

FAQs

PPA Educational Foundation Named Pharmacy Student Scholarship

While also supporting the Grant Program for Practice Research

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 sponsor.

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

There are three levels of support:

Summa Cum Laude - \$5,000 commitment (provides two \$1,500 scholarships and support for the PPA Pharmacists Grant fund for pharmacy practice research.)

Magna Cum Laude - \$ 2,500 commitment (provides one \$1,500 scholarship and support for the PPA Pharmacists Grant fund for pharmacy practice research.)

Cum Laude - \$ 1,000 commitment (provides one \$500 scholarship and support for the PPA Pharmacists Grant fund for pharmacy practice research.)

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

Absolutely! We would actually 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 1.

What if I can only commit to one year?

We will accept one year commitments, if necessary, at the Magna and Summa level.

May I donate more?

Absolutely! Different arrangements of 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.

When is a 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 by June 1.

When will the scholarships be announced?

The Foundation will notify successful applicants in August of each year. Checks will be formally presented to students during the PPA Annual Conference at the Sunday morning breakfast. 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 and 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 will appoint a selection committee to review 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. 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 also in our magazine and bulletin essentially developing a full promotional schedule. 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 pharmacy's future!

If you have additional questions, please contact

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