



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Any student who is graduating from a high school in the Greater Albany Public School District, such as Albany Options School, West Albany High School, and South Albany High School.

How do I apply for a scholarship with Albany Public Schools Foundation?

- You can click on your high school's logo on our website at:
<https://albanypsf.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>
- Go directly to the scholarship application at:
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=albanypsf>

How do I turn in my scholarship application?

We use an online application that allows you to fill out and submit your application directly to APSF. All you have to do is go to:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=albanypsf>

Who makes the decision on the applications?

The Foundation's Scholarship Committee reviews all of the scholarship applications and makes their recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.

How do I find out if I have won a scholarship?

Each high school has an awards ceremony in late May or early June where the scholarship winners will be announced.

How much money is awarded?

The typical scholarship is worth between \$500 and \$2,500. The Foundation has two types of scholarships: one-year and multi-year scholarships. Multi-year scholarships have two- to four-year payouts.

How do I receive funds?

When you accept your scholarship(s), you will tell the Foundation where you will be enrolled in the fall. All requested documentation must be received by the Foundation before a check is sent. Funds are distributed directly to your school by mid-August. Funds are not sent to students.

What can the funds be used for?

The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, room and board, or other school-related expenses that are billable through the school.

Are funds sent by semester?

No. The Foundation sends your entire year's scholarship amount to your school by mid-August.

What if I change schools between semesters?

You must send a letter or an email to the Foundation at apply@albanypsf.org explaining that you will be changing schools. Be sure to indicate your new school. You should contact your current school and ask them to refund the remaining money to the Foundation. Once we receive the unused portion of the scholarship, we will then issue it to your new school.

What happens to the funds if I drop out of school?

Your school will notify us of your withdrawal and will send us any unused funds. We will then record the refund as a forfeit of the scholarship.

What if I need to take a year off?

If you need to postpone school for a year, you will need to notify the Foundation in writing by mail or email at apply@albanypsf.org. Once the requested information is collected, the Board of Directors will decide whether to approve your deferral request.

What happens if I do not notify the Foundation that I need a deferral?

If you do not request a deferral and do not attend school, the money will be refunded to the Foundation. The refund will be recorded as a forfeit of the scholarship.

What if my school says they did not receive the funds?

Please allow two to three weeks from the check date so that the school has time to process the check and put it in your student account. If they still say they do not have the funds, please email the Foundation at apply@albanypsf.org or call at 541-979-2773.

What is considered a trade/vocational program?

Here are some examples of what is considered a trade/CTE/vocational program for the purposes of scholarship eligibility:

Agriculture

Agricultural equipment operator

Animal husbandry and animal caretaker

Forest and conservation technician

Landscaper

Nursery and greenhouse manager

Construction

Building maintenance/Building mechanic

Carpenter

Electrician

HVAC technician

Installer

Locksmith

Mason

Painter

Plumber

Pipefitter/steamfitter

Cosmetology

Barbering

Cosmetology

Esthetician

Hairdresser

Culinary Arts

Baker

Chef

Manufacturing and Industrial

CNC machinist

Equipment technology

Machine tool technology

Machinist

Mechanical drafter

Mechatronics/industrial automation

Metal fabricator

Nondestructive testing and evaluation

Programmer

Tool and die maker

Welder

Wind turbine technician

Health

Dental assistant

Emergency medical technician (EMT)

Lab technician

Licensed practical nurse (LPN)

Medical assistant

Nursing

Nursing assistant

Paramedic

Phlebotomy

Surgical technologist

Transportation

Aircraft maintenance technician

Automotive technology

Bus operator

Heavy equipment operator

Heavy equipment/diesel technology

Train operator