



2026 Physician Associate Foundation Student Scholarship Program: Applicant Instructional Guide

Open date: February 2, 2026

Deadline: March 16, 2026

The purpose of this guide is to walk you through the process of applying for the PAF student scholarship program using Reviewr, our online application platform.

Where to Apply

Start by navigating to the [PAF website](#). You will see the general eligibility criteria, as well as a list of scholarships being offered for the 2026 application cycle. Review the criteria and qualifications for each scholarship to determine whether you are eligible to apply.

The scholarships available for the 2026 cycle are:

- AAPA Rural Health Caucus Scholarship/Ron Nelson Memorial Scholarship (these two awards share the same eligibility criteria/application form)
- Joyce Nichols Memorial Scholarship
- NCCPA Endowed Scholarship/Timi Agar Barwick Scholarship for Humanism in Medicine (these two awards share the same eligibility criteria/application form)
- PA Moms Advocacy and Leadership Scholarship
- Ruth Ballweg Memorial Scholarship
- William H. Marquardt Community Health Access Scholarship
- Women in Philanthropy Scholarship

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria in order to be eligible to apply:

- Be a student member of AAPA
- Attend an ARC-PA-accredited PA program (programs with “Accreditation – Provisional” status qualify)
- Have successfully completed at least one term of PA studies (semester or quarter) and be in good academic standing
- Be enrolled in PA school at some point during the application cycle (February 2-March 16, 2026)

PAF is offering one application cycle for all eligible applicants in 2026.

Accessing the Application Platform

The link to access the scholarship application platform, Reviewr, is posted on the [PAF website](#). There is **only one link** to access all application forms and complete the entire application process.

Creating a Reviewr Account

You will be prompted to create a Reviewr account the first time you access the platform. Per the instructions on the page, click “Create an account/login”, enter your email address and create a password, and then click “Sign Up.” You will then be guided into the application process.



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DESCRIPTION

SIGN IN/SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS

Chrome is the recommended browser for this portal.

For New Users:

By clicking Create an Account, you will be prompted to enter your email address and create a password. Once you have chosen your password, your account will be created and you will gain access to the portal.

RULES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Physician Associate Foundation (PAF) Scholarship Program is open to applicants who meet the general eligibility criteria listed below, as well as additional scholarship-specific criteria. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, and leadership and service activity.



CREATE AN ACCOUNT/LOGIN



You will use the email address/password you created when you first created your account to sign into the portal moving forward. If you forget your password, click "Forgot your password?" and follow the prompts to reset your password.

Completing the Application Process

After creating an account, you will be directed to the application, which prompts you to fill out contact information and demographic information in the applicant profile section.



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PAF Scholarship Program Applicant Profile

First Name *

Jane

Last Name *

Doe

Please re-enter your Full Name: *

Jane Doe

Email Address *

Mobile Phone *

Applicant Address *

Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2



After filling out this information, you will be able to advance to the application. Please note: You can save your progress as you go and return to the application at a later time.

Application Form

You will be asked to answer a set of eligibility questions. If you answer affirmatively and meet all the eligibility criteria, you will automatically be directed to the Physician Associate Foundation Scholarship Program application form. If you enter any "no" responses, and thus do NOT meet the eligibility criteria, you will see a message that says, "Based on your responses, you are not eligible to apply for PAF scholarships at this time." You will not be able to continue in the application process.

If you meet all the general eligibility criteria, you will be navigated to a page that provides a full list of scholarship offerings for 2026. Please read the descriptions thoroughly, and affirm whether or not you qualify to apply for at least one of the scholarships offered for the 2026 cycle. If you enter “No, I do not qualify for any of the scholarships listed above,” and thus do NOT qualify for any of the scholarships, you will see a message that says, “Based on your responses, you are not eligible to apply for PAF scholarships at this time.” You will not be able to continue in the application process.

All of the sections of the application form will be visible when you navigate to the next page. Go through the application and enter the information as required (outlined below).

The first section of the PAF Student Scholarship program application includes the following questions/requested responses:

- **Financial Information**

- You will be asked to answer the following question: “Do you qualify for federal financial aid?”

NOTE: Please click [here](#) to access the Federal Student Aid Estimator.

