



Police Athletic League of Philadelphia Scholarship Foundation

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE, SIGNED, AND DATED AND DOCUMENTS MUST BE EMAILED TO THE PAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION at scholarships@phillypal.org

Applicant's Full Legal Name:

Applicant's City Span ID Number:

PAL Officer Name:

PAL Center(s) Attended:

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION IS: **March 7, 2025**

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

- Applicants' PAL Scholarship Application**
- Applicant's Typed Personal Essay (Attachment)**
- Applicants' High School Transcript**
- (Attachment) Applicant's Survey (Page 7)**

PAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
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scholarships@phillypal.org

PAL Scholarship Program Guidelines

Academic Year 2025-2026

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be registered and active members of a Philadelphia PAL Center(s) for at least two full years at the time of application. If a PAL Center is new to its community (less than two years in operation), Applicants from that center must be registered members of PAL for a minimum of one year or equivalent activity period.
- Applicants must be residents of Philadelphia; any change in permanent address must be reported to PAL Headquarters.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or 3.0 on a 6.0 scale by the end of the fall semester of their twelfth grade year.
- Eligibility based on exceptional circumstances will be presented to the PAL Scholarship Foundation Board for review.
- Applicants must plan to enroll in a full-time, post-secondary program with a minimum of twelve credit hours per semester. Applicants may enroll in two- or four-year degree programs or full-time accredited trade programs.
- Full-time status in a trade program must be verified by documentation from the educational institution.

Application Procedure:

- Eligible PAL members interested in participating in the scholarship program must submit a completed application and all required documents by the established deadline. The application must be completed online at scholarships@phillypal.org
- Applications will be accepted from more than one member of the same family.
- However, each family member's completed application will be reviewed and considered separately for a scholarship grant.
- Applicants with extraordinary needs or accommodation requests must submit a written explanation for their request to the PAL Scholarship Foundation Board via email at scholarships@phillypal.org.
- Applicants must be accepted and planning full-time enrollment (minimum of twelve credits) at an institution of post-secondary education or accredited trade school no later than the spring of the upcoming academic year.
- Completed applications and required documents will be reviewed and all eligible applicants will be considered.
- Every applicant will receive a letter of notification from the PAL Scholarship Foundation Board at the completion of the review and selection process.
- Scholarship grants are awarded on an annual basis subject to continued eligibility and

completion of a Renewal Application after the first year of matriculation.

- Scholarship grants are paid directly to the student's institution each semester.
- Scholarships are **NOT GUARANTEED TO BE RENEWED FOR ALL YEARS OF MATRICULATION.**
- The maximum number of scholarship payments is for eight academic semesters over a period not exceeding six years from the date of initial enrollment.

Required Documentation:

All completed applications and required documents submitted for consideration to the PAL Scholarship Foundation are reviewed and evaluated based on the applicant's PAL involvement, personal essay, high school academic performance, extracurricular activities, community involvement, PAL Officer's evaluation and letter of recommendation, and other pertinent factors.

Please refer to the "Application Documents Checklist" on Page 1 for the list of required documents that must be submitted with your completed application.

To verify academic performance, a current high school transcript, which includes an applicant's cumulative GPA from the fall semester of grade 12, must be submitted with the completed application.

PAL Scholarship Application

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

PAL Center: _____

Number of Years at PAL: _____

Applicants Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____

Name of School Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

College, University or Trade School Applied To	Pending or accepted	Acceptance Date

Will you be enrolling for the Fall or Spring Semester?

Fall 2024

Fall 2025

Will you be a first-year student this Fall/Spring?

Yes

No

Expected Date of Initial Enrollment:

Anticipated Year of Graduation:

Expected Major:

Intended Profession/Career:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School: (List sports teams, clubs and/or organizations noting leadership positions or responsibilities, if applicable)

Service: (List community/volunteer service organizations and specify your involvement and length of service) **Work:** (List employment history and positions held)

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PAL: (List of all sports, educational, civic, and/or cultural programs in which you participated)

Personal Essay (required)

Please prepare and attach a 500-word typed personal essay. This essay should explain how you will use a PAL scholarship grant to achieve success in life by furthering your education. Please include details of your experience with PAL and how you plan to serve as a positive representative of PAL in your future endeavors.

Please sign below to acknowledge you have completed the application in full and attached all required documents.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application must be completed in its entirety and submitted with all required documents no later than the deadline for the application year. An incomplete application will be returned to your PAL Officer and may result in delay and/or disqualification from participation in the scholarship program.

The following additional documents are recommended but not required:

- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or employer
- Current Resume

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PAL Applicant Survey

Academic Year 2025-2026

Please complete this survey to help improve the PAL Scholarship Program. Thank you!

Your responses to the survey questions will be anonymous and will not be a factor in the evaluation of your application nor considered in the determination of any potential scholarship award.

1. Have you ever participated in or are currently taking a SAT/ACT prep course?

Yes

No

2. Did you receive any assistance or guidance in filling out college or trade school applications?

Yes

No

3. Did you receive any assistance or guidance in filling out financial aid forms?

Yes

No

4. How did you hear about PAL's scholarship program (PAL Officer, flyer/poster, PAL website, etc.)?

5. Have you applied or are planning to apply for other scholarships?

Yes

No

If YES, how did you hear about the other scholarships (website, flyer/poster, school counselor, etc.)?

6. How could the PAL Scholarship Foundation better assist PAL members in preparing for life after high school?