

TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

April 28, 2025 —DEADLINE

The TERRA Environmental Research Institute PTSA is pleased to offer the opportunity to apply for the following scholarships to all TERRA Environmental Research Institute students graduating in 2025: • **9 (nine)** Senior Scholarships of **\$500.00** each for students continuing their education at a 2- or 4-year accredited college, vocational or technical school, or another accredited post-secondary program.

• **1 (one)** Senior Scholarship in honor of Andrea Nicole Camps, of **\$500.00** for a student continuing her/his education at a 2- or 4-year accredited college, vocational or technical school, or other accredited post secondary program who demonstrates their love for the arts and shares their talent with the community through presentation or performance. Andrea's love of and talent for dance combined with her strength in academics was a model of the complete, balanced students of TERRA. She felt strongly about the importance of this balance and wanted the community to know that TERRA students were more than strong academics; they were students with many talents and passions.

• **1 (one)** Senior Scholarship in honor of Catherine "Kuzco" Gonzalez, of **\$500.00** for a student continuing her/his education at a 2- or 4-year accredited college, vocational or technical school, or other accredited post-secondary program who demonstrates the spirit and character of endurance and courage in face of great challenge. Catherine showed us through her character these qualities while being a student at TERRA.

A Total of 11 (eleven) scholarships will be awarded: 9 plus the Catherine "Kuzco" Gonzalez and Andrea Camps Scholarships. Students may apply to **one** scholarship of their choice.

Applicant Qualifications:

- Current PTSA Membership (PTSA will verify) must have joined by March 1, 2025.
- Acceptance at a qualifying institution, as detailed above, for the school year beginning in Fall 2025. A letter of college acceptance must be attached to the application.
- Minimum 3.5 grade point average (weighted) as of Third Quarter, Spring 2025.

Submission Procedures:

Submit the Application Form, Essay Response Form, Activities Record, Two (2) Reference forms and college acceptance letter by **April 28th, 2025**. Students should submit the complete application to the PTSA Mailbox in the Main Office. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Application Form completed with student and parent signatures.
- Essay Response Form (paragraph format) –3 QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED
- Copy of the College acceptance letter.
- Activities Record detailing school and community service/activities and achievements.
- Two Personal reference forms: One reference must be by a TERRA Environmental Research Institute teacher, counselor, or administrator and one reference of the student's choice (mentor, advisor, coach, employer, etc.)
 - For the Andrea Nicole Camps Scholarship, one letter of reference should focus on how the student shares their love of the arts to contribute to the community.
 - For the Catherine "Kuzco" Gonzalez Scholarship, one letter of reference that demonstrates character, responsibility, and leadership traits.
- **Letters of reference should not be from the applicant's family members.**

SCHOLARSHIP TUITION PAYMENTS:

PTSA Scholarship recipients will be announced and rewarded during the Senior Awards Ceremony and a check will be issued payable to the student's name.

Questions? Please contact PTSA at terra.pts@gmail.com. Scholarship payments are issued by TERRA Environmental Research Institute PTSA and are subject to the TERRA PTSA Treasurer disbursement schedule. ***Checks must be deposited within 2 (two) weeks of issue. Checks not deposited within 2 (two) weeks will be voided and be considered a donation to TERRA PTSA.***

TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2025 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

Please answer all 3 (three) questions in paragraph form:

- 1. What leadership role did you take that influenced or helped others achieve their goals during your high school career?*
- 2. Give advice to an incoming TERRA freshman, telling them about your favorite and most memorable school activities/experiences. Explain the benefits of participating in school activities.*
- 3. List and support three ways in which the PTSA can improve TERRA students' high school experience.*

**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION THROUGH THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP IN
HONOR OF ANDREA NICOLE CAMPS C/O 2020**

Andrea Camps was a student from the TERRA class of 2020. Sadly, Andrea lost her life to senseless crime just weeks prior to her intended graduation and before having the chance to fulfill her goals of going to The School of Nursing at Florida International University where she would have begun in the fall of 2020. She was a dancer and proud captain of her beloved Emeralds dance team. She is described as a person who “lit up a room” and known as “dimples” and one way that she shared this joy for life was through dance.

Answer two (2) of the essay questions from the general scholarship submission form **AND** answer the following question in paragraph form:

Most would argue academic success is important to one's profile as a student, but through participation in the arts one can find balance and bring a new dimension to their contribution to the community. Tell about how you use any of the fine arts (dance, visual arts, music, theatre) to contribute to your community and make you a more balanced student.

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**STRENGTH OF CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP IN
HONOR OF CATHERINE “KUZCO” GONZALEZ – C/O 2013**

Catherine Gonzalez was a student from the first graduating class at TERRA who was able to graduate with her classmates and fulfill her goal before ultimately succumbing to cancer.

Answer two (2) of the essay questions from the general scholarship submission form **AND** answer the following question in paragraph form:

We all have gone through challenges or difficult situations in our lives, but it is our attitude, courage and endurance towards these challenges that help us face them in life. Tell about a trial or challenge in your life and how you used it for a positive outcome in your life or in other people' lives.

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**TERRA Environmental Research Institute PTSA
2025 SCHOLARSHIP
Student Application
Due Date: April 28th, 2025**

Applicant Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact Phone: _____
Email: _____

I have been accepted at the following college/vocational/technical/other accredited institution
beginning the Fall 2025 semester/quarter (provide copy of correspondence)

Name of Institution: _____
Email Contact: _____
Grade Point Average (GPA) as of Third Quarter _____

Applicant confirms a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher as of Third Quarter. This will
require verification and signature by the school counselor.

TERRA Environmental Research Institute Counselor Signature: _____

STUDENT STATEMENT:

I have read the requirements pertaining to the PTSA Scholarship Program and completed all
necessary forms. If I am awarded a scholarship grant and change my enrollment at a designated
institution, I will inform the PTSA President and school Advisor about the change of plans in order for
the scholarship to be withdrawn due to non-enrollment in accredited institutions.

Signature of Applicant Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATEMENT:

I have reviewed the application and to the best of my knowledge, all information is accurate.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date: _____

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2025 Scholarship
Complete and Submit with Application April 28th, 2025
ACTIVITIES RECORD

PTSA MEMBERSHIP (circle grades): 9 10 11 12

List Community Activities / Experiences

Organization	Office Held	School Years	Hrs./ Wk

List Awards or Achievements received during High School:

Award/Achievement	Description
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

List school activities/clubs/experience:

[illegible]

List paid employment experiences (Optional):

[illegible]

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP
Complete and Submit with Application April 28th, 2025

REFERENCE 1

Applicants must have 2 (two) sealed reference forms completed: one reference by a teacher, counselor, or administrator and one reference of student's choice (mentor, supervisor, sponsor, advisor, coach).

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please return this form signed in a sealed envelope to the applicant so they may submit it to the TERRA PTSA by April 28th, 2025.

Applicant Name: _____
Name of Reference: _____
Contact Information (email/phone): _____

The above student has requested a reference from you as part of an application for a scholarship from TERRA PTSA. Please answer the following:

1. How long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?

2. Please provide information about your observations of this student's character exhibited during your interactions with the student.

3. What makes this student stand out as an exemplary member of the TERRA Community?

REFERENCE 2

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