



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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APPLICATION FOR PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2009-2010

DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING: MARCH 6, 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Philadelphia City Scholarship Program provides four-year assistance to under-graduate students, primarily for tuition. The program has been in existence since 1959 and has made awards to 2,500 students. Applicants to the scholarship program must be in their final year of secondary school at the time of application. Additionally, the parents or legal guardians of students are required to be residents of the City of Philadelphia. City Scholarships are to be used for college costs at four-year colleges and universities in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware or Montgomery counties. A list of eligible institutions is enclosed.

It is anticipated that city funds in the amount of \$200,000 will be available for the academic year beginning September 2009. Renewal of awards through a four-year period is based upon the amount of other financial aid received by the recipient and a satisfactory standard of academic achievement. Also, since City Council makes appropriations from the General Fund on an annual basis, renewal of awards must necessarily be annual and contingent on available funds.

City Scholarships CAN NOT be used in non-degree granting institutions, two-year junior or community colleges, or in graduate or professional programs. Applicants MUST enroll in a full time, four-year baccalaureate program in order to be eligible for an award.

Applicants must contact the colleges or universities in which they are interested to make certain that entrance requirements can be met. Winners of City Scholarships must be admitted to an eligible institution for the City Scholarship to be valid.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Philadelphia City Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who are rated and selected by the Philadelphia City Scholarship Committee on the basis of factors relating to academic performance, leadership potential, and financial need. These factors are: high school grades (a minimum of 3.0 or B is required), Scholastic Achievement Test scores, extra-curricular activities, and writing ability. Financial need is evaluated by an outside organization whose conclusions are forwarded to the City's program. Students may **not** receive both the Philadelphia City Scholarship and the Mayor's Scholarship.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, 50 deserving students will be selected.

MICHAEL A. NUTTER
Mayor
PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

APPLICATION FOR CITY OF PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIP 2009-2010

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Please Print or Type

1. Name _____ Sex _____
(Last) *(First)* *(Middle)*
2. Home Address _____ Zip Code _____
3. Home Telephone Number _____ Social Security Number _____

B. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

1. High School _____
2. Month and Year of Graduation _____
3. Colleges/Universities which Applicant desires to attend: _____
 - a. 1st choice _____
 - b. 2nd choice _____
 - c. 3rd choice _____
4. College/University Curriculum desired _____

C. EVIDENCE OF LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL:

NOTE TO STUDENT: In completing this section, please list all your extra-curricular activities. It is important that you cite all work experience, community activities, special courses or classes (both in and outside of school), special projects, and other involvements/memberships which would aid the committee in determining leadership qualities.

(Use additional sheets if needed)

1. HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Please note and give a brief description of any and all activities in which you participated during high school. (e.g. Sports, Student Gov'n't Clubs, Publications, Committees, Special Projects, etc.)

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C. EVIDENCE OF LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL: (continued)

2. ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

Please give a brief description of all activities outside of school of which you were a part.
(e.g. Social Clubs, Religious Activities, Hobbies, Boy/Girl Scouts, Etc.)

3. WORK ACTIVITIES:

If you have done any volunteer work and/or received payment for services rendered at any time during your final three years in high school, list and briefly describe your involvement(s). Include: title, responsibilities, starting/ ending dates, and number of hours per week.

*Please distinguish between paid and volunteer positions.

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D. TO BE USED BY APPLICANT — ESSAY: Goals and Ambitions in College and Life

The committee wishes to have as much information about the applicant as is possible. Toward this end, please write an essay relating any further pertinent information about yourself and/or your experiences. Please include a statement of your college expectations and career goals. Use additional sheets if needed.

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2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

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City Scholarships are available only to graduating high school students seeking full-time admission to college, and only to students whose parents are bona fide residents of the City of Philadelphia. Parents or guardians of recipients must remain residents of the City of Philadelphia throughout continuation of the award.

