

# **Scholarship Handbook**

# 2025-2026 Academic Year Academic and Non-Academic Merit Scholarships

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## SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK DISTRIBUTION

The Scholarship Handbook contains information about scholarships awarded by the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center (VMFSC), and Scholarships. The information contained in the book includes eligibility criteria for each scholarship, application procedures, deadlines, awards, and points of contact.

Distribution of the Scholarship Handbook is made to the following.

#### **Escambia County School**

Aletheia Christian Academy East Hill Christian High School Escambia High School Escambia Virtual Academy Lighthouse Private Christian Academy Northview High School Pensacola Catholic High School Pensacola High School Pensacola Private School of Liberal Arts Pine Forest High School Tate High School Trinitas Christian School Washington High School West Florida High School of Advanced Technology

#### Santa Rosa County Schools

Central High School Gulf Breeze High School Jay High School LE.A.D. Academy Learning Academy of Santa Rosa Locklin Technical Center Milton High School Navarre High School Pace High School Santa Rosa Christian School Santa Rosa High School Santa Rosa Virtual School Victory Performing Arts Academy West Florida Baptist Academy

Community Organizations: West Florida Home School Education Support League Santa Rosa Home School Coalition Escambia County 4-H Santa Rosa County 4-H

Additional scholarship opportunities are available to students on the College website at <u>https://www.pensacolastate.edu/financial-aid/#scholarships-001513</u>.

# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

- 1. Scholarship Eligibility Policies
  - a. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien.
  - b. Applicant must have a paid Application for Admission to PSC on file in the Student Records System. Students who have been attending PSC under the high school dual enrollment program must file a new admissions application upon graduation from high school and pay the application fee.
  - c. Applicant is required to submit a PSC Scholarship Application.
  - d. Though is it not required for every scholarship, it is highly recommended that each scholarship applicant file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with PSC School Code 001513. Completing the FAFSA may increase the number of scholarships for which the student could be eligible.
  - e. Some scholarships require that the grade point average be based upon academic courses only. Refer to the Minimum Selection Criteria paragraph in each scholarship listing for specific information.
  - f. All home educated students must provide official documentation of registration with the district for grades 11 and 12 and a home school affidavit. This documentation must be on file with the PSC Records Office.
  - g. Recipients of the Academic Merit Scholarships are expected to enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or 450 clock hours each term (Fall and Spring).
  - h. All courses for which a recipient is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the required completed 12 credits or 450 clock hours.
  - i. Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
  - j. Applicants who are on academic warning, probation, suspension, or suspension waiver or who have other restrictions are not eligible for a PSC scholarship (refer to Standards of Academic Progress outlined in the <u>College Catalog</u>).
  - k. An appeal for an exception to any scholarship policy may be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center, and Scholarships. The appeal must be in writing with a **full explanation and documentation**. The Scholarship Coordinator will either approve or deny the appeal. If the appeal is denied, it will be forwarded to the PSC Scholarship Policy Committee for consideration at its next scheduled meeting.

- I. Any applicant with an outstanding obligation to the College is not eligible to receive a scholarship.
- 2. Length of Scholarships
  - a. The Presidential Scholarship, the Two Plus Two (2 + 2) University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Scholarship, and the Academic Excellence Scholarship are each a two-year award (two consecutive academic years).
  - b. All other scholarships are for various periods of time, which may be up to one academic year. In some cases, the scholarships are renewable for a second year.
- 3. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required transcripts are submitted to the Records Office by the published deadline(s) for evaluation.
- 4. <u>With the exception of the Presidential and Student Ambassador Scholarship Application</u> deadline, the deadline for submission of the Scholarship Application can be found here

#### Scholarship Application PRIORITY Deadlines Academic Year 2025-2026

NOTE: Priority deadlines ensure that applications are available for review during the Priority Awarding Window for each term, when the scholarship committee members and donors make their awards. Awarding will continue beyond these dates according to available funding.

> Presidential and Student Ambassador Scholarship Application (open to graduating high school seniors only) On or before December 15, 2025, by 11:59 PM

# NOTE: The due date is reflected on the scholarship application as well as the Financial Aid webpage. For the fall term only, there are two PRIORITY deadline dates.

