



## 2023 PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Purple Heart Foundation (PHF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that raises funds to support our nation's veterans and their families. Over the past 62 years, the Foundation has funded important programs, services and more.

The PHF Scholarship Program is fully funded by the Purple Heart Foundation. The PHF Scholarship Program awards scholarships annually to Purple Heart recipients, their spouses, children, and/or grandchildren.

This application package includes information pertaining to the PHF Scholarship Program, eligibility and application requirements.

The Purple Heart Foundation will evaluate all applications that are received during the open season and meet the eligibility and application requirements described below. All aspects of the application (academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community, and military service, work experience, letters of recommendation, and essay) are considered and evaluated by the Purple Heart Foundation.

Not every applicant will receive a scholarship. The amount of the scholarship may vary each year subject to funding levels. All decisions by the Purple Heart Foundation are final.

PHF Scholarship checks will be issued to the applicant and are *required* to be endorsed by both the student and the school. The school, therefore, may exercise some control over how the funds are utilized and this can affect the level of financial benefit realized by the student. Each school has its own policy regarding how outside scholarships are processed. It is up to the applicant to understand this policy at his or her school.

**Foundation Non-Discrimination Policy:** The Purple Heart Foundation does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law in any of its activities or operations. These activities include but are not limited to the selection of volunteers or vendors, and provision of services and grant funds. The Purple Heart Foundation is committed to maintaining an inclusive environment with equitable treatment for all.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a PHF Scholarship, applicants must fall under one of the following categories:

- A Purple Heart recipient.
- The spouse of a Purple Heart recipient.
- The direct lineal descendent (child, stepchild, adopted child, grandchild, or step-grandchild) of a Purple Heart recipient. Lineal descendent eligibility ends at grandchild.
- The spouse, widow/widower, or direct lineal descendent as defined above of a service member killed-in-action or who died of combat wounds. If the Purple Heart recipient is listed as killed-in-action or died combat of wounds, supporting documentation and evidence must be included with the application.

Applicants that meet one of the foregoing criteria must also be:

- Accepted by or enrolled as a FULL-TIME student (12 credit hours) at an accredited U.S. college, university, or vocational school at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Graduate students and undergraduate students going back to school to receive additional undergraduate baccalaureate degrees after successfully completing at least one prior undergraduate baccalaureate degree program are **not** eligible to apply. Persons attending or having completed an associate degree from an accredited community or city college and transferring to an accredited college or university undergraduate baccalaureate program are eligible to apply.

An applicant may receive **one** scholarship. Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, incidental fees, room, and board, and other direct costs associated with higher education. PHF scholarship funds cannot be used for transportation expenses, to pay pre-existing educational loans, or to pay for a special program/research project.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, all applications **must be mailed in hard copy form** to the address indicated at the bottom of page 7 of the application packet and must be **received** by the deadline. Faxed or e-mailed applications **will not** be accepted. Applicants must complete and submit the following materials:

1. PHF Scholarship Application Packet.
2. Original, official high school and/or college transcript through the latest completed semester or quarter.
3. Essay of 300-400 words on the following subject: "Citizen Responsibilities in a Republic".
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be written by any unrelated individual who can attest to the character and potential of the applicant, such as a teacher, sports coach, religious leader, work supervisor, unit commander, etc.
5. A resume that lists all extracurricular activities and honors, community and/or military service, and employment experience describing each activity in detail to include the number of hours the applicant spends per week/month on each activity.
6. Individual biography.
7. Multimedia consent agreement.
8. 3 x 5 photograph.
9. A non-refundable \$25.00 processing fee. Cash and credit cards are not accepted. Please send a check or money order made out to The Purple Heart Foundation ensure the "for" line of the check states that the check is for the "PHF Scholarship".