- **Essays**

- There are two essay prompts. Each essay has a maximum word limit of 500 words. The prompts are:
 - 1) Describe your vision, goals, and what you hope to accomplish during your PA career. Consider what patient populations and/or communities you want to serve and what practice areas you want to work in. What impact/outcomes do you hope to achieve as a PA?
 - 2) Describe your volunteer experience and your future goals for giving back. Consider what you are passionate about when it comes to service work and how you have made an impact in your community through this work. Please also include specifics about how you have demonstrated leadership in your service activities.

NOTE: Essays will be evaluated for technical quality (including spelling, grammar, and other technical components) in addition to content quality. **Do not include personally identifiable information in your response (i.e. your name, address, academic institution, etc.).** If applying to more than one scholarship offering, do not duplicate essay responses. Duplication of responses will result in the duplicate response receiving the lowest possible score.

You will then see a page labeled **Available Scholarships**, with a section that contains a brief description of each scholarship. You will then see questions that ask, “If eligible, do you wish to be considered for any of the following identity-based scholarships?” and “Which of the following additional scholarships would you like to apply for, if any?” **You may select as many scholarships as you wish to apply for out of both categories.**

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Available Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

Joyce Nichols Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to Black or African American PA students. Honors the legacy of PA Joyce Nichols, who overcame much adversity to become the first Black woman to be formally educated as and practice as a PA.

NCCPA Endowed Scholarship/Timi Agar Barwick Scholarship: Awarded to students who identify as part of a historically marginalized group and/or as economically disadvantaged and/or as educationally disadvantaged. For more information, please see the [scholarship criteria definitions](#) page.

Ruth Ballweg Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to students who identify as part of a historically marginalized group. Honors the legacy and distinguished career of Ruth Ballweg, MPA, PA-C Emeritus (1944-2022), and aims to continue Ruth's work to expand diversity within the PA profession. For more information, please see the [scholarship criteria definitions](#) page.

AAPA Rural Health Caucus Scholarship/Ron Nelson Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to students from a rural area who are committed to serving a rural community.

PA Moms Advocacy and Leadership Scholarship: Awarded to women demonstrating a commitment to the PA profession through advocacy and leadership. Applicants must be members of the PA Moms special interest group/Facebook group and must follow the PA Moms Instagram page.

William H. Marquardt Community Health Access Scholarship: Awarded to PA students who are dedicated to promoting accessible primary and preventive healthcare amongst underserved populations.

Women in Philanthropy Scholarship: Awarded to PA students who demonstrate a dedication to promoting women's and/or children's health locally and globally.

If eligible, do you wish to be considered for any of the following identity-based scholarships? NOTE: If you select a scholarship from the list and then realize you do not want to apply or are not eligible, please uncheck the box for the scholarship. *

- ☐ Joyce Nichols Memorial Scholarship
- ☐ NCCPA Endowed Scholarship/Timi Agar Barwick Scholarship for Humanism in Medicine
- ☐ Ruth Ballweg Memorial Scholarship
- ☐ I am not eligible for an identity-based scholarship

Which of the following additional scholarships would you like to apply for, if any? (May select as many as you qualify for; additional scholarship-specific eligibility criteria apply.) NOTE: If you select a scholarship from the list and then realize you do not want to apply or are not eligible, please uncheck the box for the scholarship. *

- ☐ AAPA Rural Health Caucus/Ron Nelson Memorial Scholarship
- ☐ PA Moms Advocacy and Leadership Scholarship
- ☐ William H. Marquardt Community Health Access Scholarship
- ☐ Women in Philanthropy Scholarship

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For each scholarship you select, eligibility questions will appear in the following pages after clicking "Next." If you answer the questions affirmatively and meet the eligibility criteria, additional scholarship-specific questions/prompts may appear (depending on the requirements for that scholarship). Enter your responses to the additional questions/prompts as instructed.

If you enter any "no" responses, and thus do NOT meet the eligibility criteria, you will see a message that says, "Based on your responses, you are not eligible to apply for [scholarship name]." If you select a scholarship from the list and then realize you do not want to apply, or are not eligible, please navigate back to the Available Scholarships page and uncheck the box for the scholarship(s).

Once completed, you will navigate to the **Recommendation Request** page. Follow the instructions on the page to send a recommendation request form email to your designated recommender.



RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

Use the "Add" button below to enter your Recommender's name and email address.

