

# **PBSC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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## **What is the Foundation Scholarship website?**

<http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/foundation/student-scholarships>

## **When are Foundation Scholarships available to students?**

Fall/Spring Terms (awarded mid-Fall Term)

Summer Term (if funds are available)

## **How do I know when to complete the scholarship application online?**

The application is online about 3-4 weeks prior to the start of the Fall Term through the drop/add period. The scholarships awards are for either the Fall Term only or the Fall/Spring Terms. The application dates will be posted on the Foundation Scholarship webpage.

## **How long does the application process take?**

The application process takes about 20-30 minutes depending on the length of your personal statement. If you are completing the essay, it may take longer. Please make sure you complete the application in full and print out your confirmation. Please read the log-in instructions carefully as your password is case sensitive and you must follow the format example.

## **What should I do if I have trouble with my user name and/or password?**

On the Welcome Scholarship Applicant page click either Forgot your username? Forgot your password? If after that you are still unsuccessful in logging into the scholarship application, please select the click here to contact us. You will then complete a short form which will go directly to the scholarship manager and someone will contact you within 24-48 hours.

## **What happens when I complete the application?**

When you complete the application you should print out the confirmation. Keep this in case there is a problem with the submission of your application.

## **Once I complete my application, can I modify it?**

Sorry but the computer system will not allow you to modify the application once it is submitted.

## **How do I review what foundation scholarships are offered?**

Go to the Foundation Scholarship Website and scroll to the bottom of the page and select List of Foundation Scholarships. Students do not apply for a specific scholarship. Your application will be considered for the all scholarships in which you meet the donor criteria. However, students can only receive one scholarship from the Foundation.

**Are scholarships based on enrollment status?**

The majority of the scholarships require the student to be enrolled either full-time status (9 or more credit hours or equivalent) or part-time status (6 or more credit hours or equivalent).

**Should I complete the FAFSA?**

The majority of the scholarships require a completed FAFSA as the donor has required that the student have financial need. The FAFSA is the instrument used by the Foundation to determine financial need.

**Who determines which students receive Foundation Scholarships?**

The Foundation Scholarship Manager establishes scholarship committees from the various discipline areas and applications are reviewed and ranked according to the donor criteria. The students that are ranked the highest by the committee will be awarded based on funding. All decisions made by the Foundation regarding scholarships are final.

**When are Foundation Scholarships awarded?**

Foundation Scholarships are awarded around mid-term to ensure enrollment. Students are required to pay their tuition as established when they register for courses. Foundation Scholarships are reimbursements to student Pantherweb accounts.

**How will I know if I have received a Foundation Scholarship?**

Please check the Foundation Scholarship website for updates on scholarship awards. Scholarships are posted to the students' Pantherweb account and processed in accordance with college policy. Scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship award letter in the mail from the Foundation. All scholarship recipients will be required to complete and submit a "Letter of Gratitude" to the Foundation which will be forwarded to the donor.

**Do I have to be a US Citizen to qualify for a scholarship?**

No. However, immigrants must have established Florida Residency. Students can not be attending school on an F-1 Visa to qualify for a scholarship.

**Can I be a transient student?**

The foundation does not have scholarship funding for transient students.

**Is there funding for students in the Bachelor's Programs?**

Yes, there is some funding for students in the Bachelor's Programs but it is very limited.

**What if I am a new student at Palm Beach State College? Can I qualify for a foundation scholarship?**

The majority of scholarships require that you have a GPA at the College to apply for scholarships. We do have some scholarships for incoming freshmen who have graduated from designated area high schools.

**What if I receive a scholarship for the fall/spring terms and I don't meet the donor criteria requirements? For example, the scholarship requires a GPA of 3.0 and at the end of fall term my GPA is 2.5.**

If you do not maintain the GPA or other donor requirements for the scholarship, your scholarship will be cancelled for the next term at the discretion of the Foundation.

**What if I receive a scholarship for the fall/spring terms and I transfer to another university?**

Foundation scholarship funds can only be used at Palm Beach State College. We are unable to transfer funds to another university.

**What happens if I receive a Fall/Spring scholarship and graduate at the end of the fall term?**

If you graduate at the end of the fall term and are no longer attending or registered in the program of study for which you were awarded the scholarship, you will not be eligible for the spring term portion of your scholarship.

*Please note that it is at the discretion of the Foundation to remove a student's scholarship if the student does not maintain the scholarship requirements as established by the donor and the foundation.*

*In some cases the student may have to repay the funds.*

*For example: credit hours, grade point average, letter of gratitude, etc.*