

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 towards their education cost. The goal of the scholarship program is to assist deserving students meet their educational cost as they work towards 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 in or be enrolled in an academic degree program requiring at least two years attendance 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 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance.
- 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 plans to attend 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:

- Texas High School Graduate from an accredited public or private 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 high school transcript that shows 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 Student Aid Report to PPHEF 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 a detailed listing 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 reference 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.

Application Process

Application process will open on January 19th of each year for applicants to complete the initial application or renewal application. As an example, the application process will open January 19, 2020 for scholarship consideration for the 2021/2022 academic year. The application process will remain open until May 31st and may be subject to change.

Priority Deadline:

The priority deadline for an initial or renewal scholarship application will be March 15th of each year. This means the initial or renewal application process must be completed with all required documents received by the priority deadline date for consideration. Applications completed and received by the priority deadline will be reviewed and awarded in date received order as long as funds are available. Any completed applications received after the priority deadline date may still be reviewed and awarded if funds are available based on the date received.

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:

- Student must submit a renewal application.
- Student must meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements to be considered for renewal.
- Student must submit a college transcript or college grade report after each semester of enrollment that shows the current cumulative GPA and cumulative semester hours earned.