

**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 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 towards 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> semester 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 Student Aid Report to PPHEF showing the EFC (expected family contribution) 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 January of each year for new applicants to complete the initial application. As an example, the application process will open January 10, 2022 for scholarship consideration for the 2022/2023 academic year. The application process may remain open until May 31<sup>st</sup>. Once funds are exhausted for the application period the application process will be closed. These dates will be subject to change and we highly recommend reviewing information on [www.pphef.org](http://www.pphef.org) for the most up to date information.

**Priority Deadline:**

The priority deadline for an initial scholarship application will be March 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. 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:**

- Auto renewal of your 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 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.