

# **APPLY TODAY!** 2021-22 PCC Foundation Scholarships

Applications open  
**December 1**

Apply at  
**[pcc.edu/foundation-scholarships](https://pcc.edu/foundation-scholarships)**

Most deadlines are  
**March 1\***

\*Please check individual scholarships for specific deadline

# PCC Foundation Scholarships

[scholarships@pcc.edu](mailto:scholarships@pcc.edu)

[www.pcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.pcc.edu/scholarships)

[www.pcc.edu/scholarship-guide](http://www.pcc.edu/scholarship-guide)





# PCC Foundation Scholarship

One application = 240+ scholarships

Over 1,600 recipients in 2020-2021

2.1 million dollars!!

Awards range from \$500-\$5,000 per year

Average award is \$1,500 (\$500 a term)



# PCC Foundation Application Deadline

PCC Foundation Scholarship Application opens 12/1/2020

Deadline for \*most\* scholarships is 3/1/2021

No preference for completing early

Students are notified early June through their PCC email



# PCC Foundation Scholarships can pay for:

- PCC tuition
  - PCC fees
- Books through the PCC Bookstore
  - Some other educational expenses/equipment





# Other scholarship opportunities

## OSAC

[www.oregonstudentaid.gov](http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov)

Application opens November 1<sup>st</sup>

Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm

Early bird deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

These can pay for any college costs (less restrictive)



# Other scholarship opportunities

## OSAC

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Grants:

Oregon Opportunity Grant

Oregon Promise Grant

Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance



# Other scholarship opportunities

# OSAC

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Available for:  
Current high school  
Current college students  
Foster Youth  
Students with Disabilities  
DACA or Undocumented Students





# Private scholarships available to PCC students

[Private scholarship List](#)

Deadlines throughout the year  
Specific categories available

External list is maintained by the PCC Career Centers



# Oregon Promise Grant



**Apply Now!**

**OregonStudentAid.gov**



**Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition at any Oregon community college for recent high school and GED® test graduates.**



Recent Oregon high school or GED® test graduate

**2.50+  
GPA**

2.50 cumulative GPA or higher



Attend Oregon community college within 6 months of graduation



Oregon resident at least 12 months prior to attending college

*Your eligibility may also be determined by your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC criteria are subject to change. Check website for details.*






# Deadlines/Requirements

You must complete the FAFSA or ORSAA

List at least one community college on the application

Complete the Oregon Promise Grant application by the deadline

<b>Find Your Deadline:</b>  <small>Deadline is 5pm (PST or PDT). If deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it automatically extends to 5pm on the following business day.</small>	<b>I am graduating from:</b>	<b>I am graduating during this time:</b>	<b>DEADLINE to complete both: Oregon Promise App. &amp; FAFSA or ORSAA</b>	<b>You must start community college by this term:</b>
	<b>High School</b> or Home School	March 1 – June 30	<b>June 1</b>	Fall
		July 1 – Nov. 30	Nov. 1	Winter
		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Feb. 1	Spring
	<b>GED®</b> Program	March 1 – June 30	<b>July 10</b>	Fall
		July 1 – Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	March 10	Spring

# What does it pay for? How do I keep it?

- \* Any remaining tuition balance after scholarships and financial aid
  - \* If all tuition is paid then you get \$1,000
    - \* Up to 90 college credits
    - \* Must renew for the second year
  - \* Must be enrolled in at least 6 credits per term





# The Ford Family Foundation Scholarships

<https://www.tfff.org/>

[Ford Scholars](#)

[Ford Transfer](#)

[Ford ReStart](#)

[Ford Sons & Daughters](#)



# Eligibility for PCC Foundation Scholarships

Attending PCC during  
Summer 2021-Spring 2022

2.0 minimum GPA  
(but even if your GPA is lower, should apply anyway)

