

# LANDMARKS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

# 2026

## 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

A complete application consists of the following:

1. This application form.
2. 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. An official high school transcript.
4. A copy of the acceptance letter from your college or university.
5. Two letters of recommendation. See detailed instructions on Application Page 3.

*Applicant is responsible for ensuring that every item on this list is submitted to PHLF by the application deadline.*

## DEADLINE

**All materials must be received by Marie Miller by 11:59 p.m. on April 14, 2026.**

*Applications can be submitted by email or U.S. Postal Service.*

**Preferred:** email the application to [marie@phlf.org](mailto:marie@phlf.org)

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

*Applications that are incomplete at the deadline or that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.*

**QUESTIONS** E-mail Marie Miller at [marie@phlf.org](mailto:marie@phlf.org)

The Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (PHLF) has awarded college/university scholarships to 94 students from Allegheny County since 1999.

PHLF's scholarship program is funded by, among others, the Brashear Family Named Fund.

## Landmarks Scholarship Award Application: 2026

### 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.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

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:

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

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List community service:

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List work experience:

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College/University you will be attending in the fall of 2026 (submit your letter of acceptance):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Goals:

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**ESSAY:** 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.:

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**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 15, 2026. All other applicants will receive letters in June. Recipients are required to attend an awards presentation reception on Tuesday, June 16, from 4:00 to 5:30, at a location to be announced. *Thank you for taking time to apply for the Landmarks Scholarship.*



Founded in 1964 and recognized as one of the nation's most innovative and effective **non-profit** historic preservation organizations, the **Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (PHLF)** works to: **identify and save** historically significant places; **revitalize** historic neighborhoods, towns, and urban areas; **preserve** historic farms and historic designed landscapes; and **educate** people about the Pittsburgh region's rich architectural heritage. PHLF welcomes your membership support.