

## 2024-2025 PRFSD Annual Student Scholarships

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The Pittsburgh Regional Food Service Directors (PRFSD) is an organization of professionals committed to supporting independently operated School Food Service. Its members are dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of Child Nutrition Programs for the benefit of students, schools, and food service professionals.*

In recognition of the importance of well-educated professionals as part of the Food Service Industry, the Pittsburgh Food Service Directors Association is offering three (3) \$5,000.00 scholarships:

### **The PRFSD Veronica Keener/Deborah Morrone Memorial Scholarship Award**

To qualify, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a high school senior who will graduate in 2025
2. Attend one of the PRFSD member school districts/schools
3. Plan to attend, upon high school graduation, an institution of higher education such as a college, university or culinary school majoring in **a food service related field**
4. Submit an official transcript of high school grades
5. The applicant must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average
6. Submit a typed essay, 650 words or less, in paragraph form explaining your interest on the Food Service profession and your primary educational and lifetime goals
7. Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and an additional person of the student's choosing. Both of these should include information regarding the following characteristics of the applicant:
  - a. Capacity in which applicant is known
  - b. Length of time acquainted with applicant
  - c. Personality
  - d. Ability
  - e. Initiative
  - f. Leadership qualities
  - g. Professional potential

Failure to complete all of the above requirements will result in disqualification. The Scholarship recipients will be announced at the May 2025 PRFSD meeting.

Return the completed application, essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation postmarked no later than **April 22, 2025** to:

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