By clicking "Send," an email will be sent to your PA program director or designated program administrator instructing them to complete the recommendation request (a short online form). Your application will not be considered complete until your recommender completes this request. Please note that you may add no more than one designated recommender and their email address.

Some universities have strict firewalls/spam filters that may prevent the recommendation request email from showing up in your recommender's main email inbox. It is your responsibility to follow up with your recommender to confirm they have received the recommendation request email. You can also use the "Invite" button on the Instructions page to resend the request to complete the recommendation form. If the recommendation is not completed by the cycle deadline, your application will be marked as ineligible.

Recommender *


ADD

SUPPLEMENTAL FORM	EMAIL ADDRESS	SUPPLEMENTAL FORM TYPE	STATUS	CREATED DATE
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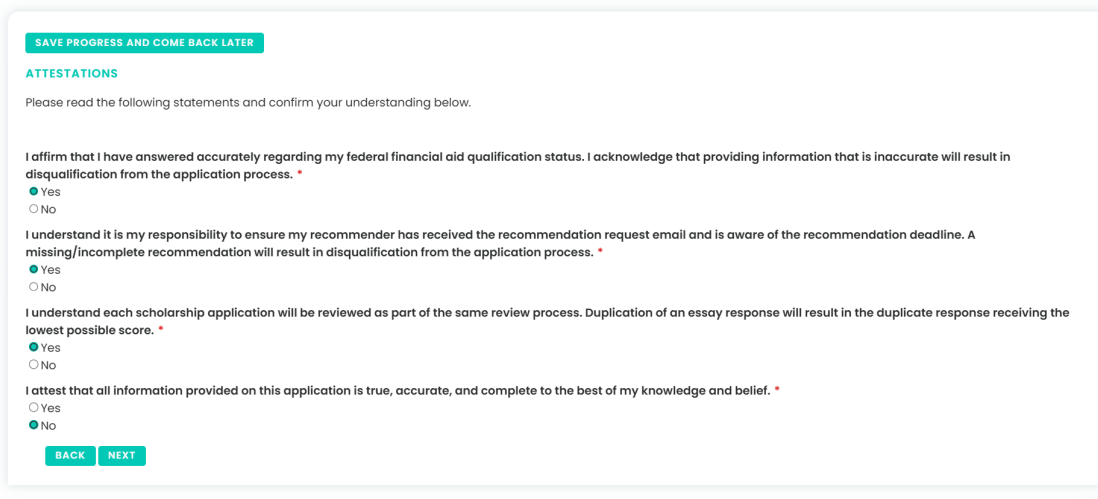
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Please note, **if the recommendation form is not completed by the cycle deadline, your application will be marked as ineligible.** It is your responsibility to follow up with your recommender to confirm that they have received the recommendation request email/submit the recommendation request form.

After you have sent the request, you will see this icon:  You can use this button to trigger an additional email as a reminder to your selected recommender. When the recommendation request has been submitted, you will receive an email indicating that the request was completed.

On the next page, labeled **Attestations**, you will see a number of statements. Please read carefully and confirm your understanding/agreement by answering in the affirmative; if you do not answer each attestation in the affirmative, you will not be able to submit your application. In order to submit, please navigate back to the attestation page and review/update your responses as needed.



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ATTESTATIONS

Please read the following statements and confirm your understanding below.

I affirm that I have answered accurately regarding my federal financial aid qualification status. I acknowledge that providing information that is inaccurate will result in disqualification from the application process. *

☒ Yes
☐ No

I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my recommender has received the recommendation request email and is aware of the recommendation deadline. A missing/incomplete recommendation will result in disqualification from the application process. *

☒ Yes
☐ No

I understand each scholarship application will be reviewed as part of the same review process. Duplication of an essay response will result in the duplicate response receiving the lowest possible score. *

☒ Yes
☐ No

I attest that all information provided on this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. *

☒ Yes
☐ No

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On the **Application Submission and Certification** page, check off the digital signature box at the bottom to confirm your understanding and acknowledgement of the statement provided.

When you have finished completing the application, click the green “Submit” button on the bottom right. Your application is NOT fully submitted until you click this button.

Contact Information

For general questions about the Physician Associate Foundation Scholarship Program (award criteria, eligibility questions, etc.), the Reviewr platform, OR to report technical issues with the application, please contact:

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