



The 2021 PbS Scholarship Fund Overview

What is it?

The Performance-based Standards (PbS) Scholarship Award was established in 2016 to encourage and support post-secondary education for youths and staff in facilities participating in PbS with the belief that education is a key to lifelong success. The PbS Education and Employment Foundation funds awards of \$1000 and \$2000, which can be used for one or two semesters to help offset the costs of university degrees or college credits and support efforts to further post-secondary education.

Who is eligible?

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

Youths:

- Must be a current or recent resident of a PbS participating facility or program.
- Must be currently attending or in the process of enrolling in an accredited post-secondary school (college, university, trade school or certificate program).

Staff:

- Must be currently employed by, or interning at, a PbS participating agency, facility or program.
- Must be attending or in the process of enrolling in a post-secondary institution or training school.

How do I apply?

1. Complete the PbS Scholarship application form.
2. For the first time, we are requesting a voice/video recording* (two to three minutes) answering one of the following questions:
 - a. Youths: How will the scholarship be used to further your education and how will you “pay it forward”?
 - b. Staff: How will the scholarship make a difference to you?

* A written essay (one-page minimum) can be substituted in place of a voice/video recording.

3. Provide at least one letter of recommendation that confirms your commitment to education. Youth applicants may submit a recommendation from a teacher, facility staff or another adult who knows of their educational goals. Staff applicants may submit a recommendation from an educator or supervisor.



4. Include documentation and/or verification of acceptance into an educational program. Examples include proof of attendance or a tuition statement. If not available at the time of applying, supporting documentation must be submitted before the monies are distributed.
5. Submit the complete application via mail, email or on the PbS website:
 - Option 1: Mail the completed application packet to:
The PbS Scholarship Fund
350 Granite Street, Suite 1203
Braintree, MA 02184
 - Option 2: Send the application by email to help@pbstandards.org.
 - Please use "Scholarship Application" as the subject.
 - Required documents may be submitted as separate attachments.
 - Option 3: Submit the application online by going to:
<https://pbstandards.org/awards/scholarship> and clicking "Apply Now."

Applications must be postmarked or submitted electronically by 11:59 pm ET **March 31, 2021**.

The selected award recipients will be notified via email in the spring.

What else do I need to know?

1. For the first time, youths and staff can apply for one or two semesters. Individuals will be awarded either \$1000 or \$2000 in Scholarship monies, distributed over one or two semesters.
2. Youth applicants are invited to join our PbS Education and Employment Foundation Advisory Board to help us expand membership. This voluntary role plays an important part in providing advice and counsel on youth perspectives.
3. This year, the Annie E. Casey Foundation has generously donated \$10,000 to support scholarships for youths who are current or recent residents of a PbS facility or program. With the additional Casey funding for youths, PbS can offer more scholarships for staff. We'll double what was available in the past: We'll offer two \$1,000 awards and two \$2,000 awards.
4. You must provide proof of attendance/enrollment at an accredited post-secondary institution, a tuition statement or a letter from the Bursar's office before being awarded the scholarship monies.
5. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational program. You will need a valid account with the educational program and provide that information to PbS for payment. Funds must be distributed by June 30, 2022 or they will be forfeited.



6. If you are deemed to be ineligible for any reason including failure to attend an accredited post-secondary institution, the rights to the scholarship will be revoked and any monies paid must be returned to the scholarship fund immediately.
7. Application essays (both recorded and written) may be quoted and used anonymously by PbS for the promotion of the Scholarship Fund and the PbS Education and Employment Foundation.
8. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please email: help@pbstandards.org

