a progress report (attached) that indicates satisfactory progress. Any possible changes to the community service plan will be indicated by the student at that time. Any negative report will lead to disqualification from conditional awardee status.

4) Upon completion of 30 hours, the conditional awardees will submit a final report (attached) that indicates satisfactory completion. Again, any negative report will lead to disqualification from conditional awardee status.

5) Conditional awardees will be acknowledged at their high school graduation award ceremonies at the end of the academic year.

6) Awardees will submit letters of acceptance and tuition bills to Peter's Wish before scholarship funds are released. Funds will be sent directly to the institution, not to the student.

V. Guidelines and Limitations to Community Service. Community service does not have to be with the same agency for the duration of time. It can be accomplished through service with the following:

- State recognized non-profit (public charity)
- Local government agency
- Healthcare facility (non-profit)
- School sponsored program (graduation requirement)
- Community sports program (activities beyond playing on a team)
- Support for the elderly or handicapped within the community

The following activities do not apply to this scholarship and will not be considered as community service to the Board of Peter's Wish, Inc.

- Service for a for-profit company like a business
- Service for friends and family
- Service for an organization that does not contribute to the good welfare of the community. Peter's Wish, Inc. reserves the right to decide on the legitimacy of the volunteer service.
- Service cannot be during school hours
- Service where compensation is received

VI. Payment. The \$1,500 scholarship will be paid as a lump sum directly to the accredited school. Letters of acceptance and tuition bill must be sent to Peter's Wish, Inc. along with student ID number for the institution the student will be attending.

VII. Point of Contact. Questions pertaining to this scholarship or Peter's Wish, Inc. can be directed to the President and Treasurer of the organization, Craig Colucci, at the following: (808) 285-6362, peterswish@peterswish.org, address: 2940 Lynnhaven Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.



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Community Service Scholarship Application, 2018

I. Basic Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's name/email: _____

Parent's phone #: _____ Student's age: _____

II. High School Verification: This student is a high school senior and is on track to graduate in June 2018.

High school: _____

Guidance counselor name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

II. Community service plan: On a separate piece of paper, please briefly explain the following:

- A. Community Service Project Name or Title
- B. Description
- C. Location
- D. Anticipated schedule (for example, days of the week and amount of hours per month)
- E. Impact (who and how will the community benefit from your service)

III. Agency contact information:

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Contact name & signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

IV. Educational information:

Is your G.P.A. a 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale (Yes or No): _____

Future educational plans (4 yr, 2 yr, or trade school): _____

Anticipated major or field of study: _____

Schools that you have or plan to apply to: _____

V. Statement: By signing below, I understand and agree to the following (please initial after each statement):

- A) Selection for the scholarship is decided by the Board of Peter's Wish. Peter's Wish reserves the right to not award the scholarship if applicants do not meet the criteria. Initials _____
- B) If selected for the scholarship, my award status will be conditional until I complete 30 hours of community service that has been prior approved by Peters Wish, Inc. Initials _____
- C) I must have at least satisfactory progress indicated in a mid-term (15 hours) and completion report (30 hours) signed by the agency point of contact signed above. Initials _____
- E) I will complete the service between December 1st, 2017 and June 1st, 2018 with at least 15 hours being completed by March 1st, 2018. Initials _____
- F) I will submit a letter of acceptance and tuition bill to Peter's Wish for the release of funds directly to the institution. Initials _____
- G) By accepting this award, I agree to the use of my name, essay, school photograph (or one designated by me), and educational information to be used by Peter's Wish, Inc., in fundraising or informational presentations, press releases, on their website, or as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of Peter's Wish, Inc.
- H) I will provide the initial photo not later than December 5th, 2017 and send in at least three community service photos not later than March 1st, 2018. Initials _____
- I) I must graduate from high school in June 2018. Initials _____

VI. Name and Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Name and Signature of Legal Guardian:

_____ **Date:** _____



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Community Service 15 Hour Report (due Mar 1st, 2018)

I. Applicant name: _____

II. Agency authentication:

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Contact name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

I certify that the above listed student has successfully completed 15 hours of community service. In this case, successful service means that the student showed up on time, exhibited a positive attitude toward the work and to others, and genuinely attempted to make a difference in his/her community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional comments: _____

III. Changes to the community service plan (if applicable):

Planned type, location, schedule, and impact: _____



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Community Service Final Report (due June 1st, 2018)

I. Applicant name: _____

II. Agency authentication:

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Contact name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

I certify that the above listed student has successfully completed 30 hours of community service. In this case, successful service means that the student showed up on time, exhibited a positive attitude toward the work and to others, and genuinely attempted to make a difference in his/her community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional comments: _____

Peter's Wish, Inc. sincerely thanks the agency and point of contact for your participation in our scholarship program!