Half-time status while receiving a scholarship



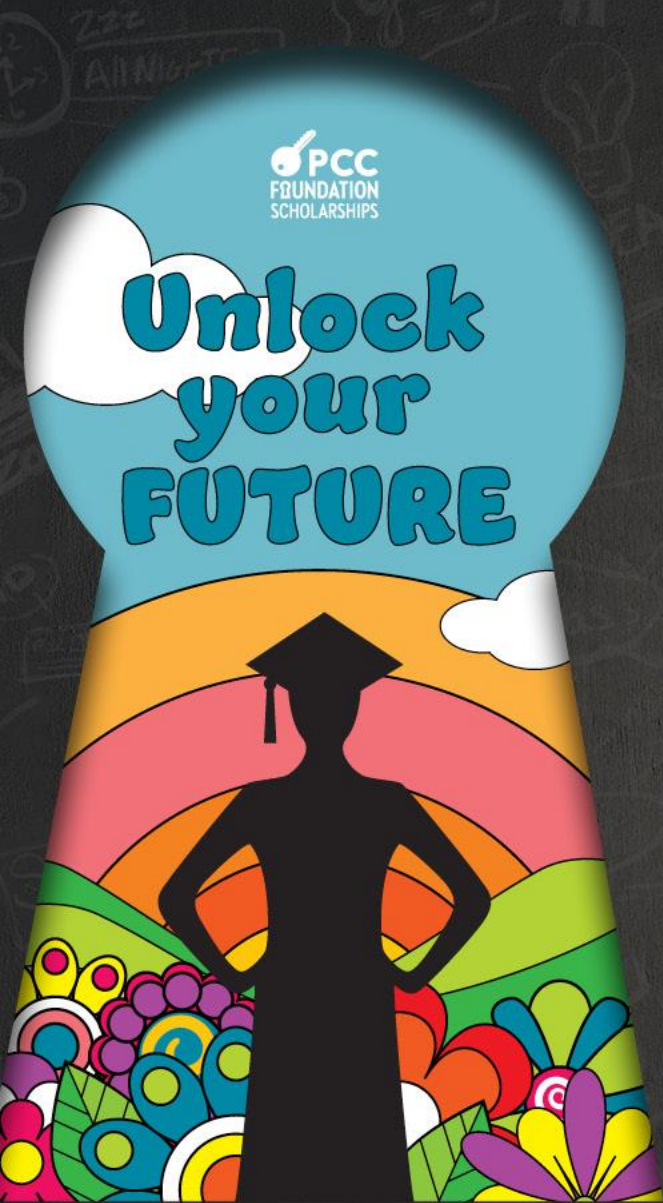


Scholarships:  
What are we looking for?

Scholarship committees are looking at the *whole* student

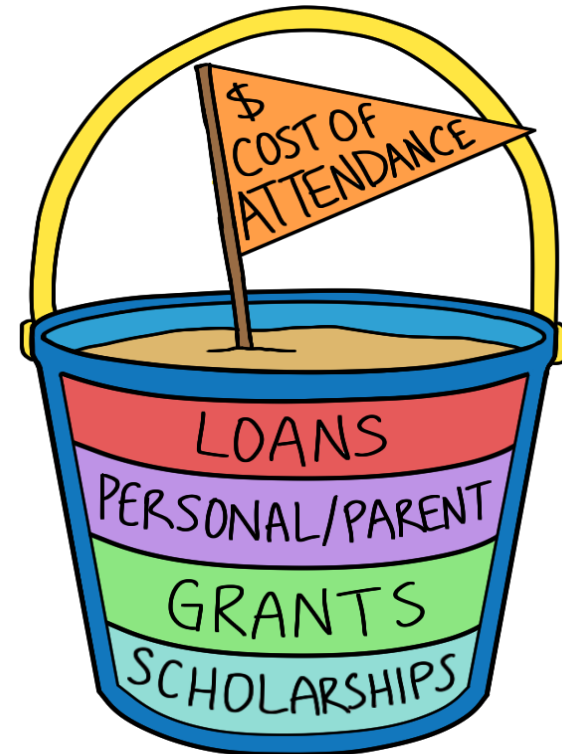
GPA  
Life story, life experience  
Major  
Volunteer/work experience  
References  
Career goal/educational plan





# How do scholarships work if I get financial aid?

- Think of your tuition and costs as a bucket. Then you fill it with free money first, then loans. Understand loans before you take them (subsidized vs. unsubsidized) and repayment plans.





# Reviewing scholarship applications

Each application is reviewed by 2 trained employees or volunteers for PCC Foundation General Scholarships and those scores are averaged.

