

# Applying for Scholarships

## How can I get a scholarship from Pi Beta Phi Foundation?

Being awarded a scholarship from Pi Beta Phi Foundation is a simple three-step process regardless of whether you are applying for an Undergraduate Scholarship, a Graduate Fellowship, or an Alumnae Continuing Education (ACE) Scholarship.

1. Complete an online application. Brief personal and financial information is required.
2. Through the online application, you will send automated emails to get recommendations (and confirmations of community service for Sign of the Arrow Melissa scholarship).
3. Submit your final application once you have confirmed all of your recommendations and community service confirmations are received.

The deadline for scholarship applications is February 15 of each year for the following academic year.

We recommend you start your application at least two weeks prior to that, in order to give you plenty of time to get your recommendations and community service confirmations submitted.

## How are Foundation scholarships awarded?

Pi Beta Phi Foundation has an excellent scholarship application process in place. The online application system is very convenient for the applicant. We have dedicated committees of Pi Beta Phi alumnae who evaluate all applications. The committees score applications on:

- Financial Need
- GPA
- A record of service to Pi Beta Phi, campus and community

Specific criteria differ slightly between undergraduate, graduate and alumnae awards, but those are the basic three categories for all of our scholarships, except the Sign of the Arrow Melissa scholarship, which is awarded solely based on community service. Once the committees have scored all the applications, those scores yields a ranking and we then match applicants with available scholarships.

## If my chapter has a scholarship, how do I apply for that?

One application applies you for all scholarships for which you are eligible.

## Should I apply even if my chapter doesn't have a scholarship?

Yes! We have many scholarships that are not restricted to any particular chapter or, in some instances, if the first preference isn't met then we can award the scholarship to any eligible Pi Phi. Apply!

## What happens once I receive a scholarship?

Recipients of all scholarships — Undergraduate, Graduate Fellowship and ACE — are notified generally in mid-May of each year for the upcoming academic year. Once you've been notified you have been awarded a scholarship, you will need to complete an award request form, submit a formal transcript to confirm your GPA, and provide a thank you note for the donor who established your scholarship. Provided you have responded with the information we need, scholarship checks are mailed by mid-August.

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