

2026 PCHF Health and Human Services Scholarship Information

Introduction

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in PCHF's Health and Human Services scholarship. This packet is designed to answer any and all questions you may have when applying for a scholarship. If you have further questions, please email santhony@pchf.net.

The Phoenixville Community Health Foundation offers scholarships to high school seniors graduating from Phoenixville area schools to pursue degrees in health care, human services, or education. ***Applicants may apply for scholarship aid for \$2,000 a year for up to four years for tuition*** (a total \$8,000 over four years) in an undergraduate, technical program, or community college. Scholarship recipients do not have to reapply for this scholarship every year.

You do not need to have perfect grades, a 5-year plan, or every extra-curricular in the book to be a successful applicant. PCHF is looking for students that will benefit from this financial support; are passionate about healthcare, human services, and/or education; and who want to make a difference in their communities as they start their careers. If any of this resonates with you, we encourage you to apply by [April 10th, 2026!](#)

Who is eligible to apply?

Students must be planning to pursue one of the eligible healthcare, human services, or education related majors. [For a full list of qualifying majors, click here.](#) ***4-year universities, community colleges, and trade schools are all eligible!***

The program is open to graduating high school seniors from schools in the Phoenixville area. [Click here for a full list of eligible schools.](#)

Last, if awarded a scholarship, students must fulfill a few requirements to maintain good standing throughout their scholarship term. [Click here for the good-standing requirements.](#)

If you attend one of the eligible schools and are planning to pursue one of the eligible majors, apply by [April 10th, 2026!](#)

What is the application process like?

To apply, [click here and create an account](#). The application will then appear for you to begin. **The application is due on Friday, April 10th, 2026.**

The application contains 4 sections:

- Contact information: This section asks for information on the best way to reach you, as well as information on how to contact your high school and Guidance Counselor.
- Academic and career goals: This section requires you to upload your academic transcript, tell us about your college plans, and give us more information on your career goals and why you've chosen your planned career path.
- Personal and extra-curricular information: This section asks for information about your extra-curricular activities, community service, and work schedule. You'll also be asked to upload a personal essay and letter of recommendation.
- Financial need: This section asks for information about your ability to pay college tuition, your family situation, and any other financial award information you may have received.

You will need to upload the following documents into your application:

- Official high school transcript.
- Documentation showing your Student Aid Index calculation, which is available on your FAFSA Submission Summary. [Click here to read more about what the SAI is and how to find it.](#)
- Personal essay that you've already written and/or submitted with a college application. If your application does not require an essay, please use a prompt [from the 2025/2026 common application.](#) ***Make sure to include the prompt!***
- Letter of recommendation/reference. It can be a letter already provided to you that you have submitted with one of your college/university applications or from a community member.

After the deadline has passed, a PCHF scholarship committee will review each application and make decisions. All applicants will be notified.

What is the committee looking for when reading applications?

The committee pays special attention to six different areas covered in the application

- Financial need
- Career plans
- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular activity
- Personal essay
- Reference letter

Particular emphasis will be based on financial need and written responses in the application. This is your chance to show the committee who you are!

Important Tips and Tricks

- *The application is due on Friday, April 10th, 2026.*
- Be sure to read every question carefully, so you don't miss anything important.
- No applications will be accepted after that deadline.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Make sure to have your transcript, financial information, essay, and recommendation letter ready.
- Be sure to give as much detail as possible when telling us about your academic and career goals!
- If you have any extra-curriculars or community service relating to the healthcare field, be sure to let us know!
- Don't forget to include the original prompt when submitting your personal essay.
- Give as much detail as possible in the written answers – the committee wants to know who you are!
- Make sure to reread all answers before submitting.
- **Please do not forget to hit the submit button once the application is complete!**
- [Visit our website](#) for further information and to apply.
- [Click here](#) for the application link.

We look forward to reading your application! If you have further questions, please email santhony@pchf.net. We are here to help you with your application!