



The mission of the Penn HOSA Foundation is to promote careers in healthcare professions that enhance the delivery of compassionate care and meet the needs of the community by awarding post-secondary education scholarships to deserving HOSA student members throughout Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Penn HOSA Foundation is to raise funds for scholarships, supervise the growth, investment and disbursement of those funds and select outstanding students to receive the Foundation's scholarships.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GRANTS FROM THE PENN HOSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1. Must be an affiliated, paid HOSA chapter member by October 2021
2. Accepted by an accredited school for either 4-year or 2-year Associate Degrees in health care related fields of study or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) diploma program
3. Financial need based on student's Estimated Family Contribution reflected on their FAFSA Student Aid Report

HELEN HEIDELBAUGH ASPIRE AWARD

The criteria for the Helen Heidelbaugh Aspire Award is focused on community service and volunteerism. The award is given to a student who scores exceptionally high in two areas included on the general applicant scoring sheet: Service and School Activities. After individual scoring, three students with the highest scores in these two categories are considered by a judging panel who vote to determine the final Aspire Award winner.

HOW TO APPLY

Please only fill out one application for named and unnamed scholarships. Applicants for scholarship grants from the Penn HOSA Foundation Scholarship Fund will automatically be considered for the Helen Heidelbaugh Aspire Award.

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 should include the student's 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: Please answer each of the three topics in an essay that should be type written on 1-2 pages.
 - a. **Life Goals:** Why do you want to serve in a health-related occupation? Why is this career a good fit for you and what do you plan to accomplish with this degree? Here is your opportunity to share your skills, talent and preparation to pursue this career.
 - b. **Service:** What volunteer work, job or school activities have you performed in high school? How long have you been a HOSA member and how has HOSA influenced your desire to pursue a health care career?
 - c. **Compassion:** What does it mean to you to provide care with compassion? Please share a personal story as to how you have shown compassion.

The following requirements must be mailed. They will not be accepted electronically.

1. *Two (2) Personal Reference Letter Forms. One form should be completed by someone who can speak to your academic performance and why you would excel in the health care field (e.g. teacher, school counselor) and the other should be completed by someone who can speak to your involvement in community service, school activities, a job or volunteer work. (e.g. coach, employer, religious leader from your place of worship, non-profit organization).*
 - a. References should be sealed in an envelope and should not be opened by the student. All reference letters must remain confidential.
 - b. [Click here](#) to download the fill-in PDF file that your reference can complete electronically and print or they can complete by hand before placing in sealed envelope.
2. *Official Transcript.*
3. *School Counselor Form. [Click here](#) to download the form.*
4. *Membership Affiliation Document with your name highlighted.*
5. *Copy of letters of acceptance to postsecondary school, college, or university.*
6. *Signature Form. This can be found [here](#).*

Please do not submit items that have not been requested. Any additional paperwork submitted that has not been requested will be shredded. It is not necessary to mail items that have already been submitted electronically.

It is your responsibility to ensure that these requirements are received by the deadline. They **must be received** by the deadline, **not postmarked**. Students are encouraged to mail all of these requirements together in one large envelope to:

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

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship is a one-time only award.

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.