

Frank Sears Scholarship



Frank Sears was a very active member of the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association (PSMA). He was born in Philadelphia and raised by foster parents in Parkesburg, PA. He graduated in 1954 from Scott High School in Coatesville and served in the US Army. Frank owned and operated his own septic business from 1968. In addition to running his own business, he was also employed by the former Lukens Steel Company and retired from that job in 1987.

Frank was also an active member of the Skerrett Masonic Lodge #343 F&AM of Cochranville, where he served twice as Worshipful Master. He was a member of the Consistory Valley of Reading, the Coatesville Royal Arch Chapter #267, the Continental Commandery #55 Knights Templar of Coatesville, the Goodwin Council #19 of Lancaster and a life member of the GAP VFW Post #7418.

Frank enjoyed go-kart racing and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was married to Marry L. (Pierce) Sears for 38 years.

To honor Frank Sears, PSMA made this annual scholarship available to students who are employees or the child/grandchild of an employee of a PSMA member company. The organization will annually award a total of \$1,000.00, in increments to be determined during the application process, to successful applicants.

Interested applicants must complete an application form and return it, with their letter of acceptance to the educational institution they are attending or plan to attend, to the PSMA office at the address below or by e-mail to director@psma.net. Applications are available by contacting the PSMA office or visiting the PSMA website at www.pdma.net.

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FRANK SEARS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026

This annual scholarship is for students who are employees of a PSMA-member company or the employee's child or grandchild. The organization will annually award a total of \$1,000.00, in increments to be determined by scholarship review committee.

Qualifications

- You must be a citizen of the U.S. to apply.
- Must be an employee/owner of a PSMA member company or the child or grandchild thereof.
- Only those college students who will be enrolled full-time in the Fall of 2026 are eligible.
- Completed applications must be received by PSMA by May 31, 2026.
- Scholarship decisions will be made by June 15, 2026. Winners will be notified by U.S. mail.

Directions

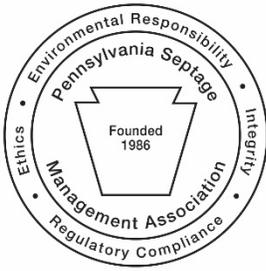
Complete **ALL** information and return the Application Form, with **ALL** supporting documents, to the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association, PO Box 144, Bethlehem, PA 18016 or via e-mail to director@psma.net. Please note Frank Sears Scholarship on the envelope or email subject line.

Checklist

The following checklist will help the applicant to prepare a complete application:

- ✓ **Application Form.** Complete and submit the scholarship application form to PSMA.
- ✓ **Proof of Attendance.** Provide a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college or university you attend or plan to attend. Or if you are already enrolled, provide other documentation from the college or university demonstrating your attendance (e.g., course registration, housing assignment, etc.).
- ✓ **Proof of PSMA Membership.** Please provide the name of the PSMA member company to which you are affiliated.
- ✓ **Essay Question:** Scholarship recipients are selected based upon their essay submission. The essay question is located at the bottom of the application page. Your submission must be an original work; essays will be evaluated for AI-generated content.
- ✓ **Deadline.** PSMA must receive your application form and all supporting documents no later than 5:00pm on May 31, 2026.

Receipt of all complete submissions will be acknowledged by email.



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2026 Application

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

PSMA Member Company: _____

Name of college you attend or will attend: _____

Year in college beginning Fall of 2026: _____

School Student ID Number (if available): _____

Degree for which you are studying (if applicable): _____

Names of other Colleges or Universities attended and terms completed:

High School attended/date of graduation: _____

Essay Question: How can the onsite wastewater industry promote public awareness of the need for homeowners to maintain their septic systems? (*Attach separate sheets, double-spaced, 750-word limit*)

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: PSMA, PO Box 144, Bethlehem, PA 18016 or director@psma.net by May 31, 2026.