



Chairman's Scholarship For Promotional Products Career Candidates

The Promotional Products Education Foundation was established with these continuing goals and objectives:

- To recognize and encourage scholarly ability and academic performance among the sons and daughters of individuals whose employment, business, career or profession encompasses the sales, marketing, manufacturing or distribution of promotional products
- To encourage personal growth through participation in extracurricular activities within the civic and academic communities
- To recognize intellectual growth and achievement
- To provide fiscal support that eases financial burdens while encouraging the achievement of a four-year university degree

The Chairman's Scholarship for Promotional Products Career Candidates is limited to applicants entering their junior year of college, actively pursuing a bachelors degree in an academic field related to promotional products and expressing a clear intent to enter the field related to promotional products as a career. The Chairman's Scholarship is renewable for the candidate's senior year, provided the student demonstrates satisfactory progress toward the designated degree and meets the required criteria for scholarship renewal.

- Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the student's academic achievement, scholastic and civic leadership, financial need, written essay and letter of recommendation, submitted to the Foundation's Selection Committee. The Promotional Products Education Foundation's Scholarship Committee will determine the annual recipients of the scholarship awards with the approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Each year, the Foundation's board determines the number of individual scholarships funded by the Foundation.

The value of the Chairman's Scholarship for Promotional Products Career Candidates is \$2,500 annually for two years.

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Eligibility

Students eligible for scholarships during the forthcoming academic year must be dependents of regularly employed or full-time employees, independent contractors, owners or operators whose business encompasses the sale, marketing, manufacturing or distribution of promotional products, OR must be employees of companies in any of these areas. If an employee's dependent is applying, the student's parent or guardian will be asked to authorize the Foundation to verify involvement and work in the field of promotional products as described above for a one-year period prior to the date of application for a scholarship award. For industry employees, proof of current employment in the promotional products industry is required. Please note this is an annual requirement when renewing scholarships.

Chairman's Scholarship For Promotional Products Career Candidates Requirements

- A minimum college cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for students making application.
- Students must be full time and classified as sophomores entering their junior year at a four-year accredited college or university.
- Students who receive a full or 100% scholarship (academic, athletic, fraternal or other) from another provider will be ineligible for this program. A full or 100% scholarship is described as an award that includes all expenses for room, board, tuition and books.
- Students currently receiving a scholarship from PPEF are eligible for this program. However, if such a student is awarded the Chairman's Scholarship, other PPEF scholarship aid will be discontinued.
- Scholarship awards funded by PPEF cannot be used for any purpose other than to help cover tuition, books, lab fees and educational supplies.
- The Foundation's eligibility requirements must prevail at the time of college enrollment.
- The PPEF does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

Chairman's Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- College Grade Point Average—30%
- Extra-curricular Activities/ Work Experience—20%
- Financial Need (optional) FAFSA Student Aid Report—20% *
- Essay Questions—25%
- Letter of Recommendation—5%

Financial Need FAFSA Report:

When applying for the PPEF scholarship program, it is optional to submit the Student Aid Report from the applicants Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A student can apply for financial need (FAFSA) online through the U.S. Department of Education. Once the student applies for financial need through the FAFSA, the student should receive a Student Aid Report. If the applicant is currently receiving financial need, the applicant can request his/her Student Aid Report through the college or universities financial aid department. PPEF uses the information provided on the Student Aid Report to determine financial need. Please submit a copy of the Student Aid Report along with the applicant's PPEF scholarship application. All financial information submitted will remain confidential. The Student Aid Report showing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) must be submitted by April 30.

*You may submit a confidential Student Aid Report to PPEF to be considered for this scholarship. However, if not submitted, the student would not receive the financial need points when scoring the application.

How To Proceed

- All applicants must **complete the forms in full** and submit them to the PPEF Scholarship Committee by March 15. Only financial need information will be accepted after this date and it must be received by April 30.
- All applicants must provide a copy of official university transcript of grades.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for consideration of a scholarship.

Winners of the scholarships will be announced in May of each year. Questions regarding the initiation and completion of the procedures for application should be addressed to the Foundation in writing.

Please Note: This scholarship Application Form must be returned to PPEF headquarters no later than March 15. Please send to:

Promotional Products Education Foundation • Foundation Manager
3125 Skyway Circle North
Irving, TX 75038-3526

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Note: This application must be typewritten or completed in ink by the applicant and received by **March 15**.

Part A – for dependents only

Date _____ Telephone _____

Name _____
first middle last

Home Address _____
street

city state zip

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Other Financial Aid or Grants awarded: _____

Parent or guardian employed in the promotional products industry:

name occupation telephone

company hire date e-mail address

address street city state zip

Part B – for employees in the promotional products industry

Date _____ Telephone _____

Name _____
first middle last

Home Address _____
street

city state zip

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Other Financial Aid or Grants awarded: _____

Employed by:

company hire date e-mail address

address street city state zip

PLEASE NOTE (check one):

- I am the parent/guardian of the applicant. I authorize PPEF to verify my employment in the promotional products industry.
- I am the applicant. My employer is in the promotional products industry. I authorize PPEF to verify this information with my employer.

Parent/Guardian or Employee Signature: _____

State the college or university you are attending. (NOTE: Your choice of college or university will have no effect in determining whether you will be awarded a scholarship. However, the scholarship may be used only at a four-year accredited college or university.)

Current College or University _____

Degree Sought _____

Academic Status or Hours Completed _____

If transferring to another institution, please state name _____

What course of study are you currently pursuing?

Major _____ Minors _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE/WORK EXPERIENCE

Please submit a resume describing the extra-curricular activities and/or work experience in which you have been involved. Indicate whether activity was during high school or college.

CHAIRMAN'S SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES ESSAY

To this form, please attach a typewritten essay of 1,000 words or less which answers the following three requests:

- Please explain your understanding of the promotional products industry. Describe at least one instance when you encountered promotional products in a real-life situation and critique their use in that situation.
- Explain how studies in your current course concentration can prepare you for a career in the promotional products industry.
- How do you see developments in your primary field of study affecting the promotional products market in the next five years?

Your essay must respond to all three requests.

Signature of scholarship candidate _____

Date _____