



The Educational Opportunity Fund is an endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The fund offers scholarships to graduates of Harrisburg High School and Sci-Tech High pursuing higher education at a 4-year college or university.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating seniors of Harrisburg High School and Sci-Tech High
2. Plans to attend a four-year college or university
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
4. Extracurricular activities and community service
5. Financial need

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

***** YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED*****

1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
3. Personal Essay: Describe how you are preparing for your life goals. 300 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

The following requirements must be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:

The following requirements must be emailed by your school's counseling office:

1. *Official Transcript.*
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

1. *Two (2) Personal Reference Letters. One letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead; the other should be from an employer, supervisor, or community advisor. Letters from family members will not be accepted. All reference letters must remain confidential.*

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship will automatically renew for up to eight semesters (four years) provided the student maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students must submit a transcript and tuition bill **each semester** in order for the scholarship to be renewed.

Mail Official Transcript to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
Educational Opportunity Scholarship
Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@tfec.org
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

*AES/PHEAA's PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at www.pheaa.org.*