



2021 Chi Phi Educational Trust Scholarship Application FAQ

Where can I find information regarding available scholarships?

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

Who is eligible to apply?

All Initiated Brothers that are in good standing with the Fraternity are eligible to apply.

Can International students apply?

Yes, as long as you are an Initiated brother in good standing and will be enrolled in an academic program next year, then you are eligible to apply for an Educational Trust Scholarship.

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

Yes, there are scholarships available for both undergraduate AND graduate students! At www.chiphi.org/scholarships you'll find information regarding both undergraduate as well as graduate scholarships that are available.

How much of a scholarship will I receive?

Most scholarships range between \$1,000-\$2,700 and are for one year.

Can I apply for a scholarship every year?

Absolutely! Just know that there is a lifetime award maximum of \$10,000 in scholarships from the Educational Trust. This does not include money that is awarded directly from a Chapter Excellence Fund.

When is the deadline to apply?

All applications must be completed and submitted by June 13, 2021, at 11:59 pm (Eastern). Please note that this does include the letter of recommendation and there are no exceptions to this deadline.

Do I need to submit more than one application?

No! We have streamlined the process; therefore, you only need to submit one application. You will be considered for all scholarships that you are eligible for.



Do I have to finish the application in one sitting?

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.

What areas are evaluated within the scholarship process?

The committee will review each application in the following areas:

- i.** Grade Point Average
- ii.** Leadership and Involvement (Chi Phi, Campus, and Community)
- iii.** Community Service & Philanthropy
- iv.** Educational/Professional Achievements
- v.** Letter of Recommendation
- vi.** Cover Letter

What can I submit to verify my GPA?

You will need to submit a copy of your academic transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable). Screen shots of courses will not be accepted. Also, it is important to note that you must submit your SPRING transcript.

Who reviews applications?

The Scholarship Review Committee is currently comprised of twenty Alumni from Chapters across the country who have graduated between 1980-2019.

Who should I ask to write my letter of recommendation?

You want to ask someone who can speak to your character, accomplishments, and academic/professional goals. You'll want to consider asking a professor, academic advisor, a Chi Phi Alumnus, a supervisor from work/internship, etc.

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

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.



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

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 reviewers to really gain insight on who you are and how a scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.

I don't know whether or not I'll be enrolled in classes in the fall—should I still apply for a scholarship?

Yes! We encourage all Brothers to submit a scholarship application! We completely understand that 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 student has changed, then the scholarship will be declined. You are welcomed (and encouraged!) to apply again next spring!

If I will be in a Co-Op or an Internship next semester, can I still apply for a scholarship?

As long as you are enrolled and receiving credit for courses in the next academic year, then you are eligible to receive a scholarship. If you are chosen to be a recipient, you will be asked to provide a Proof of Enrollment form from your institution prior to receiving your scholarship check.

COVID-19 really impacted my ability to participate in a lot of events—will that impact my chance of receiving a scholarship?

As a result of COVID-19, freshman and sophomore applicants will be allowed to list any leadership, involvement, philanthropy and/or community service performed in high school; however, no activities prior to 2019 will be considered. Please note though, that the global pandemic also presented students with a unique opportunity to engage and give back to the community in ways not typically seen before. The Scholarship Review Committee will also be looking for those activities that were creative and truly demonstrated a need to stay involve and give back during this challenging time.

For additional questions reach out to educationaltrust@chiphi.org