



January 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Pennrose Employees,

All high school seniors and graduates living in affordable sites managed by Pennrose are invited to apply for \$2,000 scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year that will be awarded by the Pennrose Foundation in June 2020.

The Pennrose Foundation was founded in 2018 with a mission *to improve the lives of the disadvantaged people and communities served by Pennrose*. The 2020-2021 academic year will be the Foundation's second year of offering scholarships to qualified residents who are pursuing some form of higher education, in college, trade/professional school, or institute. We were able to increase the number of scholarship recipients in 2019 and hope to expand on the quantity and value of scholarships awarded again.

It is our goal to provide financial support to our residents who are pursuing academic achievement.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized 'A' or similar character, written over a light blue rectangular background.

President
Pennrose Foundation

Scholarship Information

Eligibility

All high school students who plan to begin post-secondary studies at colleges or trade/professional schools are eligible for these grants provided he/she resides on an affordable site that is professionally managed by Pennrose. The applicant/family must be in good standing with the rules and regulations of HUD and Pennrose.

High school graduates that reside at sites managed by Pennrose who are currently enrolled in college undergraduate programs or trade/professional school and plan to return to post-secondary studies for the 2020-2021 school year are also eligible and may apply for a Pennrose scholarship. A matriculated boarding student may apply provided his/her primary residence is with a parent/guardian residing on an affordable site that is managed by Pennrose (applicant/recipient must be named on all applicable lease documents). Applications for graduate level programs will not be accepted.

Selection Criteria

The criteria used to select scholarship recipients includes academic performance and character reference. Academic performance is determined by evaluating high school or college grade transcripts released to the Foundation by the student.

All high school students applying must possess a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. All matriculated college students applying must possess a minimum of a 2.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

Character will be evaluated through examination of an essay written by the student and a reference provided by an individual the applicant selects.

Description of Awards

Each of the awards will represent a \$2,000 scholarship provided to the selected students. These scholarships should not be mistaken in any way for student loans, and do not need to be repaid. While a high school student may apply for consideration for a scholarship prior to being accepted at a college or trade/professional school, he/she must provide documentation in the form of an admissions acceptance letter to the Foundation before the scholarship will be finalized.

Payment of Scholarships

All scholarships are made payable to the college or other post-secondary institution where the recipient will attend during the 2020-2021 school year. The student must provide the Foundation a copy of an admissions acceptance letter to an accredited school. It is the intent of the Pennrose Foundation that the full amount of these scholarships will be applied toward the recipient's school expenses.

Application Procedure

There are four parts of this application and all must be received for the Pennrose Foundation to consider an application.

The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 2020. Please mail Parts I, II, III, and IV (listed below) to Carrie Holak, Pennrose Foundation Scholarship, 1301 North 31st St., Philadelphia, PA 19121.

- I. The completed Application Form that contains basic information about the applicant, as well as, the applicant's and parent/guardian statement with signatures.
- II. An official grade transcript that shows the courses you have taken and the grades awarded through the fall semester of the 2019-2020 school year. These transcripts will allow us to evaluate academic performance. College students should request their transcripts no later than March 9, 2020.
- III. Use the attached reference form to secure a reference. This reference should come from a person who has firsthand knowledge of your functioning as a student on a regular basis. The Pennrose Foundation assumes that recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors, professors, principals, deans, and/or other school administrators are better indications of a student's future performance in school than personal recommendations. As a result, this recommendation should come from the aforementioned type of individuals. **References from relatives and personal references will not be accepted.**
- IV. A required 400-word essay that provides insight into your story, your motivations, and the next steps toward your future (see below information about Required Essay). Failure to complete the **REQUIRED** essay portion of the application will **DISQUALIFY** your eligibility to receive a scholarship award.

REQUIRED ESSAY:

The selection committee would like to gain insight into your story, your motivations and the next steps toward your future.

In an essay of approximately 400 words (typed), please explain specifically:

- What are your education goals?
- What do you hope to do following graduation?
- Why are you qualified to receive a Pennrose Foundation scholarship?

