



Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation

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PMAHCC Foundation Scholarship Program

The PMAHCC Foundation Scholarship Program accepts applications from **January 1 to April 30** for the upcoming scholastic year starting in the fall. **Applications received after April 30 will not be considered.** This form serves as the application, and students must respond to all requests for verification and transcripts to remain eligible. Grant amounts are evaluated based on individual need or merit and available foundation funds. **Not all applicants will be selected as recipients**, awards are granted solely based on verified eligibility and demonstrated merit. The PMAHCC Foundation reserves the right to withhold funding and is under no obligation to award any amount to applicants.

QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Be currently attending, enrolled in, or accepted into an accredited post-high school educational institution, including 2-year or 4-year colleges, universities, or vocational/technical schools in the United States or its territories. Approved institutions are defined as Title IV eligible, accredited, postsecondary two- or four-year colleges, universities, or vocational/technical schools.
- Enroll or be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Reside, or have established plans to reside, in one of the following counties in the State of Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Westmoreland, or Washington.
- Have at least one parent or grandparent of Hispanic ancestry.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Demonstrate community involvement.

AWARD

- Award recipients will receive a one-time grant of up to **\$1,000**, payable directly to the institution they are enrolled in or have been accepted to.
- Past recipients who meet eligibility requirements may re-apply for the scholarship each year.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. Typed essay (maximum 500 words) responding to the following prompt:
 - **Essay Prompt:** In 500 words or less, share a speech, book, or piece of writing that inspired you. Explain why it had an impact on you and how your Hispanic heritage influences how you relate to the message. How has it shaped your aspirations or worldview?
3. Official transcript or GED results, or **student-generated online transcript of grades** that includes the student and school's name. **Grade reports are NOT accepted.**
4. GED test score results (if applicable).
5. If applicable, a copy of your CV (for graduate applicants).

APPLICATION DEADLINE INFORMATION

- **Application Deadline:**

Completed application forms, along with transcripts and essays, must be received by **April 30**.

***Applications received after the deadline will not be considered or accepted.**

- **Verification of Information:**

Award recipients must respond to requests for verification of information. If you plan to limit your availability during the notification period, please notify the PMAHCCF in advance to avoid any potential delays in communication.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

- Scholarship recipients will be notified by **August 1** via the contact information provided in the application (either home address or email).
- If the recipient does not respond to two (2) notification attempts within the specified time frame, the scholarship will be forfeited, and the award will be given to an alternate recipient.
***If you plan on limiting your availability during this period, please notify the PMAHCCF.**

AWARD PAYMENT PROCESS

The scholarship award will be paid directly to the educational institution where the recipient is enrolled or has been accepted, at the beginning of the **Fall Semester**. The payment will be processed once the recipient has confirmed enrollment and verified eligibility.

OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENT

By applying, recipients consent to having their name and story shared with the PMAHCCF community and in public announcements, including but not limited to newspapers, social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter), and the PMAHCCF website. This helps inspire future applicants and highlights the foundation's impact.

REVISIONS

PMAHCCF reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures in connection with the Scholarship and to make changes at any time, including, but not limited to termination of the Scholarship.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any questions or additional information regarding the PMAHCCF Scholarship Program, please contact: **PMAHCCF Scholarship Program (This is the only official communication method)** at e-Mail: scholarships@pmahcc.org

SUBMISSION OPTIONS

1. Complete the application and upload supporting documentation via Google Forms following [this link](#)
2. Complete and email your application and supporting documentation to: scholarships@pmahcc.org.

We look forward to your application and wish you the best in your educational endeavors. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at scholarships@pmahcc.org.

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2025 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 30

A. About You

APPLICANT
DATA

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____ LAST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER _____

CITY _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

BEST TELEPHONE TO CONTACT YOU _____

BEST EMAIL ADDRESS TO CONTACT YOU _____

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

GENDER (STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY) _____

ARE YOU THE FIRST MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN, _____

BEST TELEPHONE TO CONTACT YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

BEST EMAIL ADDRESS TO CONTACT YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

HAVE YOU FILED FOR A PMAHCCF GRANT PRIOR TO THIS YEAR? ☐ YES, IN (YEAR) _____ ☐ NO

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) ☐ YES, DATE FILED _____ ☐ NO

HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTEND OR ATTENDED: _____

HISPANIC
ANCESTRY

ARE YOU, YOUR PARENT(S) OR GRANDPARENT(S) HISPANIC? IF SO, WHICH NATIONALITY? PLEASE ELABORATE

ARE YOU FLUENT IN SPANISH? ☐ YES ☐ NO READ? ☐ YES ☐ NO WRITE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ARE YOU FLUENT IN PORTUGUESE? ☐ YES ☐ NO READ? ☐ YES ☐ NO WRITE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

FINANCIAL
DATA

ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT WHO FULLY SUPPORTS YOURSELF? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES: HOW MANY DEPENDENTS YOU SUPPORT, INCLUDING YOURSELF? _____

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL ANNUAL INCOME AS REPORTED IN YOUR IRS RETURN: _____

IF NOT: DO YOU LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY/ PARENT(S)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD (INCLUDING APPLICANT/PARENTS/SIBLINGS/CHILDREN) _____

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ANNUAL INCOME AS REPORTED TO THE IRS TAX RETURN: _____

B. Your Schooling

Name: _____

ATTENDING
NOW

NAME AND LOCATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION YOU ARE **ATTENDING NOW**

GRADUATION YEAR _____ OR ☐ GED

WHAT IS YOUR CUMULATIVE GPA? _____ ON A SCALE OF: _____

ATTENDING
THIS FALL

NAME OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION YOU WILL BE **ATTENDING THIS FALL**:

IS THIS A: ☐ 4 YR. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ☐ 2 YR. COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE

☐ VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL

WILL YOU BE ENROLLED AS A: ☐ FULL-TIME STUDENT ☐ PART-TIME STUDENT

WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED MAJOR(S)? _____

WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE? YEAR _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL **THIS COMING FALL**: (CIRCLE ONE) 1 2 3 4 5 OR GRADUATE

GRADUATE
STUDENT

IF YOU ARE A COLLEGE GRADUATE STUDENT GOING FOR A MASTER OR DOCTORAL DEGREE,
PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT CV.

C. Your Programs and Activities

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE SPACE PROVIDED

1. LIST ANY OFFICES HELD, AND HONORS OR AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE EDUCATION.
2. ARE YOU, AT PRESENT, THE RECIPIENT OF ANY SCHOLARSHIPS OR THE BENEFICIARY OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL AID? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY EACH NAME AND EACH AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP(S), GRANT(S) OR AID(S).

C. Your Programs and Activities

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE SPACE PROVIDED

Name: _____

3. DESCRIBE ANY EMPLOYMENT (AFTER-SCHOOL, SUMMER, COLLEGE CO-OP) YOU HAVE HAD DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

4. DESCRIBE ANY COMMUNITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND/OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED AND YOUR ROLE IN THEM. INDICATE FOR HOW LONG AND HOW MANY HOURS A MONTH YOU HAVE DEDICATED TO EACH ACTIVITY.

5. WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT ALREADY ADDRESSED IN THE APPLICATION) DO YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE.

HONESTY CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Student Name: _____

I acknowledge decisions of PMAHCCF concerning the scholarship application and recipient selection process are final and not subject to any form of appeal, I understand that the PMAHCC Foundation reserves the right to withhold funding and is under no obligation to award any amount to applicants.

I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship I am granted.

I also authorize the Financial Aid office of my school to release to PMAHCCF information on my financial aid status, and I authorize the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency to release information contained on any financial aid application filed with PHEAA. This information will remain confidential.

Name of Educational Institution you will be attending this Fall and the FINANCIAL AID OFFICE (FAO)
Address, Phone, Fax and e-mail:

Educational Institution: _____

Financial Aid Office Address: _____

FAO Phone: _____ FAO Fax: _____

FAO E-Mail: _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature (If Applicant Is Under 18) _____ Date _____

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Ensure the following documents are enclosed with your application (**incomplete applications will not be considered**):

- ☐ Completed and signed application form
- ☐ Typed essay
- ☐ Current, complete transcript of grades (official or student-generated online transcript that includes the student and school's name). **Grade reports are not accepted.**
- ☐ GED test score results (if applicable).
- ☐ If you are a college graduate student going for a master or doctoral degree, a copy of your most recent cv.
- ☐ Signed and completed HONESTY CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION page.

Please submit your completed application and all required documentation by **April 30**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Complete and upload your application and supporting documentation via google forms following [this link](#)
2. Complete and email your application and supporting documentation to **scholarships@pmahcc.org**.