

**PENNSBURY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**  
**2020 Scholarship Application Form**  
**Application Deadline is May 1st, 2020**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

PHS Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational institution you will attend in the fall of 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 2020 Class Status (College): Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Please list any outside grants or aid **NOT** included in your Financial Aid Award letter. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Source of Grant

Amount of Grant

**APPLICATION PARTS CHECKLIST (All application parts must be submitted together\*)**

- Your fully completed Application Form, no items left blank.
- Official** Academic Transcript (Colleges may e-mail transcript to [PennsburyScholarshipFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:PennsburyScholarshipFoundation@gmail.com).)
- First page** of your **Processed** 2020 SAR from FAFSA that shows your expected family contribution (EFC) and your name. Do *not* submit the SAR produced immediately after you file the FAFSA.
- Financial Aid Award Letter from your college. (College students should provide a copy of your 2019-20 award letter and detail any changes to your financial aid that will affect you in the 2020-21 school year.)
- Character Essay (on a separate page, without your name or any other personally identifying information)
- Leadership Essay (on a separate page, without your name or any other personally identifying information)

**THESE ANSWERS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP**

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes  No   
Does anyone in your immediate family work for Wells Fargo Bank? Yes  No   
If I am awarded a scholarship, I give my permission to use my name in  
publicity releases relating to the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation. Yes  No

**APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENTS**

**I have used my word processing program to count the number of words in each of my essays, and they are both 600 words or less.**

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**We have read the instruction sheet and this application form and wish to apply to the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation for a Scholarship. We agree to release to the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation the applicant's academic records. We understand that incomplete or fraudulent applications, or applications that do not comply with all of the procedures outlined in the application information will be disqualified. We will notify the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation immediately of any changes in academic institution or financial aid awards prior to May 29, 2020. We understand all awards must be used in the 2020-21 school year.**

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**REMOVE THIS PAGE AND RETURN WITH ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS  
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED  
PSF DOES NOT NOTIFY APPLICANTS IF THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE INCOMPLETE**

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND PARENTS

### ELIGIBILITY

All Pennsbury High School seniors and graduates pursuing post-secondary studies at colleges or trade/professional schools during the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to apply. Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation awards are limited to undergraduate studies. Students are invited to reapply each year they are in college or trade/professional school.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarship recipients are selected based on the following equally weighted criteria:

- **Academic performance** is determined by evaluating the applicant's **official** academic transcript.
- **Character** is evaluated through an essay of **600 words or less**, single spaced on a single 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper and written by the student.
- **Leadership** is evaluated through an essay of **600 words or less**, single spaced on a single 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper and may also include a list of activities on a separate sheet of paper.
- **Financial Need** is the difference between college costs and the family's ability to contribute toward those costs. All applicants **are required** to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and include *only the first page* of the **Processed** 2020 Student Aid Report (SAR) in their application packet.

### DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each award is one-half grant and one-half loan (zero percent interest rate). Students offered awards must accept both the grant and the loan, or decline the entire award. Both students and parents must sign the Loan Agreement.

In 2019, the Foundation awarded \$150,000 to 87 students, and we expect to award a comparable amount in 2020. The exact number of awards and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2020 will be determined during the selection process. High school and college applicants are evaluated separately and the funds awarded to each group are typically proportional to the number of applicants in each group.

#### 2019 Awards

- Range of Awards..... \$1,000 - \$5,000
- Total Amount Awarded.....\$150,000
- Award Recipients.....87
  - Pennsbury Seniors.....54
  - College Students.....33
- Number of Completed Applications.....172

### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Award notifications will be mailed June 5, 2020. Recipients **MUST** notify PSF of their acceptance by June 19, 2020.

### PAYMENT OF AWARDS

All awards will be presented at a Recipient Reception on June 23, 2020. Grant checks are made payable to the educational institution and loan checks are made payable to the applicant. Awards are valid for the 2020-21 school year only; deferrals are not permitted.

### REPAYMENT OF AWARDS

The loan portion of these awards carries a zero percent interest rate. All loans **MUST** be repaid following a student's graduation or termination of his/her post-secondary education. Repayment shall begin no later than 5 years, and be completed no later than 8 years, from the date of this award. If post-secondary education is terminated before graduation, this loan shall be repaid in full within 2 years of termination.

