



PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Application and Instructions for 2017-2018 Academic Year
Deadline February 24, 2017

General Information

The Philadelphia City Scholarship Program awards approximately 50 college scholarships to high school seniors each year. Scholarship awards are \$1,000 for each academic year for four consecutive years of full-time enrollment in accredited, four-year, bachelor degree programs. The City of Philadelphia funds this scholarship program and has assisted more than 2,600 students in earning a college degree.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, you must:

- be in your final year of high school
- live in Philadelphia, PA (You and your parent or legal guardian must live in Philadelphia.)
- have a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT)
- have filed the 2017-2018 FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- plan to apply to at least one accredited, 4-year college in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania. College must be accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. (list of eligible schools on page 2)
- intend to obtain a bachelor's degree as a full-time student

Selection Criteria

Applications for the Philadelphia City Scholarship Program are evaluated by the Philadelphia City Scholarship Review Committee. Factors considered include high school grades, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, writing ability, SAT scores, and financial need (from FAFSA Student Aid Report). Students who receive the Mayor's Scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania are not eligible to receive the Philadelphia City Scholarship.

This application may be downloaded at the website below.
www.freelibrary.org/cityscholarship

James Kenny, Mayor
and the
Philadelphia City Scholarship Review Committee

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How To Apply

All of the following, in one envelope, must be postmarked by February 24, 2017. Send to: Philadelphia City Scholarship Program, Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1189. Incomplete application packets will be ineligible.

1. Application Form

The application form is on page 3. You must submit the application form and all other required documents at the same time. There are no exceptions. The application form can also be downloaded at www.freelibrary.org/cityscholarship.

2. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT)

You must take the SAT or ACT and include a photocopy of your report (either the Student Copy or the High School Copy).

3. High School Transcript

Include an official copy of your high school transcript through the end of your junior year. The transcript must have a computed cumulative grade point average.

4. FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Complete the FAFSA application, which FAFSA will use to create your "Student Aid Report." Please mail a copy of the **first page only** of your Student Aid Report with your application.

Your guidance counselor should be able to assist you if you have questions about locating and compiling this information. For general questions about the Philadelphia City Scholarship Program, email PhilaCityScholarship@freelibrary.org or call 215-686-5308.

Eligible Colleges and Universities

Philadelphia City Scholarships can be used at the following four-year colleges and universities:

Arcadia University, Glenside	Moore College of Art & Design, Phila.
The Art Institute of Philadelphia, Philadelphia	Neumann University, Aston
Bryn Athyn College	Peirce College, Philadelphia
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr	Penn Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia
Cabrini College, Radnor	Penn State, Abington & Brandywine**
Cairn University, Langhorne	Philadelphia University
Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia	Rosemont College, Rosemont
Cheyney University, Cheyney	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood
Community College of Phila. *	St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia
Delaware Valley University, Dolyestown	Swarthmore College, Swarthmore
Drexel University, Philadelphia	Temple University, Philadelphia
Eastern University, St. Davids	Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia
Esperanza College *	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Gratz College, Melrose Park	University of the Arts, Philadelphia
Gwynedd-Mercy University, Gwynedd Valley	University of the Sciences Philadelphia
Haverford College, Haverford	Ursinus College, Collegeville
Holy Family University, Philadelphia	University Valley Forge, Phoenixville, PA
Immaculata University, Immaculata	Villanova University, Villanova
LaSalle University, Philadelphia	West Chester University, West Chester
Lincoln University, Lincoln University	Widener University, Chester

*Four year program only; **Must** show proof of Dual Admissions

** Must complete all 4 years in eligible counties.

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Application Form

The application has three sections: Cover Page, Evidence of Leadership Potential, and Essay on Goals and Ambitions in College and Life. Type your answers and specify which question you are answering.

1. Cover page

Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____

Address _____

Last four digits of your social security number _____

Email _____

Telephone Number _____

High School _____ Month and Year of High School Graduation _____

Eligible college(s) to which you applied:

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. Evidence of Leadership Potential

The scholarship judges are interested in what you do outside of your schoolwork. Please list all of your work and volunteer experience, community activities, special courses or classes (both in and outside of school), special projects, and other involvements/ memberships that demonstrate your leadership qualities.

a. High School Extra-Curricular Activities

List and briefly describe all activities in which you participated in high school. (Examples include sports, student government, clubs, publications, special projects, etc.)

b. Activities Outside of School

List and briefly describe all activities in which you participated outside of school. (Examples are social clubs, religious activities, hobbies, boy/girl scouts, etc.)

c. Work Activities

List and describe any volunteer work and any paid work you have done during high school. Include your job title, responsibilities, starting/ending dates, and number of hours per week. Please distinguish between paid and volunteer positions.

3. Essay: Goals and Ambitions in College and Life

Tell the judges about who you are. Write an essay with pertinent information about yourself and your experiences. Describe your college expectations and career goals.

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Check List:

Before you mail your application packet, make sure that all of the following items are enclosed:

1. Application Form (items listed on page 3)
 - Cover Page
 - Evidence of Leadership Potential
 - Essay on Goals and Ambitions in College and Life
2. SAT and ACT Student Score Report (the high school copy or the student copy)
3. High School Transcript (showing a minimum GPA of 3.0)
4. FAFSA Student Aid Report (only the first page is necessary)

Your application must be postmarked by February 24, 2017 to the address below:

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1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1189

Due to the large number of applications, you will only be notified if you are a scholarship finalist.

City Council makes appropriations for these scholarships on an annual basis, so renewal of awards is based on available funds. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the college to be applied to the student's account. Scholarship recipients are required to renew their awards each summer to confirm that they continue to meet the minimum requirements of the program.

* Make sure you are submitting the FAFSA Student Aid Report and not the application.

The application does not qualify as the report.