

2017 PSFCU Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ***Who can apply for the PSFCU Scholarship Program?***

The PSFCU Scholarship Program is open to any PSFCU member whose account was opened on or before December 31, 2015 having a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0. The member will continue studying full or part time towards an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited institution in the 2017/2018 school year.

2. ***Must I have an account with PSFCU?***

Yes, membership in PSFCU (primary owner of the account) **established prior to January 1, 2016** is required for eligibility in the PSFCU Scholarship Program.

3. ***I am currently a senior in high school. May I apply?***

No, current high school students are not eligible. (PSFCU offered a separate program for college-bound high-school seniors, administered jointly with the Credit Union Association of New York – CUANY).

4. ***I won the PSFCU Scholarship in the past. May I apply again?***

Perhaps! Applicants for the PSFCU Scholarship Program can now participate and win once in undergraduate school and once during their graduate/PHD studies. This is a change in the previous guidelines that limited grants to only once in a lifetime.

5. ***What are the criteria for grading my Scholarship Application?***

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and commitment to the community Polish & Slavic FCU serves. The Scholarship Selection Committee may also take into consideration a candidate's financial need.

6. ***I am a freshman in college. What transcripts should I include?***

Current college freshmen must send their current college transcript AND a copy of their high school transcript as well.

7. ***I am currently in graduate school. Should I send transcripts from my undergraduate school as well?***

Yes, please submit original official transcripts from ALL academic institutions attended since high school.

8. ***I am a transfer student from Poland. What documents should I provide?***

You should provide translated transcripts from all Polish college institutions. If you are a college freshman, please include your translated high school transcripts including Matura. If you are missing Standardized Test Scores, please include translated transcripts of Matura.

9. ***Are all essays mandatory?***

Per the application, the first 2 essays are mandatory. Essay #3 is mandatory if you want your financial need to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.



10. ***I cannot send you SATs from the College Board, what do I do?***
PSFCU will accept copies of original Standardized Test Scores or printouts from the College Board website .
11. ***What language should the essays be written in?***
All essays must be written in English.
12. ***I do not have a letter of reference from a professor. Can I send in reference letters from work or colleagues?***
No. The Scholarship Program requires 2 letters of reference, at least **one** of which must be an academic recommendation written by a professor who taught the candidate. An application without a recommendation from a professor will be considered incomplete. Please note that recommendations from family members are not permitted.
13. ***How many copies of the application must I mail?***
Please mail 4 copies of your completed application along with a single copy of the supporting documentation.
14. ***Where should I send the application?***
Please mail 4 copies of the completed application together with a single copy of the supporting documentation to:

**PSFCU Scholarship Committee
9 Law Drive
Fairfield, NJ 07004**
15. ***May I leave my application in a PSFCU branch?***
No. All applications along with supporting documentation must be mailed to the address provided in the application. Faxed, e-mailed and hand delivered (left in PSFCU branches) applications will not be considered.
16. ***My professors wish to send my official transcript and/or recommendations to PSFCU. Where should they mail the documentation to?***
Transcripts and recommendation letters from school can be mailed to the same address students must mail their application to (listed above).
17. ***When is the deadline for application submission?***
The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2017**. The applications and documents must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2017**.
18. ***I have additional questions, who should I call?***
Please send all inquiries to scholarships@psfcu.net or feel free to contact Kinga Gutowski, Training Specialist at 973-808-3240 ext.6247 or Marcin Micek, Compliance and Training Assistant at 973-808-3240 ext. 6120.

Good Luck!