



Frequently Asked Questions About Scholarships

Scholarship awards are dependent on the income available for the funds.

Not all scholarships may be awarded each year.

When can I apply?

Applications are available starting each November for the following academic year. The deadline to apply is February 15. All applicants will be notified by email on or before May 31 whether or not they've received an award. Scholarship funds are disbursed after August 15 each year.

I know it says the deadline for all scholarship applications is February 15, but can I get an extension?

No. No extensions will be granted to the deadline.

Am I required to fill out the scholarship applications online?

Yes. Pi Beta Phi Foundation is continuously looking to improve and meet the needs of our members. Online applications allow applicants to easily enter information, track and confirm the application status and save money on printing and postage needs.

Do I have to fill out a separate application for each scholarship?

No. Completing your online application automatically applies you to all scholarships for which you are eligible.

Is my information secure?

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What are the requirements to be eligible to receive a Foundation scholarship?

The Foundation is pleased to offer Undergraduate Scholarships, Graduate Fellowships and Alumnae Continuing Education (ACE) Scholarships. Each application has differing qualifications, and we encourage you to read the requirements before beginning any scholarship application.

If I'm an alumna, should I apply for a Graduate Fellowship or an Alumnae Continuing Education (ACE) Scholarship?

Apply for a Graduate Fellowship if BOTH of the following apply:

- You have graduated within the last four years
- You are enrolled full-time in an accredited graduate program.

Apply for an ACE Scholarship if ANY of the following apply:

- You have been out of undergraduate school for more than two academic years
- You are going to school part-time
- You are attending a career institute or a vocational/technical school.

If you qualify for both, apply for the Graduate Fellowship.

I'm having technical difficulties. Whom should I contact?

We recommend you first check your computer and internet connection for any faults or errors. SmarterSelect has a help feature which you may access from their website to help you troubleshoot any specific problems or error messages you are receiving. If you continue to have problems, please contact the Foundation and we will do our best to resolve the issue.