### **NOTE:**

After an application is submitted, the only information that can be changed is the name of the college, university, or vocational school that the applicant plans to attend.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

- February 1, 2023 PHF Scholarship Packet posted online. ([www.PurpleHeartFoundation.org](http://www.PurpleHeartFoundation.org))
- February 1 - April 17, 2023 Open season for scholarship applications to be submitted.
- April 17, 2023 All applications must be **received** by this date. At close of business (5PM ET) open season will be closed and the application packet will be removed from the website. Any late submissions will be denied. No exceptions will be granted.
- April 17 - June 3, 2023 Applications will be reviewed by the Purple Heart Foundation and scholarship recipients will be selected.
- July 17, 2023 Scholarship checks will be mailed to recipient's school.

Each applicant selected to receive a PHF Scholarship will be formally notified in June 2023 by receiving an award letter in the mail. The names of every recipient will be posted on the Purple Heart Foundation website as well. A two-party check will be made out to the scholarship recipient and the educational institution of his or her choice and mailed no later than July 17, 2023.

## QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact:

Purple Heart Foundation  
P.O. Box 49  
Annandale, VA 22003  
Phone: (703) 635-3528  
Email: [ttomsey@purpleheartfoundation.org](mailto:ttomsey@purpleheartfoundation.org)

**2023 PHF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
**Application Must Be Legible**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City or Town State ZIP Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (Last 4): ###-##- \_\_\_\_ or Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact Information:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY**

Name of Purple Heart Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Purple Heart Recipient:

Child \_\_\_\_ Grandchild \_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_ Stepchild \_\_\_\_

If the Purple Heart recipient from whom you descend is maternal, please provide:

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current status of Purple Heart Recipient:

Living \_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_ Killed in Action\* \_\_\_\_ Died of Combat Wounds\* \_\_\_\_

Verification of the Purple Heart Recipient is required. Submit a copy of the recipient's DD-214 showing the award along with this application.

\*Verification of KIA or WIA status is required

## EDUCATION INFORMATION

List in order of attendance the high school, college, university, or trade school you have attended or are currently attending:

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Name and location of the college, university, or trade school to which you are applying or are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or course of study which you are currently pursuing or that you intend to pursue:

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School office and address to send the scholarship check:

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**In addition to submitting the PHF Scholarship Application Form, please ensure you include all the required application materials listed on pages 3-4 of this application package when submitting your application.**



## MULTIMEDIA CONSENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby **authorize** the **Purple Heart Foundation (PHF)** to use my name as well as any quotes, photographs, videos, and/or voice recordings that I am part of, or mentioned in. This is solely for the purpose of public relations, marketing, fundraising or other communications purposes including, but not limited to, press releases, articles, publications, websites or social media channels.

I hereby waive all claims and rights to the above stated multimedia and authorize for those images, videos, and voice recordings, as well as my name and likeness, to be published or distributed to the general public and/or utilized by the **Purple Heart Foundation** in promotional materials.

I understand that any written personal information I provide the **Purple Heart Foundation** (i.e., home address, phone numbers, email addresses, date of birth, etc.) is for organization record-keeping purposes only. The Purple Heart Foundation will take all proper and reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of my personal information and will **NOT** release to any third party without **my express written consent**.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Parent/Guardian if student is under 18 (Please Print)**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian if student is under 18**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION OF PHF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the Purple Heart Foundation (PHF) Scholarship Program.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, I plan to attend an accredited U.S. college, university, or trade school as a full-time student.

I certify that the information included in my application and all supporting documents is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete.

I authorize the PHF to request and receive information regarding my academic records and enrollment status at my designated college, university, or trade school.

I agree to abide by the rules and criteria established by the PHF Scholarship.

I understand that the decisions of the PHF Scholarship are final. I authorize the Purple Heart Foundation to use any portion of my essay on the Purple Heart Foundation website to promote and advertise for the PHF Scholarship Program.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*If the applicant is under the age of 18 years\*)

\*Mail the completed application, signed declaration, \$25.00 processing fee, and all supporting materials to:

Purple Heart Foundation  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 49  
Annandale, VA 22003  
Phone: (703) 635-3528

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE:

**April 17, 2023**

The deadline listed above applies to all required documents and materials including transcripts, letters of recommendation, and the processing fee. Any required items received after the deadline listed above will not be considered in the applicant's scholarship application package. The postmark date is irrelevant.

***(NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED)***