

# **Penn HOSA Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Deadline April 4, 2014**

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.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Must be an affiliated, paid HOSA chapter member by January 1, 2014
2. Financial need

## **How to Apply**

The application process is online. [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:*

1. Other Scholarship Information: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
3. 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?
4. Personal Essay: Please answer **each** of the following essay topics.
  - **My life goals and plans for future employment.** Be very clear about why you want to serve in a health related occupation. Explain why this career would be a good fit for you personally and what you plan to accomplish in your life. This is your chance to list your skills and talents and explain why you have chosen the life goals that will lead to a successful health occupation in the future.
  - **Why this scholarship should be awarded to me.** Be very clear about why you should be the one to receive this scholarship. Explain why you are going to be highly motivated in your higher education placement. Explain how HOSA made a difference to you in your decision to go on to higher education. Explain how your community/employment/volunteer experiences related to your health field helped you decide on the road to higher education.
  - My financial need.** This competitive scholarship is based partially on financial need. Please provide as much information as possible about how these funds will make a difference. It is mandatory that you report any other scholarships that you have confirmation about receiving, if any.**Each of the above three essays should be type written on 1-2 pages.**

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

1. Three (3) Personal Reference Letter. *The first letter should come from someone who can describe you as a clinical worker. The second letter should come from someone who can describe you as a student, such as a math or science teacher. The final letter should come from someone in your community who has known you for more than three years and can describe your volunteer work. **References should be sealed in an envelope and should not be opened by the student. All reference letters must remain confidential.***
2. Official Transcript.
3. Membership Affiliation Document with your name highlighted
4. Copy of letters of acceptance to postsecondary school, college, or university.
5. 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** in our office by the deadline, **not postmarked**. Students are encouraged to mail all of these requirements together in one large envelope. Mail to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities  
Penn HOSA Foundation Inc. Scholarship  
Attn: Allison Moesta, Program Officer for Educational Enhancement  
200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
PO Box 678  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

## **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, who are a state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. 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 Web site at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).