

2025

LANDMARKS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

To recognize capable, college-bound students in Allegheny County who care deeply about the region, and build relationships with them as a means of increasing interest in history, architecture, and preservation of the built environment.

THE AWARD

The Scholarship pays \$1,500 per year, for a maximum of four years (\$6,000), to help pay tuition and book expenses at a college or university. The award is paid directly to the student's institution and can be used only for these expenses. Renewal of the award for years two through four is dependent upon the student maintaining good academic standing and demonstrating involvement in campus activities. In the event a student changes schools, the award is transferable from the original institution to the new one. If the student withdraws from college, the award is forfeited.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must live and attend school in Allegheny County.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant's cumulative GPA at the end of first semester of senior year must be 3.25 or higher.
4. Applicant must not be related to Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation board members, nor to board members of any of its affiliates, nor to any employees of any of these entities.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Award decisions are made by PHLF's Scholarship Committee, which evaluates applicants on the following:

1. academic achievement;
2. financial need;
3. community service or work experience; and
4. interest in the history, architecture, and/or landscapes of Allegheny County.

TO APPLY

1. Complete this application.
2. Write an essay of 500 to 1,500 words about a place in Allegheny County that is important to you. See detailed instructions on Application Page 3.
3. Provide an official high school transcript.
4. Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from your college or university.
5. Provide two letters of recommendation. See detailed instructions on Application Page 3.

DEADLINE

All materials must be received by Marie Miller by 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2025.

E-mail (preferred): marie@phlf.org

Address: Marie Miller, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
100 West Station Square Drive, Suite 450, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1134

QUESTIONS

E-mail: marie@phlf.org

Please note: applications that are incomplete at the deadline or that are received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (PHLF) has awarded college/university scholarships to 91 students from Allegheny County since 1999.

Of those winners 38 graduated from Pittsburgh Public Schools, and 53 graduated from other schools within Allegheny County

PHLF's scholarship program is funded by the Brashear Family Named Fund and the Landmarks Scholarship Fund, including donations to the 2008 and 2014 Scholarship Celebrations, and from the Russell W. Coe Preservation Fund at PHLF.

Landmarks Scholarship Award Application: 2025

Please Print

Name: _____
Last First M.I. Gender

Address: _____
Street and/or P.O. Box

City, State, Zip Code

Home Phone Number: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____
Last First M.I.

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Parent or Guardian Address: _____
Street and/or P.O. Box

City, State, Zip Code

High School Currently Attending: _____
Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code Phone

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____
End of 1st semester, senior year

SAT Scores (optional): Total: _____ (Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____)

Alternative Test Scores (ACT, HBCU, etc.; optional): _____

Class Rank: _____ in a class of _____

Guidance Counselor: _____
Name E-mail Phone

Middle School/Jr. High School Attended: _____
Name City

Elementary School Attended: _____
Name City

Based on your family heritage, if you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic group or groups, please indicate the group name(s): _____

List any **scholarships** that you will be receiving and **awards and recognition** (including academic honors) that you have received:

List clubs, extracurricular activities, sports, etc. (*note your degree of involvement*):

List community service:

List work experience:

College/University you will be attending in the fall of 2025 (submit your letter of acceptance):

Name: _____

Intended Major: _____

Educational Goals:

ESSAY: PHLF's Scholarship Committee would like to know you better. In an essay of **500 to 1500 words**, tell us about a place in Allegheny County that is important to you. First, explain the significance of that place's architecture, history, and/or landscape design. Then, tell us specifically why this place is meaningful to you and how it has affected you personally. **This should be the focus of your essay.**

Type your essay on separate paper. On the first page, include the essay's title, your name, and the date of your essay. Submit the essay with your other application materials.

PORTFOLIO (optional): If you wish to submit a portfolio, show only your original work in art, photography, or architectural drawing. Do not include copies of awards, newspaper articles, or additional essays.

REFERENCES: Please submit exactly two letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher or guidance counselor. The other must be from someone outside your school who knows you well. This person cannot be related to you.

Please list the names and contact information of the people who wrote letters on your behalf:

1. Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

2. Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

FINANCIAL NEED: Note any special financial situation that **affects your ability to attend the college/university of your choice**. Examples include multiple siblings attending college/university at the same time, special medical expenses, loss of income, etc.:

CERTIFICATION: I certify the accuracy of this information:

Applicant's signature and date

Parent's/guardian's signature and date

From time to time, we include excerpts from applicants' essays in our printed publications and on our website. This helps promote interest in our scholarship program and features some of the excellent insights about Pittsburgh that our applicants have. **May we have your permission to reprint excerpts from your essay?** Yes No

NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by Friday, May 16, 2025. All other applicants will receive letters in June. Recipients are required to attend an awards presentation reception on Tuesday, June 17, from 4:00 to 5:30, at a location to be announced. *Thank you for taking time to apply for the Landmarks Scholarship.*



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