



Student Scholarship Program - In cooperation with

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AMERICAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION
ACADEMY OF STUDENT PHARMACISTS



The APhA Foundation Student Scholarship Program recognizes students who choose to invest their time in their school's APhA-ASP chapter to help shape the future of the profession while managing the demands of a full-time pharmacy curriculum. Applicants will be evaluated on their potential to become leaders for the profession of pharmacy, as demonstrated by involvement in school and community activities and academic performance.

Each year, many scholarships are awarded by the APhA Foundation. The George F. Archambault scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500. The Pharmacists Mutual Community Pharmacy scholarship is in the amount of \$1,750. All other Foundation scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The thirteen named scholarships recognize gifts made by individuals or groups who wish to support the development of future leaders within the profession. Biographical information for each of these individuals may be found on the APhA Foundation website under the Student Scholarship Program page. The goal of the APhA Foundation is to award at least one scholarship per APhA-ASP region.

Individuals applying for the Mary Munson Runge Scholarship, Hamilton, Harris and Tucker Scholarship, Colonel Jerry W. Ross Scholarship, George F. Archambault Scholarship, Charlie Thomas Scholarship, and Pharmacists Mutual Community Pharmacy Scholarship will be required to complete additional application materials specific to each scholarship as noted below.

General Eligibility Criteria

- **Complete at least one academic year** in the professional sequence of courses.
- Earn a **cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75** on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent grading system) in professional coursework during pharmacy school.
- Be an **active member in the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)**. The applicant must show active participation in his or her chapter's activities but is not required to hold a leadership position.
- Previous APhA Foundation Student Scholarship recipients are not eligible; however, previous applicants are welcome to reapply.

Submission Process

A completed application consists of an application form, transcript with GPA value, essay, two letters of recommendation, résumé/CV, and a bulleted list of activities. These documents must be received by **11:59 PM (PST) on Tuesday, December 1st, 2020**. No extensions will be granted. All documentation should be submitted via the OpenWater application portal found on the Student Scholarship Program page on the APhA Foundation website: <http://www.aphafoundation.org/student-scholarship-program>.

For questions, please contact John Little, Executive Fellow, at (202) 558-2709 or Jlittle@aphanet.org.

Application and Selection Process

- Submit a **transcript** to verify your GPA. An unofficial transcript in PDF or Word format is acceptable.
- Submit an **essay of no more than 500 words** addressing the following prompt:

You will experience obstacles throughout your pharmacy career that will require you to seize your moment. Please describe one setback that you have experienced as a student pharmacist, how you overcame that setback, and how the experience will impact your approach to patient care.

- Submit **two letters of recommendation*** including:
 1. One letter from a **college official or faculty member** who can speak to the applicant's leadership and involvement in APhA-ASP (and/or Phi Lambda Sigma, for Charlie Thomas Scholarship applicants).
 2. A second letter should be from a **non-academic reference (i.e. pharmacist-employer, community service contact, pharmacy association or other membership association representative)** addressing the applicant's strengths in areas not involving academics or APhA-ASP involvement.

**Some scholarships have different letter of recommendation requirements as outline in the "additional criteria" sections below.*

**Applicants should make arrangements with their recommenders in advance of completing the online application.*

**Recommenders must submit letters of recommendation directly in OpenWater (application portal).*

Once applicants have entered the names and email addresses of the recommenders, they will receive an email prompting them to submit a letter of recommendation. It is **the student's responsibility to ensure that these letters are submitted in OpenWater by the December 1st deadline.*

- Submit a **current résumé or CV**.
- Submit a **bulleted list of pharmacy and non-pharmacy related activities** that demonstrate your community involvement and leadership skills. Please note activities for which academic credit was received.

Scoring Scale

The Student Scholarship Review Committee will review applications and score them according to the following point system:

10 points	Academic Performance
25 points	Pharmacy Related Activities
25 points	Non-Pharmacy/Community Activities/Work
20 points	Essay
20 points	Letters of Recommendation

Additional Criteria for the Hamilton, Harris, and Tucker APhA-ASP Chapter President Scholarship

All chapters are encouraged to nominate, through chapter advisor letter of recommendation, their APhA-ASP Chapter President or Immediate Past President to recognize their outstanding leadership. Chapter advisors may nominate only one candidate from their chapter per year.

- Please provide two letters of recommendation:
 - One academic letter from the APhA-ASP Chapter Advisor who can speak to the student's leadership within APhA-ASP.
 - One non-academic reference (i.e. pharmacist-employer, community service contact, pharmacy association or other membership association representative) addressing the applicant's strengths in areas not involving academics or APhA-ASP involvement.

Additional Criteria for the Pharmacists Mutual Community Pharmacy Scholarship

The scholarship will be based on evidence of a commitment to contributing to the advancement of community pharmacy with consideration of applicant's academic achievement, outstanding student leadership, pharmacy association involvement and community service.

- All applicants will be required to submit an essay of up to 500 words describing how the applicant would help in the future to advance community pharmacy patient care.

Additional Criteria for the Mary Munson Runge Scholarship

All applicants will be considered for this scholarship, but preference will be given to the following minorities as defined by the United States National Institute of Health: American Indians or Alaska natives, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders.

Additional Criteria for the Charlie Thomas (PLS) Scholarship

The Charlie Thomas Scholarship is available to student pharmacists who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a member of Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS). Please attach proof of membership to application. A PLS membership certificate or a signed letter from your PLS Chapter Advisor are acceptable.
- Please provide two letters of recommendation, one from a college official or faculty member who can speak to the student's leadership or involvement with Phi Lambda Sigma and/or APhA-ASP (Involvement in either organization will suffice), and a non-academic based reference.

Additional Criteria for the Colonel Jerry W. Ross Scholarship

If you would like to be considered for the Col Jerry W. Ross Scholarship, please submit the following additional information on the application page. The Col Jerry W. Ross Scholarship is available to student pharmacists who meet the following criteria:

- **Air Force pharmacy technician** pursuing a degree in pharmacy, or
- **Family member of an Air Force pharmacist or technician** who is enrolled in an accredited college of pharmacy; and,
- Demonstrates the **Air Force core values** of excellence, selflessness, integrity, leadership and academics. Preference given to those indicating further Air Force Service.

Additional Criteria for the George F. Archambault Scholarship

If you would like to be considered for the George F. Archambault Scholarship, please submit the following additional information on the application page. The George F. Archambault Scholarship is available to student pharmacists who meet the following criteria:

- **Submitted an essay of up to 500 words** describing how your leadership and professional experiences enhance and align with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) core values of service to the underserved, integrity, leadership, and academics.
- **Preference given to those indicating further USPHS service, including a USPHS residency program; and eligibility requires,**
- **Completion of a COSTEP program or equivalent clerkship** experience at a USPHS facility, or
- **Child of a USPHS pharmacist.**