



William and Debrah Pettigrew Scholarship

Bill Pettigrew will provide a donation of \$10,000 to be utilized for an annual \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating high school student who wishes to attend college to become a teacher. Both Bill and his late wife Debrah, worked over 50 years in public education. Debrah was a speech and language instructor, and Bill was a long-time superintendent of schools and an original, and founding father member of the PARSS board

The criteria for submissions are as follows:

- Student must have a cumulative high school 2.5 GPA or better
- Submission of a merit essay describing academic and professional goals including why those goals were chosen and what has been done thus far to prepare for postsecondary education (300-900 words; 2-4 pages)
- Express a clear intent to pursue a career in teaching.
- Student must be accepted for enrollment to a four-year institution for teacher preparation

The chosen essay will be presented to the individual with a check and certificate during the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Boalsburg, Pa. April 30, 2026 .

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email/Phone _____ School District _____

Submit essay and above information to:

Dr. Edward Albert éalbert@parss.org

DEADLINE FOR ABOVE INFORMATION IS FEBRUARY 1, 2026