Applications and supporting documents become the sole property of the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation and will be used or disseminated as the Foundation sees fit, subject to applicable law.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There are 6 essential parts of this application, and **ALL** materials must be received together (excepting an official college transcript) in order for the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation to consider an application.

The deadline for completed applications is May 1, 2020.

**High School Students:** We prefer you give your COMPLETED APPLICATION to the Guidance office. Guidance will forward your application and an official transcript to the Foundation. If you chose to mail or e-mail your application, it must be complete, with all parts listed below, *including* an official transcript.

**College Students:** Mail or e-mail your application, including all of the parts listed below, to the Foundation. College students should have their **official transcripts** e-mailed directly to the Foundation by their colleges or trade/professional schools.

**Mailing Address:** Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation, Box 338, 134 Yardley Avenue, Fallsington, PA 19058-0338

**E-mail address:** PennsburyScholarshipFoundation@gmail.com. If you are sending the application by e-mail, send the entire application (except for the official transcript, as noted above) as a SINGLE PDF FILE.

1. The completed **application form** that contains basic information about the applicant and the applicant and parent/guardian statements. ALL fields of the application MUST be completed.
2. Financial need is calculated using your **expected family contribution (EFC)** and **financial aid package** (scholarships/grants). All applicants must file the FAFSA and provide a copy of *the first page* of their **Processed** 2020 Student Aid Report (SAR). File your FAFSA online at FAFSA.ed.gov. NOTE: The Processed SAR is available from FAFSA.ed.gov about a week after you file your application. To see an example of a Processed SAR, click on [www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org).
3. Your Financial Aid Award Letter: Applicants must provide a copy of the financial award letter from the institution they plan to attend. The letter should include all scholarship and grants awarded. Returning college students should submit a copy of their 2019-20 award letters and a letter detailing expected changes in their outside scholarships. If you did not receive any financial assistance, this would be the letter you received detailing your Expected Family Contribution and cost of attendance.
4. An **official** transcript that shows the courses you have taken and the grades awarded through the first semester of the 2019-20 school year. Eligible Pennsbury High School seniors must give their Guidance Office permission to release their transcripts to the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation, so we can evaluate **academic performance**. Click on [www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org) for more information on official PHS or college transcripts.
5. The Selection Committee wants to get to know you on a personal level and gain insight into your **character**. In an essay of **600 words or less**, single spaced on a single 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, identify one to three of your most positive character traits (example: courteous, responsible, independent). Describe how these character traits were developed or reinforced in your life. Explain how these traits improve your interactions with others. Be specific and give examples. If you are a previous applicant, we require you to update your essays. **Do not include your name or other personally identifying information on the essay.** This essay is scored anonymously using a coded number.
6. The Selection Committee also is interested in learning about your **leadership qualities**. On a separate page, in an essay of **600 words or less**, single spaced on a single 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, identify one to three of your most positive leadership skills (example: communication, organization, delegation). Describe activities in which you have undertaken specific positions of leadership. Explain how these skills have influenced or changed the outcome of a situation. Be specific and give examples. **You may also include a list of activities that demonstrate your leadership qualities on a second sheet of paper. Do not include your name or other personally identifying information on the essay or activity list.** This essay is scored anonymously using a coded number.

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED TOGETHER IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.  
FAILURE TO SATISFY ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS OR PROCEDURES  
IS CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.  
THE PENNSBURY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DOES NOT NOTIFY APPLICANTS  
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## Definitions

### Processed 2020 FAFSA Student Air Report (SAR)

The Processed SAR is usually available from FAFSA 3-5 days after the FAFSA has been submitted. You can access the SAR by logging into the FAFSA website. To see an example of a Processed SAR, click on [www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org). This must be a 2020 SAR.

### Official Transcript

Whether it's from the high school or the college you're attending, the transcript you submit with your application must be an official transcript sent by the school. For more information on official PHS or college transcripts, click on [www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.PennsburyScholarshipFoundation.org).

## Selection Criteria

Academic Performance .....	25%
Financial Need.....	25%
Character .....	25%
Leadership .....	25%

## CONTRIBUTORS

The Hayes Trust Fund • Endowed Scholarships  
Memorial Gifts and Honoraria • Parent/Teacher Organizations  
Pennsbury Educators and Support Personnel  
Scholarship Recipients  
Business, Industry and Community Members