Fall 2025 Term Fall term PRIORITY Deadline On or before March 1, 2025, by 11:59 PM for 1st review On or before July 1, 2025, by 11:59 PM for 2nd review

Spring 2026 Term On or before November 1, 2025, by 11:59 PM

Summer 2026 Term On or before April 1, 2026, by 11:59 PM

For additional information, visit <u>https://financialaid.pensacolastate.edu/scholarships/</u> or contact the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center, and Scholarships at 1000 College Boulevard, Building 2, Pensacola, Florida 32504, or by telephone at (850) 484-1680.

# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Excellence Competition Scholarship

Pensacola State College Academic Scholarship

Presidential Scholarship

Scholar Athlete Scholarship

Sophomore Scholarship

Student Ambassador Scholarship

Two Plus Two (2 + 2) University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Scholarship

#### Academic Excellence Competition Scholarship

Award Amount	\$1,800 per academic year
Number of Awards	One scholarship per department sponsoring a competition
Length of Award	Two years
<b>Enrollment Required</b>	Minimum of 12 credits each Fall and Spring term
Selection Made By	Academic Department
Point of Contact	Department Head
Termination	End of Spring term of second year

#### Description

A two-year scholarship is awarded by each Academic Department or sponsor who conducts an Academic Excellence competition in the respective academic discipline, e.g., Visual Arts, Natural Sciences, or Performing Arts. Recipients may be required to major in the academic discipline or topic in which they competed.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

- 1. Candidates must be current high school seniors who will enroll in PSC in the following Fall term.
- 2. The selected senior must have a minimum cumulative, weighted high school grade point average of 3.0 in academic course work.
- 3. The selected senior must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. Departments will determine their departmental competition, procedures, and criteria and distribute this information to the local high schools to solicit student participation.
- 2. After the competition is held, the Department Head will submit the names and required documentation of the selected students to the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Office.
- 3. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

- 1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained throughout each academic year.
- Recipient must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours each term (Fall and Spring, each year). Courses for which a student is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the 12 credits.
- 3. Recipients may be required to major in the academic discipline in which they competed.

	Pensacola State College Academic Scholarship
Award Amount	\$900 per term, maximum award \$1,800 per academic year
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	Varies – up to one academic year
Enrollment Required	Minimum 12 credit hours or 450 clock hours each Fall and Spring term
Selection Made By	Academic Scholarship Awarding Committee
Point of Contact	Office of Financial Aid, VMFSC, and Scholarships – (850) 484-1680
Termination	Varies, but not later than the end of each academic year

#### Description

A one-year scholarship is awarded to students for the Fall, Spring, and/or Summer terms, based on academic merit. Up to two terms per academic year.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

The applicant must have a minimum unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0 or college grade point average of 3.0.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. Complete the PSC Scholarship Application and submit documents to the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center, and Scholarships
- 2. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

- 1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained throughout the academic year.
- Recipients must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or 450 clock hours each term (Fall and Spring). Courses for which a student is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the 12 credits or 450 clock hours.

#### **Presidential Scholarship**

Award Amount	Varies
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	Two academic years (maximum)
Enrollment Required	Minimum 12 credits or 450 clock hours each Fall and Spring term and a maximum of six (6) credits in the Summer term
Selection Made By	PSC President
Point of Contact	Office of Financial Aid, VMFSC, and Scholarships – (850) 484-1680

#### Description

The Presidential Scholarship is a two-year, full-tuition and books award. The recipients of this scholarship represent some of the most exemplary student leaders on the PSC campus.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

- 1. The applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien.
- 2. The applicant must have a minimum unweighted high school grade point average of 3.2.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. Complete and submit a PSC Scholarship Application.
- 2. The applicant must provide a minimum of one letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation should come from the applicant's principal, teacher, employer, counselor, or pastor, etc. Recommendations should not be submitted by family members or friends.
- 3. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.
- 4. The President's Office will confirm, in writing to the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center, and Scholarships, the name of the recipient(s). The recipient(s) will be contacted by the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center, and Scholarships to provide support in the completion of all necessary processes.

- 1. Recipient cannot receive a grade below a B in any course after award of this scholarship.
- 2. Recipient must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or 450 clock hours each term (Fall and Spring). Courses for which a student is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the 12 credits or 450 clock hours.