Notification Procedure

The selection committee will meet during the month of April. All applicants will be notified by June 6, 2020.

Important Dates and Deadlines

January, 2020	Application forms available at all offices of Pennrose.
March 9, 2020	Suggested deadline for college students to request grade transcripts from their registrars in order to assure that part of the application will be received by the Foundation prior to April 13, 2020.
April 1, 2020	FINAL DEADLINE for all parts of the application for a 2019 Pennrose Foundation Scholarship. Mail the application form, references, essay and grade transcripts to Carrie Holak, Pennrose Foundation Scholarship, 1301 North 31 st St., Philadelphia, PA 19121.
June 1, 2020	All applicants notified of the outcome status of their application.
June 26, 2020	Acceptance forms must be returned by this date if scholarship recipients wish to accept the offer of a scholarship. Scholarships not accepted by this date will be awarded to other applicants.
August 8, 2020	Scholarship checks, made payable to post-secondary institutions, will be mailed via U.S. mail directly to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient to help pay for the student's 2020-2021 school year costs.

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2020 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline is April 1, 2020



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____
(Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial)

Apartment Complex _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City / State / Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security (Last 4 #s) _____ Male _____ Female _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Head of Household _____
(Last Name, First Name)

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Institution Name _____
(Name of College, University, or Trade School)

Student ID # _____ FR – Soph – JR – SR – Other in Fall 2019: _____ If an incoming Freshman, provide:

Major _____ Credits earned as of April 11, 2019 _____ SAT – Reading _____

Minor _____ Credits enrolled Fall 2019 _____ SAT – Math _____

Certification _____ Credits required to complete program _____ SAT – Writing _____

Other _____ Expected Graduation Date _____ ACT Score _____

Degrees currently held (excluding high school) _____

REFERENCE LETTER

Using the attached form, please provide a reference from a person who has firsthand knowledge of your functioning as a student on a regular basis. Reference should come from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, deans, and other school administrators. **Personal reference from friends and relatives will not be accepted.**

APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

We have read the instruction sheet and this application form and wish to apply for a Pennrose Foundation Scholarship. We agree to comply with all procedures outlined in the application information and we release to Pennrose Foundation the applicant's academic records.

PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO DONORS

The Pennrose Foundation depends on the generosity of donors to fund our scholarship program. Please check here if you would be willing to share your story, your progress, and your successes with one of more of our donors. _____ YES _____ NO

PERMISSION TO RELEASE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As parent/guardian of _____, I hereby release all necessary financial information on file to the Penrose Foundation for the purpose of determining financial need.

PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH

If I am awarded a scholarship, I give my permission to use my name and/or photograph in publicity, social media, and media release related to the Penrose Foundation.

PRIVACY POLICY

I further agree that, if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, any information provided by me to the Foundation in connection with this application may be used by the Foundation in promoting its purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature
(only required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Scholarship Application Personal Character Reference Form



Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Name of Person Providing Referral: _____

Address of Person Providing Referral: _____

Phone Number of Person Providing Referral: _____

Relationship of person providing referral on behalf of the applicant (i.e. Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Professor, Employer, etc.) _____

Please circle the most appropriate response for the applicant you are referring and attach a narrative on your letterhead stationery (see additional information below). Please consider each item shown below independently from the other listed.

	Poor		Good		Outstanding
Integrity	X	X	X	X	X
Collaboration	X	X	X	X	X
Results Oriented	X	X	X	X	X
Accountability	X	X	X	X	X

Please provide a brief narrative on your letterhead stationery of your thoughts regarding the applicant's personal character. Please include how you know the applicant, how long you have been acquainted, your perception of the applicant as a student, your belief in the applicant's ability to successfully pursue a college degree, or other information that may be helpful to the Selection Committee.

I attest that the aforementioned reference of _____ is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am not a blood relative of this applicant.

Signature

Date

Return this form and the brief narrative to the applicant for submission prior to April 1, 2020, or mail directly to Carrie Holak, Pennrose Foundation Scholarship, 1301 North 31st St., Philadelphia, PA 19121.