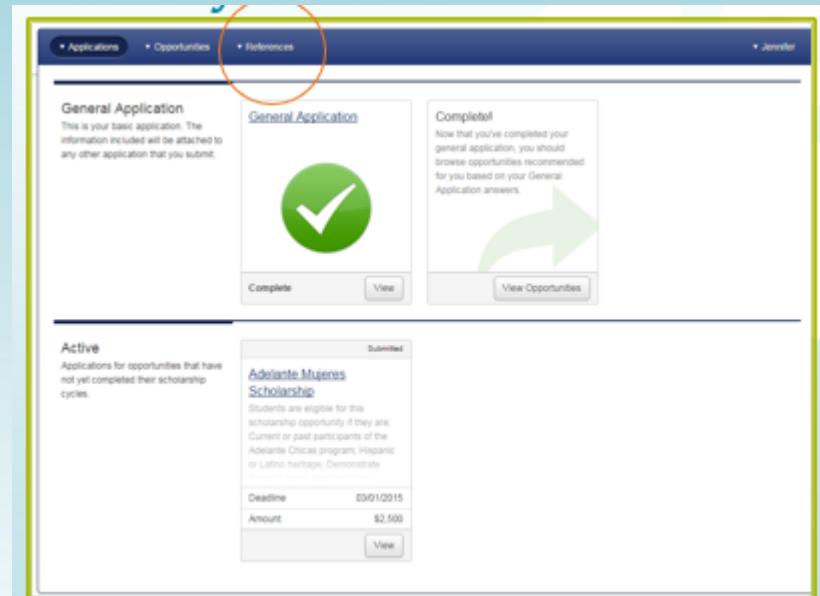
PCC Scholarship Officer reviews letters of recommendation and verifies that a students are qualified for each application pool before awarding

Some “apply to” opportunities are narrowed to a finalist pool and reviewed by appointed committees



# Your dashboard

You can see if your application is complete and if your reference has been submitted through your dashboard.





# The pieces of a scholarship application

1. PCC Admissions
2. Three personal essays
3. One professional/academic reference
4. Financial documentation (to be considered for financial need scholarships)

You can work on these steps anytime during the application cycle, not necessarily in order



# College admissions

You must be admitted to PCC to apply for scholarships (G# required). If you are already taking classes, this step is already done. If not, [www.pcc.edu/admissions](http://www.pcc.edu/admissions)

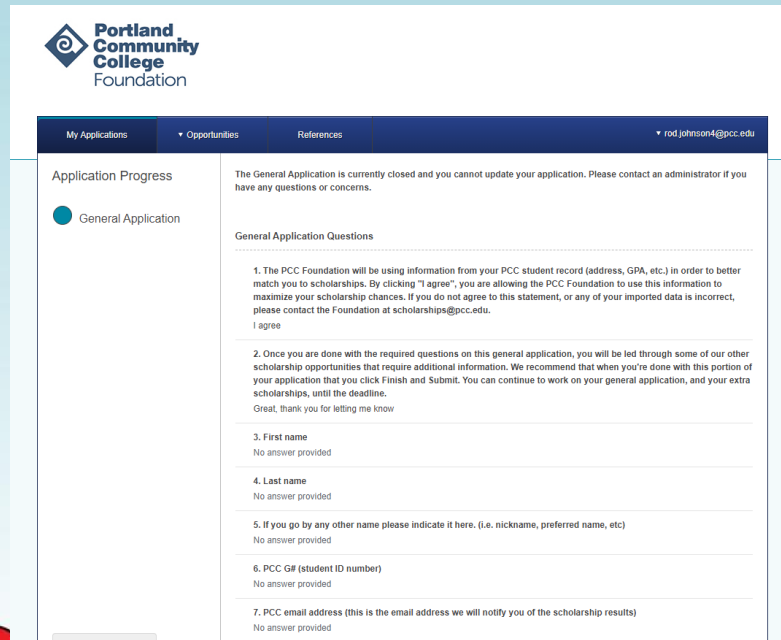
If you think you'll attend a different college next year then you need to apply at that school for their scholarships.





# The application

The PCC Foundation application asks a lot of basic questions about you. Based on your answers to those questions, we are automatically matching you to the general scholarships you qualify for, to save you time!



