

PPA Educational Foundation Named Pharmacy Student Scholarship FAQs

Who may sponsor a scholarship?

Any individual, PPA member or non-member, or company who wishes to follow these guidelines and provides the appropriate level of funding may become a scholarship sponsor to support future pharmacists in Pennsylvania.

What are the levels of sponsorship and what do they include?

There are three levels of support:

Summa Cum Laude - \$5,000 commitment provides one (1) \$4,000 scholarship

Magna Cum Laude - \$ 2,500 commitment provides one (1) \$2,000 scholarship

Cum Laude - \$ 1,200 commitment provides one (1) 1,000 scholarship

May I commit to several years and how is payment made?

Absolutely! We would prefer a commitment of two or more years, so we are not starting over each year. We will accept a commitment of up to ten years. Payment may be made annually following our provision of an invoice. Invoices will be sent by April 5 and payment is expected no later than June 30 each year.

What if I can only commit to one year?

We will accept one year commitments.

May I donate more?

Absolutely! Different donation amounts and commitment years may be considered, please contact us!

May I donate less?

Absolutely! We will aggregate all other contributions into a general scholarship fund which will be periodically distributed. The scholarship would just not bear your name – these levels are for named scholarships.

When is commitment needed?

The preferred deadline is March 1 of each year for new scholarships. We will then promote the available scholarships to our student membership with a deadline for applications.

When will the scholarships be announced?

The Foundation will notify successful applicants in the Fall. Checks will be formally presented to students during a PPA event. Sponsoring individuals or organization representatives may be present to participate in the presentation.

Who will be eligible for a scholarship?

Any pharmacy student, who is a PPA member, who is in their P1 year or above who will be returning to school in the fall, would be eligible.

While we do not necessarily encourage it, any company or individual who provides a named scholarship at the Magna or Summa Cum Laude level may additionally request to add other criteria such as from a particular school, county, intern with a specific company, etc. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please be sure to note any special request on your Letter of Agreement when you submit it so the Board may consider it before accepting.

Who will decide who the successful applicants are?

The Foundation Board has a scholarship committee that reviews all applications. Committee members will be carefully selected to avoid conflicts of interest such as ties to specific students.

If I give at a certain level, may I be part of the process?

We do not feel this is in your best interest. We would prefer to truly permit the Selection Committee to decide the most qualified candidates from the pool of submissions.

Is my contribution tax-deductible?

The Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) entity and as such contributions may be deductible on federal tax returns as a charitable contribution (check with your tax consultant to verify your tax deductibility). The official registration and financial information of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Educational Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

How will the scholarship program be promoted?

PPA will have information on our website. We will do outreach to each of the seven schools of pharmacy in Pennsylvania through faculty, Dean's office and students. We will communicate the information on our social media and newsletters. We will also share directly with all of our 1000+ student members and our Student Advisory Board.

What's in it for me?

Any sponsoring individual or company will receive plenty of recognition in all promotions of the program from the publications listed above to the website and direct contacts. Additionally, you will be able to present the scholarship in person if you wish and students will be provided your contact information so you may be personally thanked.

But most important of all, you will have the personal satisfaction and reward that comes from giving back to the profession and supporting pharmacists.

Additional Questions?

If you have additional questions, please contact: ppa@papharmacists.com or 717.234.6151.