



The Performance-based Standards Scholarship Fund

What is it?

The Performance-based Standards (PbS) Scholarship Fund was established to inspire and encourage youths and staff in facilities participating in PbS to continue their academic learning by awarding grants to help offset the costs of post-secondary education. The 2019 scholarship fund has \$6,000 available that will be given to two youths and two staff in awards up to \$2,000.

Who is eligible?

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

Youths:

- Must be a current or former resident of a facility or program participating in PbS.
- 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 facility or program participating in PbS.
- 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. Write a one-page essay describing how the scholarship will be used to further your education and how you will "pay it forward." What will you learn that you can share with others to make a difference?
3. Provide a letter of recommendation that confirms your commitment to education. Youth applicants may submit a recommendation from a teacher, facility staff or other adult who knows your educational goals. Staff applicants may submit a recommendation from an educator or supervisor.
4. Include documentation and/or verification of acceptance into the educational program. Examples include or proof of attendance or tuition statement.





5. Submit the application via mail, email or on the PbS website:
 - Option 1: Mail the completed application packet to:
The PbS Scholarship Fund
639 Granite Street, Suite 112
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 EDT **May 1, 2019**.

The selected award recipients will be notified via email or mail, if no email was provided, in **July 2019**.

What else do I need to know?

1. Recipients will be selected by a committee of PbS Scholarship reviewers based for the most part on the essay story describing how the money will help you use the new skills or additional education to help others in the future. The letter of recommendation will be considered but to a lesser degree.
2. You must provide proof of attendance at an accredited post-secondary institution, and must provide a tuition statement or letter from the Bursar's office before being awarded the scholarship monies.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Application essays may be quoted and used anonymously by PbS for the promotion of the Scholarship Fund. Permission for use is in the application.
6. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please email: help@pbstandards.org

