

Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Foundation (PPHEF)
Windmill Scholarship
Requirements, Terms and Conditions

Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Foundation has created the Windmill Scholarship to help students with funding toward their education cost. The goal of the scholarship program is to assist deserving students with their educational cost as they work toward their chosen higher education goals at colleges and universities.

General criteria:

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident and a Texas resident.
- Plan to enroll or currently enrolled at a governmental or non-profit educational institution, located in the State of Texas that has been accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and provided the institution offers an **academic** degree program requiring at least two school years attendance. **Note: Degree or Certificate programs, that are described as technical programs or do not prepare a student to transfer to a college and work toward a baccalaureate degree, are not eligible programs for scholarship consideration.**
- Permanent address must be in one of the Texas Counties within the PPHEF service area for scholarship consideration. Please review the [PPHEF Service Area Counties](#) to see if you are eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Eligibility will be assessed by reviewing information concerning academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities, leadership and reference recommendations provided in the application process.
- Applications will be reviewed and scored on a 100-point scale to determine eligibility and award amount for the scholarship.
- Full time college enrollment is required to receive the scholarship award.
- Applicant may receive scholarship awards for a maximum of four academic years (Fall/Spring) of undergraduate enrollment or until receipt of their first baccalaureate undergraduate degree, as long as they continue to meet satisfactory academic progress guidelines.
- Scholarship awards may not be used for summer school attendance.
- Scholarship award funds will be sent directly to the college or university the applicant listed on their scholarship application for credit or disbursement to the student account.
- Scholarship award funds must be used for eligible educational expenses consisting of tuition and required fees, required books and supplies, room and board, and incidental expenses related to attendance such as travel expenditures.

Academic Criteria:

- Must be a current Texas High School Graduate from an accredited public or private Texas High School with at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for consideration. Applicant must provide a copy of their 7th semester Texas High School transcript that shows **unweighted** cumulative GPA and class rank.
- Currently enrolled undergraduate College students, without a Bachelor's Degree, must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale or higher to be eligible for consideration. Applicant must provide a copy of their transcript that shows cumulative GPA and number of hours earned.

Financial Need:

- All applicants will be required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine the financial need component.
- Applicant must provide a copy of the FAFSA Submission Summary to PPHEF (FSS) showing the SAI (student aid index) as part of the application process.

Extracurricular Activities:

Provide information concerning involvement in extracurricular activities that may include academic honors, school related volunteer activities (high school or college), community volunteer activities, athletic, and religious, as well as paid and unpaid work. Participation may be as an individual or a part of a group. Applicant should provide details of their involvement/leadership in extracurricular activities in essay format.

Leadership:

Show leadership qualities or activities as it relates to listed extracurricular activities.

References:

Require the applicant to provide the name and contact information for three individuals to complete letters of recommendation on the scholarship application. As a matter of courtesy, the applicant should contact the references and receive permission to provide their information as a reference before submitting the application. Once PPHEF receives the application it will send an email to the reference with a link to a recommendation form that will allow the reference to highlight the student's strengths, accomplishments and leadership qualities in support of their scholarship application. Please let your references know it is important they complete and submit the reference form as soon as possible to avoid delays in the completion of your application. Your application will not be considered complete and will not be reviewed until all three references are submitted.

Application Process

Application process will open January of each year for new applicants to complete the initial application. Once funds are exhausted for the application period the application process will be closed. The close date will vary from year to year based on the volume of applications received and we highly recommend reviewing our web page at pphef.org for the most up to date information concerning the Windmill Scholarship.

Priority Deadline:

The priority deadline for an initial scholarship application will be February 15th of each year. This means the initial application process must be completed with all required documents received by the priority deadline date, for consideration. **Please note:** Applications completed and received before or after the priority deadline will be reviewed and awarded in date completed order as long as funds are available. The priority deadline date may be subject to change, due to funding limitations, so we highly recommend applications be completed as soon as possible. Visit our web page at pphef.org for the most up to date information concerning the Windmill Scholarship.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Guidelines:

- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.50 each semester of enrollment to be eligible for disbursement or renewal.
- Student must earn 24 semester hours per year (fall, spring), checked annually, to be eligible for renewal.

Scholarship Renewal Process:

- Auto renewal of the scholarship award for the next academic year will be determined by reviewing the appropriate year spring academic transcript to verify the student has maintained satisfactory academic progress as outlined above.
- Students will receive a reminder email May 1st of each year to submit their college academic transcript for the review and determination of scholarship renewal.
- Students may login to the Windmill Scholarship system and select the application tracker tab to see if any additional items may be needed as part of the renewal process after the reminder email mentioned above is received.