#### Scholar Athlete Scholarship

Award Amount	\$900 per term, maximum award \$1,800 per academic year
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	One academic year – Fall and Spring terms (maximum)
<b>Enrollment Required</b>	Minimum 12 credits or 450 clock hours each Fall and Spring term
Selection Made By	Committee appointed by Pensacola Sports
Point of Contact	Director of Athletics – (850) 484-1304
Termination	End of Spring term

#### Description

A one academic year scholarship is awarded to Escambia and Santa Rosa county high school seniors who were selected by the Pensacola Sports committee for their outstanding academic and athletic achievements.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

- 1. Student must have a minimum cumulative, weighted high school grade point average of 3.0.
- 2. Student must have been active in high school varsity sports and other extracurricular activities.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The high school principals and coaches make nominations in December or January each year to Pensacola Sports.
- 2. Pensacola Sports will forward the name of the winner in each category to the Office of Financial Aid, Veteran and Military Family Service Center, and Scholarships, who in turn will provide the winner with all the necessary information for accepting the scholarship.
- 3. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

- 1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained throughout the academic year.
- Recipient must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or 450 clock hours each term (Fall and Spring). Courses for which a student is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the 12 credits or 450 clock hours.

#### **Sophomore Scholarship**

Award Amount	\$900 per term, maximum award \$1,800 per academic year
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	Varies – up to one academic year
<b>Enrollment Required</b>	Minimum 12 credits or 450 clock hours each Fall and Spring term
Selection Made By	Office of Financial Aid, VMFSC, and Scholarships
Point of Contact	Office of Financial Aid, VMFSC, and Scholarships – (850) 484-1680
Termination	Varies, but not later than the end of each academic year

#### Description

A one-year scholarship is awarded to Sophomore students for the Fall, Spring, and/or Summer terms, based on academic merit. Up to two terms per academic year.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 based on 24 completed college credits or 900 clock hours at PSC. Priority consideration is given to sophomores who were awarded a PSC scholarship during their freshman year.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- 2. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

- 1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained throughout the academic year.
- Recipient must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or 450 clock hours each term (Fall and Spring). Courses for which a student is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the 12 credits or 450 clock hours.

#### **Student Ambassador Scholarship**

Award Amount	Varies
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	One academic year (30 credits maximum) renewable for a second year if selected
<b>Enrollment Required</b>	Minimum 12 credit hours or 450 clock hours each Fall and Spring term
Selection Made By	Appointed Committee Members
Point of Contact	Director of Admissions – (850) 471-4680

#### Description

Ambassadors will be selected for their demonstrations of leadership, achievement, and community involvement and will serve as the official hosts and hostesses of PSC. The students will represent the College at campus visits and tours, commencements, alumni and Foundation activities, and general recruiting initiatives.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

- 1. The applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien.
- 2. The applicant must be a current high school senior graduating this spring term and entering college in the following fall term.
- 3. The applicant must have a minimum unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- Applicant must provide a minimum of one letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should come from the applicant's principal, teacher, employer, counselor, pastor, etc. Recommendations should not be submitted by family members or friends.
- 3. If selected as a finalist, the applicant must participate in an interview.
- 4. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

- 1. Recipient must maintain a 3.0 grade point average each semester.
- 2. Recipient must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each term (Fall and Spring). Courses for which a student is enrolled must be successfully completed by the end of the regular examination period for that term. Incomplete (I) grades will not count toward the 12 credits.

## Two Plus Two (2+2) University of Florida | Institute of Food and Agricultural Science Scholarship

Award Amount	\$900 per term, maximum award \$1,800 per academic year	
Number of Awards	Maximum three awards per academic year	
Length of Award	Two academic years, maximum	
Enrollment Required	Minimum 12 credits each Fall and Spring terms	
Selection Made By	Dean, Milton Campus and Appointed Committee Members	
Point of Contact	Dean, Milton Campus – (850) 484-4443	

#### Description

A Two Plus Two (2 + 2) scholarship enables high school students from Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to receive a two-year scholarship to attend PSC and a two-year scholarship to the University of Florida | Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

The applicant must have an overall minimum cumulative, unweighted high school 3.0 grade point average based on academic courses, such as English and Foreign Languages, History, Mathematics, Science, and similar courses. Vocational and non-vocational subjects, such as driver's education, business co-op training, and sports are not considered in the final grade point average.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- 2. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

- 1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained throughout each academic year.
- 2. All agricultural sciences majors are required to have completed one algebra and one trigonometry course. Students must have completed most of the pre-professional courses listed in the University of Florida Transfer Advisement Manual.

# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE NON-ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs

Dean, Milton Campus Scholarship

Dean, Warrington Campus Scholarship

Recruitment Scholarship

#### Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs Scholarship

Award Amount	Varies
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	One term, student may apply each term
Selection Made By	Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs
Point of Contact	Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs – (850) 484-1706

#### Description

Scholarships are awarded to full and part-time students based on a variety of criteria, including financial need and academic standing.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

As determined by the Vice President, based on recommendations from faculty, staff, and members of the community. Most students will meet statutory guidelines for financial need.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- 2. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

#### Eligibility Criteria to Maintain the Scholarship Within the Awarded Academic Year

At the discretion of the Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs.

#### Dean, Milton Campus Scholarship

Award Amount	Varies
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	One term
Selection Made By	Dean, Milton Campus
Point of Contact	Dean, Milton Campus – (850) 484-4443

#### Description

This scholarship is awarded for one term at a time and is designed primarily for students in need of financial assistance. Students can be enrolled on a full or part-time basis.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

As determined by the Dean, Milton Campus, based on recommendations from faculty, staff, and members of the community. Most students will meet statutory guidelines for financial need.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- 2. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

#### Eligibility Criteria to Maintain the Scholarship Within the Awarded Academic Year

At the discretion of the Dean, Milton Campus.

#### Dean, Warrington Campus Scholarship

Award Amount	Varies
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	Up to one academic year, maximum
Selection Made By	Dean, Warrington Campus
Point of Contact	Dean, Warrington Campus – (850) 484-2230

#### Description

This scholarship is generally awarded one term at a time, at the Dean's discretion, to a student enrolled full or part time on the Warrington campus who does not qualify for or has not received sufficient financial assistance to meet educational expenses. Grade point average is considered.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

As determined by the Dean, Warrington Campus, based on recommendations from the PSC faculty and staff members or the community. Most students will meet statutory guidelines for financial need.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513. For questions regarding FAFSA completion, please contact the TRIO-Educational Opportunity Center at (850) 484-1961 or <u>eoc@pensacolastate.edu</u>.

#### Eligibility Criteria to Maintain the Scholarship Within the Awarded Academic Year

At the discretion of the Dean, Warrington Campus.

#### **Recruitment Scholarship**

Award Amount	Varies
Number of Awards	Varies
Length of Award	First term only
Selection Made By	Director of Admissions
Point of Contact	Director of Admissions
Termination	After one term

#### Description

Scholarships provided to first-time students attending PSC at the Director's discretion.

#### **Minimum Selection Criteria**

As determined by the Admissions Director. Recipient must be a prospective first time in college degree-seeking student.

#### **Application Procedures**

- 1. Contact the Director, Admissions at (850) 471-4680.
- 2. The applicant must complete a PSC Scholarship Application.
- 3. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to submit an accurate FAFSA with PSC School Code 001513.

# **PENSACOLA** S T A T E C O L L E G E **FOUNDATION**

## Donor-Funded Scholarship Awards Through the Pensacola State College Foundation

In addition to the 11 scholarships provided by the College, there are roughly **300 other scholarship opportunities** offered through the Pensacola State College Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to develop resources and relationships that provide financial support for students. Scholarships continue to be a focus of the Foundation's work. When students complete the "**PSC Scholarship Application**," they are automatically matched with all Foundation scholarships for which they are qualified to receive. Award amounts vary, and students can be awarded scholarships that can cover full tuition, books, and fees. To maximize students' opportunity for awards, they should complete all questions, including essay questions, on the application. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors who have chosen to personally invest in the success of PSC students.

Visit <u>https://pensacolastate.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/ScholarX\_StudentPortal.aspx</u> to apply for nearly 300 donor-funded scholarships.

Visit <u>https://pensacolastate.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/scholarx\_scholarshipsearch.aspx</u> to view a full list of the Foundation scholarships and their requirements.

For questions about establishing a scholarship or contributing to an existing scholarship, please visit <u>https://foundation.pensacolastate.edu/opportunities-to-support-psc/scholarships/</u> or contact the Foundation Office at (850) 484-1560.