

2020 Chi Phi Educational Trust Scholarship Application FAQ

1) Where can I find information regarding available scholarships?

- a. All information regarding available scholarships as well as the link to the application itself can be found at www.chiphi.org/scholarships.

2) Who is eligible to apply?

- a. All Initiated Brothers are eligible to apply.

3) Are there scholarships available for graduate students or only undergraduate students?

- a. Yes! At www.chiphi.org/scholarships you'll find information regarding both undergraduate as well as graduate scholarships that are available.

4) How much of a scholarship will I receive?

- a. Most scholarships are from \$1,000-\$2,500 and are for one year.

5) Can I apply for a scholarship every year?

- a. Absolutely! Just know that there is a lifetime award maximum of \$5,000 in scholarships from the Educational Trust. This does not include money that is awarded directly from a Chapter Excellence Fund.

6) When is the deadline to apply?

- a. All applications must be completed and submitted by May 31, 2020, at 11:59 pm (Eastern). Please note that this does include the letter of recommendation and there are no exceptions to this deadline.

7) Do I need to submit more than one application?

- a. No! Last year we were able to streamline the process; therefore, you only need to submit one application. You will be considered for all scholarships that you are eligible for.

8) Do I have to finish the application in one sitting?

- a. No! The Smarter Select program allows you to work on a section at a time, save, close out, and then log back in when it is convenient for you. So, know that you may save and log in to work on your application as many times as needed to complete it.

9) What areas are evaluated within the scholarship process?

- a. The committee will review each application in the following areas:
 - i. Grade Point Average (30% of total score)
 - ii. Chapter Leadership and Involvement (30% of total score)
 - iii. Community Service (20% of total score)
 - iv. Educational/Professional Aspirations (10% of total score)
 - v. Letter of Recommendation (10% of total score)

10) Who reviews applications?

- a. The Scholarship Review Committee is currently comprised of 17 Alumni from Chapters all across the country who have graduated between 1980-2012.

11) Who should I ask to write my letter of recommendation?

- a. You want to ask someone who can speak to your accomplishments thus far (professionally and academically), someone who can offer insight on your character, and someone who can provide additional details to committee members about you that aren't gleaned from the application itself.

12) How do I send the letter of recommendation request to my reference?

- a. You can send a request through the Smarter Select application. Once you fill in your reference's name and contact information, you can send them the request. He/she will then be able to upload the letter directly to your application. However, if there are any technical difficulties, feel free to reach out to EducationalTrust@chphi.org.

13) What are raters looking for in the open response sections?

- a. You want to remember the 6 main questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? As you answer each section, consider the above questions and provide as much detail as possible. The more specifics you are able to provide, the easier it will be for the raters to fully understand your involvement/accomplishments.

14) How long should the cover letter be and what should it include?

- a. The cover letter should be no longer than two pages; however, ideally it should be about one page in length. Again, the goal here is to provide some insight into your character, aspirations, goals, accomplishments, etc. Help the raters to really gain insight on who you are and how a scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.

15) I don't know whether or not I'll be a full-time student in the fall—should I still apply for a scholarship?

- a. Yes! We encourage all Brothers to submit a scholarship application! We completely understand that in this uncertain time circumstances might change. However, it is better to be prepared and plan for the future! Once scholarship decisions have been made, we will reach out to recipients. If your status as a full-time student has changed, then the scholarship will be declined. You are welcomed (and encouraged!) to apply again next spring!

For any additional questions, feel free to reach out to EducationalTrust@chphi.org.