



# PhillySEEDS Scholarships

Application Revised for 2023 and beyond

Same Scholarship Amounts

New Scoring

Rolling Timelines for Submission & Decision

# The PhillySEEDS Scholarship Application has been updated

Applicant requirements are:

- 1) for at least the past year, be a resident of PHA public (or scattered site) housing or participate in the HCV or a partner (PAPMC, AME, RAD, for example) resident program;
- 2) be accepted as a full-time student by an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or trade/technical school; and
- 3) have a GPA of at least 2.5 or B- and a corresponding percentage overall GED score.

# Same Award Amounts, New Timelines

Scholarship awards remain at \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Applications can be now submitted between March and June 15, with rolling decisions made as applications are received – as long as funding is available!

# Scoring of Applications

A minimum score of 12 points, out of 20 possible, is required based on the following categories:

**Up to 10 points:** [Essay](#)

**4 points:** [Employment & Internships](#), for past 2 yrs – require documentation

**4 points:** for either of the following in the past 2 years –

[Community Service](#) (voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area)

**OR**

[Extracurricular Activities](#) (school or college activities pursued in addition to the normal course of study, such as sports, drama, music, chess)

**2 points:** for either of the following in the past 2 years –

[Awards & Honors/Leadership](#) - require documentation

**OR**

[For Returning Students](#) – if ineligible for [Awards & Honors](#) or [Extracurricular Activities](#) points due to the 2-yr time requirement, uniquely compelling circumstances may be considered

# Award Amounts Determined by Score

If an applicant receives at least 12 points, scholarships will be awarded as follows:

\$5,000 scholarships – minimum GPA of 3.3

\$3,000 scholarships – minimum GPA of 3.0

\$1,000 scholarships – minimum GPA of 2.5

For GED holders, please contact [info@PhillySEEDS.org](mailto:info@PhillySEEDS.org)

# Application Submissions – Timing for Applications and Decisions

Completed applications, with all required documents, must be received between **March 1 and June 15** of the year for which the applicant is applying.

Decisions will be made on a rolling basis, based on when applications are received; earlier applicants have a better chance of receiving funding.

Applications may be:

- 1) **emailed** to [info@phillyseeds.org](mailto:info@phillyseeds.org),
- 2) **mailed** or
- 3) **hand delivered** in hard copy (for which one should coordinate with [info@phillyseeds.org](mailto:info@phillyseeds.org) to arrange a verified delivery – *applications cannot just be dropped off at the front desk!*) to: PhillySEEDS/OGC 2013 Ridge Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19121

Scholarship payments are only to be made to the educational institution, absent both extraordinary circumstances and written approval by the Board of PhillySEEDS. 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

# How the Essay is Scored