

# Pittsburgh Public Schools Scholarship Application



Deadline for Scholarship Application is Friday, April 8, 2022. Applications and required documents can be emailed to [ppsscholarship@pghschools.org](mailto:ppsscholarship@pghschools.org).

## Criteria for Eligibility for Scholarships

- ✓ Official graduation from Pittsburgh Public Schools High School during the 2021–2022 school year.
- ✓ Acceptance by an accredited university, college, or vocational/technical school.
- ✓ Completion of scholarship application, including transcripts and letters of recommendation. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**
- ✓ Participate in an interview with members of the scholarship committee.

## Application Process

- ✓ Get an application from the high school counselor's office or from the website—[www.pghschools.org/scholarships](http://www.pghschools.org/scholarships).
- ✓ Get two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must be from a high school teacher from whom you've taken a class so he or she can address your academic potential and achievement. (Coaches, administrators, staff, and aides cannot write a teacher recommendation unless you've taken a class from them.) One letter of recommendation from an individual of your choice (counselor, coach, religious leader, employer, youth group, community agency, etc).
- ✓ Include a 500 word statement which outlines your future educational and vocational/career goals and how you plan to use the scholarship money.
- ✓ Request **ONE COPY** of your official high school transcript (transcript **MUST BE SIGNED** by the Counselor (Counselor can email transcript to [ppsscholarship@pghschools.org](mailto:ppsscholarship@pghschools.org)).
- ✓ Complete application includes: application, 2 letters of recommendation, transcript, due by the deadline of Friday, April 8, 2022. Submit **ONE COPY** of your scholarship application via email at [ppsscholarship@pghschools.org](mailto:ppsscholarship@pghschools.org).
- ✓ The same two letters of recommendation will satisfy the requirements for all of the local scholarships for which you apply. You do not need to have different letters for each scholarship as long as you meet any specific requirements of the scholarship holder (with the exception of Perry High School Meder Family Scholarship and Perry Pens & Pearls Scholarship requires an additional essay and topic).
- ✓ Students that meet all eligibility criteria for a complete application will be required to participate in an interview with the district's scholarship committee. **NOTE: All interviews will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams during the week of April 25, 2022. While this interview is taking place virtually, please consider preparing, dressing and conducting yourself as you would for an in-person interview. Students will receive an invitation to interview.**

These scholarships will be awarded based on quality of application and how well the applicant meets the criteria. High school GPA and financial need will be considered but will not be the only criteria for many of the scholarships being awarded locally.

All scholarship recipients will be notified by  
May 13, 2022. Scholarships must be used within 12  
months of award date for education-related expenses.

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## Please Type Entire Application

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant (First, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Post-Secondary Major/Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Career/Vocation: \_\_\_\_\_

List College(s)/School You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year You Plan to First Enroll in Post-Secondary School: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Written Statement

In the space below, type a 500 word statement about your future educational and vocational/career goals and how you plan to use the scholarship money.

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Please type the information below on a separate sheet, if necessary or include a resume (resume should mirror questions below) that addresses the following:

1. List your school extracurricular activities.
2. List your community/religious service or activities.
3. List your work experience.
4. List your interests and hobbies.
5. Describe your financial need as you see it.
6. List other types of financial aid you have applied for or received.
7. Please provide any other information you feel is pertinent to this application.

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Please check the box next to the scholarships for which you wish to be considered as an applicant. You will be considered for all scholarships for which your application appears to make you eligible.

- Allegheny War Oliver Scholarship**—Eligible students are North Side residents and/or attend a school in the North Side. Award will range from \$1,000-\$2,000.
  
- Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK), Iota Chapter Scholarship**—Alpha Delta Kappa is an International Honorary Organization for Women Educators. The Iota Chapter has members from Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas. Eligible students are seniors who will be attending either a 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning or technical/vocational school. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. One (1) scholarship of \$750 will be awarded.
  
- Barbara Standard Charitable Trust**—Eligible students are fatherless (deceased or absent from the home) females wishing to gain vocational or other educational training designed to help support themselves. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded.
  
- Brashear Scholarships:**
  - **The Elizabeth Weaver Roth Scholarship**—This scholarship is funded by the Bill & Katie Weaver Charitable Trust in honor of Dr. William R. Weaver's aunt, Elizabeth Weaver Roth (Class of 1926), whose husband Edgar A. Roth, served as a director of the Pittsburgh Board of Education from March 1960 through July 1968. It was awarded to Langley High School on June 26, 2000. Two (2) awards are expected, at \$750 each. A GPA of 3.0 or higher and above average attendance record are required for this scholarship.
  
  - **The Daniel Belisario Academic Scholarship**—This scholarship is funded by a Pennsylvania Department of Education Incentive Grant awarded to Langley High School during the 1990–91 school year. The award is expected to be one (1) \$750. A GPA of 2.8 or higher and above average attendance record are required for this scholarship.
  
  - **The Galbraith McFadden Weaver Scholarship**—This scholarship is funded by The Gil and Dody Weaver Foundation in honor of Dr. William R. Weaver's father, Galbraith McFadden Weaver (Class of 1924) and awarded to Langley High School on June 26, 2000. Two (2) awards are expected, at \$750 each. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher and above average attendance record are required for this scholarship.
  
- The Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees (PghASR)**—Eligible students are Seniors attending either a 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning or technical/vocational school. Minimum GPA of 2.5. Two (2) \$1500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship will be awarded.
  
- Westinghouse Scholarships**—Eligible Students who attend Westinghouse High School can apply for one of the two scholarships. Scholarships are available as follows:
  - **Literature Analysis (\$2,000 Scholarship)**—Should include title, thesis statement, body, and conclusion. The literature analysis should primarily be focused on 1–2 texts with cited textual evidence from those sources. Additional sources of scholarship on the selected texts can be included as it supports the thesis but are not required (dependent on type of literature analysis). Literature analysis should be written as one of the following types: close reading, theoretical, comparative, contextual/historical, or applied.
  
  - **Research Paper (\$4,000 Scholarship)**—Should include cover page, title, introduction, thesis statement, in-text citations, references (in MLA, APA, or Chicago formats), conclusion. The research paper should synthesize information from multiple sources to support the thesis. Research projects can be submitted in project form if all necessary components are included.
  
- Perry Scholarships:**
  - **The Meder Family Scholarship**—Eligible students are a senior female student attending a four (4) year college or university. The award is in the amount of \$2000. NOTE: Students applying for this scholarship MUST submit an additional essay on the topic "How will the Meder Scholarship help prepare me for my future?"

*Scholarships continue on the next page.*

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- **Perry Pens & Pearls Scholarship**—Eligible students are a senior student attending a 2 year or 4 year college or university. The award is for one (1) male and one (1) female in the amount of \$1,000 each. NOTE: Students applying for this scholarship MUST submit an additional 500 word essay on the topic “How the pandemic affected my senior year and how I plan to move forward”.

- Pittsburgh Foundation Scholarships**—Refer to the website at [www.pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarships) for information on how to apply. Scholarships specifically for PPS students:
  - The Frank A. Weidman Fund
  - The Robert L. Vann Scholarship Fund
  - The Unknown Donor Scholarship Fund
  - Allegheny County Specific Scholarships

There may be other scholarships available and offers at the school level. Students should check with their school building leadership. Not all scholarships listed above will be awarded every year. Awarding of a scholarship depends on availability of funding.

## Complete Application Checklist

- Typed application
- 1-page written statement
- 2 letters of recommendation
- 1 signed official transcript