



2021 PA Foundation Student Scholarship Program: Applicant Instructional Guide Cycle 1

Open date: January 11, 2021

Deadline: March 12, 2021

The purpose of this guide is to walk you through the process of applying for PA Foundation scholarships using Kaleidoscope, our online application platform.

Where to Apply

Start by navigating to the PA Foundation's [website](#). You will see the general eligibility criteria, as well as a list of scholarships being offered through the 2021 application cycle. Review the criteria and qualifications for each scholarship to determine whether you are eligible to apply.

The scholarships available through the first 2021 cycle are:

- PA Foundation Scholarship
- AAPA Past Presidents Scholarship
- AAPA Rural Health Caucus Scholarship
- NCCPA Endowed Scholarship
- Ron Pace Memorial Scholarship
- Timi Agar Barwick Scholarship for Humanism in Medicine
- William H. Marquardt Community Health Access Scholarship
- Joyce Nichols Memorial Scholarship

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

- Be a student member of AAPA
- Attend an ARC-PA-accredited PA program
- 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 (January 11-March 12, 2021)

The Foundation will offer two application cycles in 2021. Applicants may only apply during one cycle. Eligibility will be based on applicant birth year – even-numbered vs. odd-numbered. Cycle 1 is open to applicants with even-numbered birth years (e.g., 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, etc.). If you have an odd-number birth year (e.g., 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, etc.), you must wait and apply during the second cycle (opening June 14, 2021).

Completing an Application

An application link is provided for each individual scholarship on the PA Foundation's [website](#). You must apply for the PA Foundation Scholarship first. After that, you will need to click the link for each additional scholarship for which you would like to apply. You can do this on the PA Foundation website or on Kaleidoscope.

When you click the link for the PA Foundation Scholarship, you will be taken to the Kaleidoscope overview page for the PA Foundation Scholarship. This page includes a description of the award, requirements, number of awards, and award amount. When you're ready to apply for the PA Foundation Scholarship, click the 'Apply' button at the bottom of the page to begin your application.

Your Kaleidoscope Account

Your Kaleidoscope account will be created once you click the 'Next Step' button located at the bottom of the first page of the PA Foundation Scholarship. Clicking this button will trigger an automatic email that will be sent to your email address. This email will include instructions on how to set your password for your Kaleidoscope account. If you already have an account in the Kaleidoscope system, it will recognize your email address and you will not need to create a new one.

What's Included in the Application?

The PA Foundation Scholarship application asks for the following information:

- Your contact information and basic demographic information
- Eligibility information (to confirm you are eligible to apply for the current cycle)
- Academic information
 - You will be asked to provide the following information and answer the following questions: Undergraduate Major; Current Year in PA School; Degree Pursuing; PA School/Program Currently Attending; Academic Status; Expected Graduation Date; How many terms (semesters or quarters) of PA school have you completed?
- Recommendation request
 - This is a simple form that your PA program director or designated program administrator needs to complete in order for you to be considered for the PA Foundation Scholarship. They will complete this form online, on Kaleidoscope.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to contact your recommender and ensure they are aware of the application deadline. A missing/incomplete recommendation will result in disqualification from the application process.

- Financial information
 - You will be asked to provide the following information and answer the following questions: Marital Status; Are you currently employed?; Do you claim any dependents on your taxes?; Are you listed as a dependent for tax purposes by a parent(s) or guardian(s)?; Applicant's Total Estimated Annual Income; Applicant's Estimated Annual Savings for PA School; Expected Annual Family Contribution to Applicant's PA School Education; Annual Tuition Assistance from Grants or Fellowships; Annual Tuition Assistance from Other Scholarships; Annual Tuition Assistance from Loans; Other Available Financial Resources for Current Academic Year; Expected Annual PA School Tuition; Expected Annual Books, Supplies, and Fees; Expected Annual Program-Related Transportation Costs; Expected Annual Room and Board; Expected Annual Medical Insurance Costs

NOTE: Please pay careful attention to the questions and confirm the information you enter in each field is accurate. Applicants who enter incorrect data (for example, total PA school tuition rather than tuition only for the current academic year) will be disqualified.

- Essay questions (2)
 - Each essay has a maximum word limit of 500 words. The prompts are:
 - 1) Please write an essay concerning your decision to become a PA and what you expect to accomplish as a PA, including any specific clinical interest areas you may have. What do you hope to do as a PA?
 - 2) Please describe your involvement in relevant volunteer and/or community service activities. Do not include mentoring, shadowing, and/or paid activities. Why did you choose these particular activities, and what do they mean to you?

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 for multiple scholarships, your essay responses for each application will be reviewed as part of the same process. If you use the same essay response for multiple applications, your duplicate response will receive the lowest possible score.

- Permanent mailing address
- Attestations
 - Check the box for each section to confirm your understanding.
- Application submission and certification
 - Read the statement and enter your digital signature to signify your agreement.

You will have a chance to review your responses before submitting. Click “Submit” when you are done.

After you submit, you will be taken to a screen where you will see a box that says “Looking for the PA Foundation?” Click this tile to view other PA Foundation scholarship applications. You can also access them via the PA Foundation website.

If you choose to apply for additional PA Foundation scholarships, you will be asked to answer additional short answer and/or essay questions specific to that particular scholarship.

Contact Information

Questions or problems? We're here to help.

For general questions about the PA Foundation Scholarship Program (award criteria, eligibility questions, etc.), contact:

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For questions about the Kaleidoscope platform OR to report problems with the application process, glitches/errors, etc., contact:

Kaleidoscope Support

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