City Scholarships can be used for college expenses at four-year accredited colleges and universities located in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware or Montgomery counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Please refer to the following list of eligible institutions.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Academy of the New Church, Bryn Athyn	Neumann College, Aston
Arcadia University, Glenside	Peirce College, Philadelphia (4 yr. program)
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr	Penn State, Abington & Delaware County (4 yr. program)
Cabrini College, Radnor	Philadelphia College of Bible, Langhorne
Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia	Philadelphia University
Cheyney University, Cheyney	Rosemont College, Rosemont
Community College (4 yr. program)	St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia
Delaware Valley College of Science & Agriculture, Doylestown	St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia
Drexel University, Philadelphia	Swarthmore College, Swarthmore
Eastern College, St. Davis	Temple University, Philadelphia
Gratz College, Melrose Park	Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia
Gwynedd Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Hahneman University, Philadelphia	University of the Arts, Philadelphia
Haverford College, Haverford	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Holy Family College, Philadelphia	Ursinus College, Collegeville
Immaculata College, Immaculata	Valley Forge Christian College
LaSalle University, Philadelphia	Villanova University, Villanova
Lincoln University, Lincoln University	West Chester University, West Chester
Moore College of Art, Philadelphia	Widener University, Chester

(This sheet should be retained by applicant for future reference.)

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BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT A STUDENT MUST HAVE A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR B IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR THE PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

STEPS TO FOLLOW IN APPLYING FOR THE CITY SCHOLARSHIP

1. APPLICATION FORM

A 2009-2010 application form must be completed by March 6, 2009. All applications must be postmarked or received by March 6, 2009. No exceptions to this deadline will be made. Furthermore, all applications, including the requested supplementary material listed below, must be completed prior to consideration by the Committee. Students will not be contacted if all materials are not received in completed form.

2. SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The City Scholarship Committee will accept a copy or photocopy of either the Student's Report or the High School Report sent by the College Board Admissions Testing Program. SAT scores **WILL NOT** be taken from the high school transcript.

3. HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must see that a transcript of the academic high school record through the end of the junior year is submitted to the City Scholarship Committee. All transcripts must have **COMPUTED** cumulative grade point averages.

4. STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

All applicants for the Philadelphia City Scholarship are required to file the 2009-2010 version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Students may also be required to file other financial aid forms. (check with each institution's financial aid office for further direction). Applications and information can be obtained at your high school college guidance counselor's office. Please note that the deadline for the State Grant is May 1, 2009; however, all Philadelphia City Scholarship applicants must complete the FAFSA by February 14, 2009.

The enclosed PHEAA release statement must be completed and returned to PHEAA.

If you have any questions, contact Lila Fox, (215) 686-5372 between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

- CHECK LIST:**
1. Application form
 2. Copy of Long form SAT scores
 3. High School **OFFICIAL** Transcript (enclosed or sent from school)
 4. Essay

Because of the large number of applications received, students who are not selected to receive a scholarship will not be notified.



C I T Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

(This is supplementary information on an additional scholarship program)

Mayor's Scholarship Program

By the terms of an Ordinance approved June 15, 1910, scholarships given at the University of Pennsylvania, and good in any of the undergraduate schools, are awarded by the Mayor of the City to the most deserving students of the schools of Philadelphia. These scholarships are awarded to financially needy students and vary in amount according to individual circumstances.

A. REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be bona fide residents of Philadelphia and at the time of application must be in their final year of a public, archdiocesan, private secondary school, or Home Schooled Students located in Philadelphia or one of the Pennsylvania counties (Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery) contiguous to Philadelphia.
2. Applicants must satisfy the admission requirements of the University of Pennsylvania.
3. Applicants must be determined, by Penn's office of Student Financial Services, to have financial need.
4. Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Scholarship Committee, which will select the recipients.

B. HOW TO APPLY

1. All residents of Philadelphia County, in attendance at high schools in Philadelphia or a contiguous Pennsylvania County, who apply for admission to the Class of 2013, of the University of Pennsylvania and who indicate an intent to apply for financial aid, will be sent instructions on how to complete the Mayor's Scholarship Application by the University of Pennsylvania in February, 2009.
2. Parents or guardians will be required to attest to the applicant's residence in Philadelphia; this should be done on the Mayor's Scholarship application.
3. Applicants for the Mayor's Scholarship must also submit all required general financial aid application documents, as described in the University of Pennsylvania's admissions application.
4. For further information, contact the University of Pennsylvania, Office of Student Financial Services, 212 Franklin Building, 3451 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6270; telephone (215) 898-6784.



