

People's Trust Foundation Scholarship FAQs

Scholarship Application Timeline

- When will scholarship applications be posted? Applications will be posted by December 1st on peoplestrustfoundation.org.
- When is the scholarship due? The scholarship application is due on March 18, 2022.
- When will I be notified? Winners will be notified by phone and/or email on or before April 30th. Applicants who were not selected will receive a letter at about the same time.

Membership Eligibility

- I am a senior in high school and not a member of People's Trust Federal Credit. Do I have eligibility to apply for this scholarship? No, you do not need to be a member of People's Trust Federal Credit Union to apply for or receive the scholarship however if you are not a member, your parent/legal guardian must be a member.
- When I looked at the eligibility requirements it states that the applicant would need to be a member of the credit union. I am not a member but my parents are. Does that still count?
 - If you are a senior applying for the Financial Literacy Scholarship, as long as you or your parent/legal guardian is a member, you are eligible to apply for or receive the scholarship.
 - If you are applying for the Patricia Garcia Continuing Education Scholarship, you must be a member.
- I heard about this scholarship from an advertisement on the radio, so I decided to look into applying. My question is, is the scholarship only available to People's Trust members or can anyone receive the scholarship?
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- Does a former member count? I used to belong to People's Trust. Former credit union members or children of former credit union members are not eligible. To be eligible, you or your parent would have to rejoin People's Trust.

Eligible Schools

- Can a foreign student apply for this type of scholarship? Yes, foreign students may apply for either scholarship however they must attend an accredited not for profit college/university or vocational/trade school located in the state of Texas.
- Do you offer scholarships for schools in other cities? Our scholarships are available for students who attend an accredited not for profit college/university or vocational/trade school located in the state of Texas.
- I currently live in Texas but am attending college outside of Texas in the Fall. Am I still eligible? No, our scholarships are only available for students who attend an accredited not for profit college/university or vocational/trade school located in the state of Texas.
- I am currently studying out of state. Although I am not a resident of Texas, I have applied for universities in Texas. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship? Yes, you are eligible to apply as

long as you attend an accredited not for profit college/university or vocational/trade school located in the state of Texas. If you are chosen as a winner and then decide to go to a school outside of Texas, we will have to select an alternate winner.

Transcripts

- Does the transcript have to be an official transcript signed and sent directly from the registrar? **No.** We will accept unofficial transcripts marked as “Issued to Student” or a print out from your school’s website. **No photocopies please.**
- Can I print out an unofficial transcript from my school’s website? **Yes, we will accept a print out of your unofficial transcript from your school’s website.**
- Would a photocopy of the official transcript suffice? **No, please do not send a photocopy of your transcript.**
- We have to order the transcript and the school requires that it be sent directly to address listed on the scholarship application. Are there any special instructions regarding the official transcript? **The transcript can be mailed by the school to the same address listed on the application. We will place it with the rest of your application when we receive it.**

Letter of recommendation

- Do I ask the recommender to send the letter back to me, or do I have them send it directly to you? **The letter of recommendation can be included in your application package or it can be sent by the recommender to the same address listed on the application. We will place it with the rest of your application when we receive it.**
- Can the letter of recommendation be from my organization's advisor? I have a better relationship with my advisor than any professor and I feel that he/she would be able to more accurately describe me and why I would deserve this scholarship. **Your recommendation should come from a professor. While we value your participation in different student organizations, we want to hear from a professor that you took a class from speak to your qualifications.**

Essay

- According to the application instructions, the essay I submit is not supposed to contain my name or any other identifying information. Would this requirement preclude me from stating my school, major, or family situation in my essay? **All of those would be acceptable to talk about in your essay. Personal identifying information would include your name, address, a photo or anything that could unintentionally create a bias (positive or negative) by our scholarship application reviewers.**

Turning your application in

- How should my application be packaged? **Your application package should be submitted paper-clipped together (no staples please) in the order that it is listed on the application page. No front and back.**
- How can I turn in my application? **Your application can be mailed in or dropped off to the address listed on the application. We recommend that if you mail your application, you do so with FedEx, UPS, or USPS with a delivery receipt. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we may not be able to respond to emails or phone calls to confirm if we received your application.**

- What are your hours to drop off the scholarship application? Our office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Selection

- How are scholarship winners selected? The scholarship applications are evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of the People’s Trust Foundation. Each reviewer grades the applications based on the same set of criteria and they are looked at with personal identifying information redacted.
- When will I find out if I was selected? Winners will be notified by phone and/or email on or before April 30th. Applicants who were not selected will receive a letter at about the same time.
- If I win, what do I have to do to collect my scholarship? Your scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school once you have provided us with proof of enrollment. A lot of times for freshman, the school will not be able to provide a proof of enrollment until you have gone to orientation and/or enrolled in your classes.
- Can you issue the scholarship directly to me to help pay for books and/or living expenses while I’m in school? No. The scholarship funds will only be issued to the school you are attending.

If you still have questions or you have a question that was not addressed, please email foundation@unbanking.org.