



## PHILLYSEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST

### ELIGIBILITY

- Seeking full-time admission to a two-year or four-year college, university or trade/technical school;
- GPA of at least 2.5 or B-;
- Resident of public housing, scattered site, housing choice voucher, or receiving subsidized rent through a PHA partner household (verified by the lease) for at least one (1) year.

### AWARDS

Applicants can receive a maximum score of 30 points; a minimum score of 18 points is required to be considered for a scholarship. All awards are subject to funding availability. Points are awarded based on the following categories:

Category	Max. No. of Points
Essay	12
Community Service	6
Awards & Honors	3*
Extracurricular Activities	3*
Leadership Activities	3*
Employment & Internships	3*

**\*Applicant will receive full points with supporting documentation or signed letter from the organization's representative acknowledging participation.**

The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- \$5,000 scholarships – applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.3
- \$3,000 scholarships – applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- \$1,000 scholarships – applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5

### SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

Scholarship payments are to be used to pay for tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at the educational institution, or for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at the educational institution and, absent extraordinary circumstances and approval by the Board of PhillySEEDS, payments are only to be made to the educational institution.

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use the checklist below to ensure that you have submitted all items below. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Completed applications must be postmarked to the address below by **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 (close of business 5 p.m.)**. **Please note that funding is limited. Please submit your application as soon as possible for consideration.**

- Applicant must complete the ENTIRE application.
- Applicant must be a PHA (public housing, scattered site, housing choice voucher, or receiving subsidized rent through a PHA partner resident for at least a year.
- High School Applicants must be graduating in 2021 or have received a high school diploma with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above or received a GED. **Continuing College students can apply as well.**
- Applicant must submit an official transcript. The transcript should be included in the application packet in an envelope sealed by a school official, with the official's signature or the school stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope. If you received a GED, please include a copy of your GED certificate.
- Applicant must submit a five hundred (500) to seven hundred and fifty (750) word essay (12 point font, double spaced) on **ONE (1)** of the following topics **(applicants that use prior application essays in past years will be disqualified)**:
  1. What are your future goals and aspirations? Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?
  2. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence
  3. How has your education contributed to who you are today?
  4. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development
- Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation (from a teacher, school counselor or professor, coach, religious leader, or club leader including their contact information). Letter(s) must be signed.
- Applicant must submit supporting documentation (awards, letters from supervisor and/or organization representative,

Applications can also be downloaded at [www.phillyseeds.org](http://www.phillyseeds.org). Hard copies of the application may be mailed or hand-delivered to the address below or emailed to [Marco.Ferreira@pha.phila.gov](mailto:Marco.Ferreira@pha.phila.gov) by **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 (close of business 5 p.m.)**:

**PhillySEEDS Scholarship Committee  
2300 W Master Street (Entrance on 24<sup>th</sup> Street Side)  
Philadelphia, PA 19121**

For more information, please contact PhillySEEDS at (215) 684-8926.



## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> )		Age	Gender (please circle) Male      Female	
Social Security Number		Birth Date		Ethnicity (optional)
Permanent Address				
City	State	Zip Code	Name of Property or HCV Address	
Home Telephone Number			Cell Number	
E-mail Address				
Name of Parent/Guardian (Head of Household)				

**EDUCATION (CHECK ONE)**    High school senior    GED    Currently attending college

Name of High School/College		City/State	Zip Code
School Counselor's Name/Advisor's Name		(Expected) Graduation Date	Cumulative GPA

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list community service activities in which you have participated in the past five (5) years. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

### AWARDS & HONORS

Please list awards and honors that you have received in the past five (5) years. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Please list school/community activities in which you have participated in the past five (5) years. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

Please list leadership activities in which you have participated in the past five (5) years. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

**EMPLOYMENT & INTERNSHIPS**

Please list employment and internships in which you have participated in the past five (5) years. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

Please check the box indicating the scholarship amount for which you are applying based on your GPA:

- \$5,000.00 Scholarship Award - Must have a GPA of 3.3 (B+) or above to be eligible
- \$3,000.00 Scholarship Award - Must have a GPA of 3.0 (B) or above to be eligible
- \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award - Must have a GPA of 2.5 (B-) or above to be eligible

Please list the university/college or trade school that you will be attending in the fall:

College/University/Program
Intended Major/Minor/Certification or Training:

Please sign below. Your signature certifies that the information submitted is accurate and correct.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only required if under the age of 18)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarship Application Survey

We appreciate you providing the information below to help PhillySEEDS improve and increase scholarship funding, to assist more award recipients

1) Are you currently attending school (college, university, trade, vocational):

Full time       Part time

2) Have any other in your immediate family attending college or formal education after high school?

3) What are your career plans/goals after graduation?

4) Have you received other scholarships (from PhillySEEDS/PHA or elsewhere)?

5) What has been the impact for you (or your family) of receiving a scholarship award from PhillySEEDS?

6) If you are currently employed, what field/industry do you work in (such as food service, retail, automotive, administrative, etc.)

7) If you are self-employed or own a business, please list your products/services that you provide to the general public

8) Are you enrolled in PHA's Family Self Sufficiency Program or other Self Sufficiency programs?

Yes       No

9) Are you now working in the field in which you are receiving/received your degree?

Yes       No

10) What is your approximate annual cost of tuition? ( not including room and board)

Less than \$5k       \$5k to \$10       \$10k to 15k       \$15k to \$20k

\$20k to \$25k       \$25k or more