State Grant and Special Programs
1200 North Seventh Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-1444

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF
PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANT EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION
TO THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE PHILADELPHIA CITY-SCHOLARSHIP**

Instructions: Complete this form and return it to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to allow limited access to your Pennsylvania State Grant record by the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship. This form must always be signed by the applicant. If your parent(s) or stepparent(s) were required to provide information on your application for Pennsylvania State Grant aid, their signature(s) must also be provided.

Printed Name of Aid Applicant/Recipient: _____

Social Security Number of Aid Applicant/Recipient: _____

OR

Applicant/Recipient Account Number: _____

I/We hereby authorize the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistant Agency (PHEAA) to release information about my Pennsylvania State Grant Expected Family Contribution, including personally identifying information, and my relationship with PHEAA to the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship. I/We understand and agree that by authorizing PHEAA to release this information to the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship, I/we assume full responsibility for the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship having access to any information maintained by PHEAA relating to me. It is my responsibility and not that of PHEAA to revoke my authorization(s) if at any time I/We no longer wish to authorize PHEAA to release information about me to the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship. I/We hereby expressly agree that PHEAA shall not be responsible for any damages in any form so arising that I/We may incur related to my authorization(s) of PHEAA to release information to the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship. This authorization(s) shall be limited only to the release of information and PHEAA will not, based on this authorization along, knowingly permit the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship to take action on my behalf related to or arising from my relationship with PHEAA. This authorization does not apply to the release of information about me through PHEAA's Website(s) and online functionality. Release to:

Name: City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia City Scholarship
Address: Scholarship Division TEL: 215 686-5372
Free Library of Philadelphia-TOPSS, Room 5
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Signature of Aid Applicant/Recipient Date

Signature of Parent or Stepparent Date

Return this completed form to: PHEAA
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Logged _____ Initials _____



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ATTENTION ALL 2009 CITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT NAVIGATING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS — FROM PHEAA

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after **January 1** of your senior year. In order to receive the fullest consideration for the City Scholarship, it is strongly suggested that you submit your FAFSA by **February 14**. The FAFSA is used to determine your eligibility for the City Scholarship, the Federal Pell Grant, the Pennsylvania State Grant, the Federal Campus-Based Aid, and the Federal Stafford Loans.
- The information on your FAFSA is shared with the federal government, the institution(s) you desire to attend and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). The institution(s) you plan to attend will coordinate this information into a financial aid package.
- The federal government will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR) which lists information submitted on the FAFSA. This information informs you and the institutions to which you've applied of the "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC). **Any corrections to this form should be made and mailed immediately.**
- As a result of completing the FAFSA, you will receive, in the mail from PHEAA, a PHEAA State Grant Status Notice. It is mandatory that you return this form. Failure to complete and return the PHEAA State Grant Notice will make you ineligible for the State Grant and consideration for the City Scholarship. If you do not receive a PHEAA State Grant Notice in the mail, you can contact the PHEAA Regional Office at (215) 735-2877 or 1-800-692-7392. Remember, if you receive any correspondence from the FAFSA application or PHEAA, you must complete and return it for financial aid consideration. You can complete this form online at www.PHEAA.org
- First time borrowers will receive a Master Promissory Note for Student Loans. Student Loans can be renewed through the Financial Aid Office.
- Students should also contact the higher education institution(s) of their choice for additional information. Some institutions have their own financial aid programs.
- To reiterate, in order to receive the fullest consideration for the City Scholarship, please adhere to the following:
 - Complete the (FAFSA) as soon after January 1, 2009, as possible.
 - Complete the Philadelphia City Scholarship Application by March 6, 2009.
 - Complete the PHEAA State Grant Status Notice upon receipt or online at www.PHEAA.org
- **NOTE:** For more information about financial aid, admissions and careers, visit the new website address **Educationplanner.org**, a one-stop shop for planning and application to postsecondary schools in Pennsylvania. It also includes one of the world's largest free scholarship search data bases.
- **NOTE:** You may be eligible for a PHEAA State Grant. Maximum award amount is now \$4,120/yr. For more information, contact PHEAA at (215) 735-2877.
- **REMINDER:** The FAFSA can be completed using Educationplanner.org. Click on paying module.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID, CALL THE FOLLOWING PHEAA REGIONAL OFFICE AT
(215) 735-2877; FAX: (215) 735-1463.

DIRECTOR: CHERYL BROWNING, M.H.S. — ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: MICHAEL ROBINSON, MS