



The Performance-based Standards Scholarship Award Overview

What is it?

The Performance-based Standards (PbS) Scholarship Award was established in 2016 to encourage and support post-secondary education for youths and staff in facilities participating in PbS with the belief education is a key to lifelong success. Scholarships are given in awards up to \$2,000. As of 2020 the Award now falls under the Education and Employment Foundation.

Who is eligible?

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

Youths:

- Must be a current or recent resident of a PbS participating facility or program.
- Must be currently attending or in the process of enrolling in an accredited post-secondary school (college, university, trade school or certificate program).

Staff:

- Must be currently employed by or interning at a PbS participating agency, facility or program.
- Must be attending or in the process of enrolling in a post-secondary institution or training school.

How do I apply?

1. Complete the PbS Scholarship application form.
2. Write a one-page essay describing how the scholarship will be used to further your education and how you will “pay it forward.” What will you learn that you can share with others to make a difference?
3. Provide at least one letter of recommendation that confirms your commitment to education. Youth applicants may submit a recommendation from a teacher, facility staff or other adult who knows their educational goals. Staff applicants may submit a recommendation from an educator or supervisor.
4. Include documentation and/or verification of acceptance into the educational program. Examples include proof of attendance or tuition statement. If not available at the time of applying, supporting documentation must be submitted by May 31, 2020 to be considered.



5. Submit the application via mail, email or on the PbS website:
 - Option 1: Mail the completed application packet to:
PbS Learning Institute, Inc.
c/o PbS Scholarship Award
639 Granite Street, Suite 112
Braintree, MA 02184
 - Option 2: Send the application by email to help@pbstandards.org.
 - Please use "Scholarship Application" as the subject.
 - Required documents may be submitted as separate attachments.
 - Option 3: Submit the application online by going to:
<https://pbstandards.org/awards/scholarship> and clicking "Apply Now."

Applications must be postmarked or submitted electronically by 11:59 pm EDT **April 30, 2020**.

The selected award recipients will be notified via email or mail, if no email was provided, in **July 2020**.

What else do I need to know?

1. Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of juvenile justice professionals. They will review the applications for completeness and pay special attention to the essay story describing how you will use the new skills or additional education to help others in the future. The letter of recommendation will be considered but to a lesser degree.
2. You must provide proof of attendance at an accredited post-secondary institution and must provide a tuition statement or letter from the Bursar's office before being awarded the scholarship monies.
3. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational program. You will need a valid account with the educational program and provide that information to PbS for payment. Funds must be distributed by June 30, 2021 or they will be forfeited.
4. If you are deemed to be ineligible for any reason including failure to attend an accredited post-secondary institution, the rights to the scholarship will be revoked and any monies paid must be returned to the scholarship fund immediately.
5. Application essays may be quoted and used anonymously by PbS for the promotion of the Scholarship Fund and the PbS Education and Employment Foundation. Applicant should sign lines 4 and 5 on the application, if they agree.
6. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please email:
help@pbstandards.org

