

PENINSULA HAWKS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

What are your plans after graduation?

If you are planning to continue your education at a vocational/technical school, community college, four-year college or any other accredited institution, a scholarship could help make a difference for you. The Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund program offers you the opportunity to qualify for scholarships given by local businesses, organizations and individuals who wish to help students on their way to a meaningful future.

To qualify seniors must have earned 6 or more credits by attending classes ON-SITE at PHS and will receive a diploma from PHS on the graduation date of the current school year. Qualifying seniors who plan to pursue any type of higher education at an accredited school are encouraged to participate.

Local donors who select their own recipients and Community Readers that select on behalf of donors use your scholarship portfolios to determine which students best meet their award criteria. This is where your Personal Data sheet is critical. Your portfolio will represent you and allow the donors and the Community Readers to get to know you. Selections are based on your interests, achievements, and potential as illustrated by your scholarship portfolio. You will want to present your “best” self. Put a lot of thought into what you say about yourself and how the pages look to the reader.

This packet provides instructions for the preparation of your scholarship portfolio. You must adhere to the parameters outlined in the packet(including the order and number of pages). Portfolios that do not adhere to the parameters will not be accepted on turn-in-day.

In order to receive scholarships, you will need to complete a scholarship portfolio, attend the scholarship award ceremony, & write/submit thank you notes by specified deadlines. Scholarship money is sent directly to the educational institution and must be used for tuition, books or instructional fees ONLY. Any request for deferment of payment must be made in writing to the Peninsula Scholarship Committee by the specified on or before February 28th, 2022. All of this information can also be found at the Hawks Scholarship Fund link on the Peninsula High School website.

Disclaimer: The Community Readers are not affiliated with the scholarship committee or PHS staff. The Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund Committee (PHSFC) does not select the scholarship recipients, it oversees the program. The PHSFC is not a part of Peninsula School District. We work with PHS to assist students in submitting for scholarships through this program. As with any scholarship program, submitting a portfolio does not guarantee the receipt of a scholarship.


Preparing the Portfolio

START EARLY and put your portfolio together carefully. Your teachers, counselors, and members of the scholarship committee are willing to help you. We understand the importance of pursuing your dreams and life goals through education. PORTFOLIOS THAT DO NOT ADHERE TO THE PARAMETERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!

PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION:

You will be assembling 2 identical portfolios. A scholarship portfolio consists of a maximum of 6 page protectors (2 sides each). IT MUST BE ASSEMBLED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

****IMPORTANT** - Use standard margins on all documents to allow for portfolio binding. And use plain white printer paper ONLY (No card stock, photo paper or decorative papers).

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TITLE PAGE (page 1) - This page should include **only your name** and **one** current photograph of **only yourself**. Your picture is required to be 4"x 6" minimum, appropriate and copied onto regular paper, not taped on.

Name	<input type="radio"/>
Title this page Statement of Purpose	<input type="radio"/>
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (page 2) -

This essay is meant to reveal your direction in life in terms of who you are, where you are going, and how you are going to get there. Your essay may take any of several formats.

Possibilities:

- A story about an experience that made you realize who you are, what you stand for, and what you want to do with your life. The readers don't really want to know so much about the experience; they want to know why/how this experience affected you. Conclude your essay by connecting your experience to your future goals and aspirations.

- A straightforward essay about your goals and future career ideas. Include your plans for education, training, and how you will finance your education. If undecided, tell what you are leaning toward doing as a career. Describe any personal experiences that helped you decide what you want to do with your life.
- Title this paper, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE and type your name in the top right-hand corner (black ink only)

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TRANSCRIPT (page 3) - Leave this page blank.
The scholarship committee will add transcripts when they are available.

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PERSONAL DATA (page 4) - Follow the PERSONAL DATA (SAMPLE FORMAT) form found in the packet. It is important that it is accurate and reflects your activities for 9th thru 12th grade ONLY.

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2nd Letter of Recommendation	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (pages 5-6) -

Use the REQUEST FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION form found in your packet. Ask for letters of recommendation early. You will need to include TWO letters of recommendation in your portfolio. It is preferred to have only one letter from a PHS staff member and one letter from a person outside PHS (i.e. an employer, community/club sport or activity coach/leader) but not required. Keep a copy of your letters of recommendation as you may need them before your portfolios are returned to you.

PHOTO PAGES (pages 7-12) - Photocopy pictures of you participating in school & community sports & activities, volunteer service, work experience, interests/hobbies. Your photos should support what you have included throughout your portfolio.

- Photocopy your awards & honors certificates, sports letters, race numbers, medals/ribbons/trophies, & other certifications (i.e. SCUBA card).
- You may include photocopies of newspaper articles about you, your artwork or short original poems.
- DO NOT INCLUDE any poems, songs lyrics, or verses not written by you.
- Use plain white paper. No cardstock, photo or decorative paper. No taping originals on pages.
- You may use simple captions only. No journaling or long text.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED MATERIALS TO TURN IN ALONG WITH YOUR PORTFOLIOS:

- 2 extra copies of your Statement of Purpose
- 1 extra copy of your Personal Data Sheet
- Statement of Understanding/Release of Information with a parent/guardian signature (if you are under 18)
- Media Form
- Criteria Sheet - this is a two sided document