

Seed Scholarship
Pittsburgh Area African Professional
Organization Scholarship Application

Please complete the application in its entirety.

Purpose: To provide scholarships to deserving area African students that have need of financial assistance and are enrolled as full time students in post-secondary educational institution.

1. See our scholarship web page for submission DEADLINE
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
6. You will be notified by mail in September regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application please contact a member of the PAAPO executive committee.
8. The PAAPO policy is to renew scholarships to students that have kept a GPA average above 3.0, continue to demonstrate positive attributes exhibited on the previous scholarship application(s) and that reapply each year meeting all criteria.
9. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution in the year of the scholarship award.
2. Applicant must demonstrate in writing, financial hardship.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Personal Essay addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The essay should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information. In this letter, please answer the questions, why you should be considered for this award, and what the effect this award will have on you.
3. A letter of recommendations from choice of school administrators, advisors, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's life experience in the US.
4. An official and recent college/university transcript with cumulative grade point average.

Please submit the application to PAAPO scholarship Committee.

Please email the application to:

scholarship@pittafricans.org

Deadline for the application is **on our scholarship web page** . Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()
4.	Date of Birth: Month _____ Year _____
5.	Current School: _____ Number of years attended: _____
6.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2016</u> :
7.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
8.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.
9.	If decided. What specialty/major and/or minor do you plan to study as you continue your education?
10..	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone: _____ Family: Brothers _____ Sisters _____ Other family members _____ residing in home _____

11.	If decided. What specialty/major and/or minor do you plan to study as you continue your education?		
12.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)		
	A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$
	B.	Books:	Amount: \$
	C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$
	D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$ Describe below under comments
	E.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$ “
Comments:			
13.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter		
	A.	Personal:	Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$ Describe below under comments
	C.	Grants:	Amount: \$ “
	D.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$ “
Comments:			

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information, educational goals, academic honors and community service activities as requested in items 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18.

14. What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

15.. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:

16. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

17. **Personal Essay**

The essay should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information. In this letter, please answer the questions, why you should be considered for this award, and what the effect this award will have on you

Submit your response on an additional sheet with this application.

18..	A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
	YES	NO	1 reference form. Return these completed forms in a sealed envelope.
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.
	YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> college transcript. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable</u> .
	YES	NO	Personal Essay.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the **PAAPO "Seed" Scholarship Program.**

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to PAAPO. Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please Attach Your Personal Essay