The screenshot shows the Portland Community College Foundation application interface. At the top, the logo for the Portland Community College Foundation is displayed. Below the logo, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "My Applications", "Opportunities", and "References". The user's email address, "rod.johnson4@pcc.edu", is shown in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Application Progress" and shows a progress bar with a single step labeled "General Application". Below this, a message states: "The General Application is currently closed and you cannot update your application. Please contact an administrator if you have any questions or concerns." The "General Application Questions" section contains seven numbered questions, each with a text input field and a "No answer provided" status. The questions are: 1. A statement about the PCC Foundation using student record information for scholarship matching, with a checkbox for "I agree". 2. A statement about the user being led through other scholarship opportunities after completing the general application, with a text input field. 3. "First name" with a text input field. 4. "Last name" with a text input field. 5. "If you go by any other name please indicate it here. (i.e. nickname, preferred name, etc)" with a text input field. 6. "PCC GR (student ID number)" with a text input field. 7. "PCC email address (this is the email address we will notify you of the scholarship results)" with a text input field.

Portland Community College Foundation

My Applications Opportunities References rod.johnson4@pcc.edu

Application Progress

General Application

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General Application Questions

1. The PCC Foundation will be using information from your PCC student record (address, GPA, etc.) in order to better match you to scholarships. By clicking "I agree", you are allowing the PCC Foundation to use this information to maximize your scholarship chances. If you do not agree to this statement, or any of your imported data is incorrect, please contact the Foundation at scholarships@pcc.edu.  
I agree

2. Once you are done with the required questions on this general application, you will be led through some of our other scholarship opportunities that require additional information. We recommend that when you're done with this portion of your application that you click Finish and Submit. You can continue to work on your general application, and your extra scholarships, until the deadline.  
Great, thank you for letting me know

3. First name  
No answer provided

4. Last name  
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# References (only 1 for general application)

## How to do this

- Enter their name and email into your scholarship application (make sure you have it 100% correct)
- They receive an email from the system
- Follow up that they received it
- Follow up that they complete it
- If your reference is not submitted by the application deadline your application will be considered incomplete and won't be reviewed
- Send a thank you email/card to your reference when they are done

## Who to ask?

- Professional or Academic only
  - Teachers
  - Advisors
  - Program directors
  - Mentors
  - Coaches
  - Volunteer supervisors
  - Work supervisors
- **NO friends or family members**





To be considered for financial need scholarships you must complete one of these:

# FAFSA

- Complete your [FAFSA](#) as soon as you can
- PCC Foundation will receive the results from Financial Aid

## Financial Worksheet

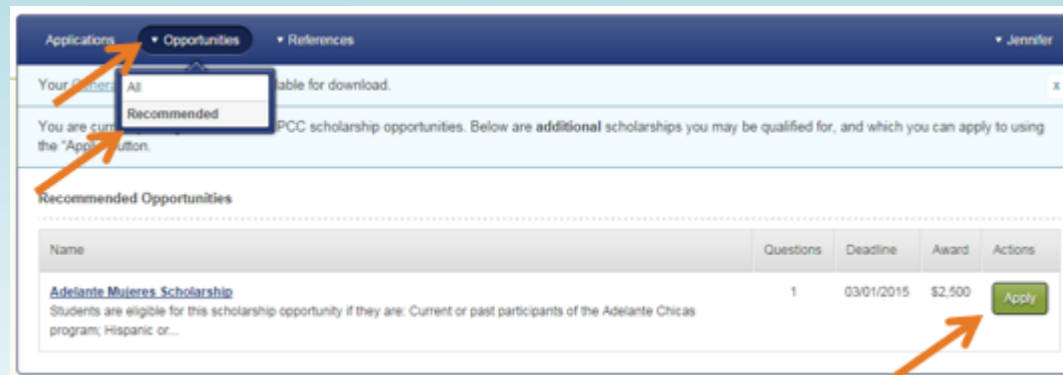
(mainly intended for International students)

- If you are not eligible for the FAFSA or ORSAA – PCC Foundation offers a financial worksheet instead.
- Financial Worksheet
- Fill it out
- Upload it to your general scholarship application

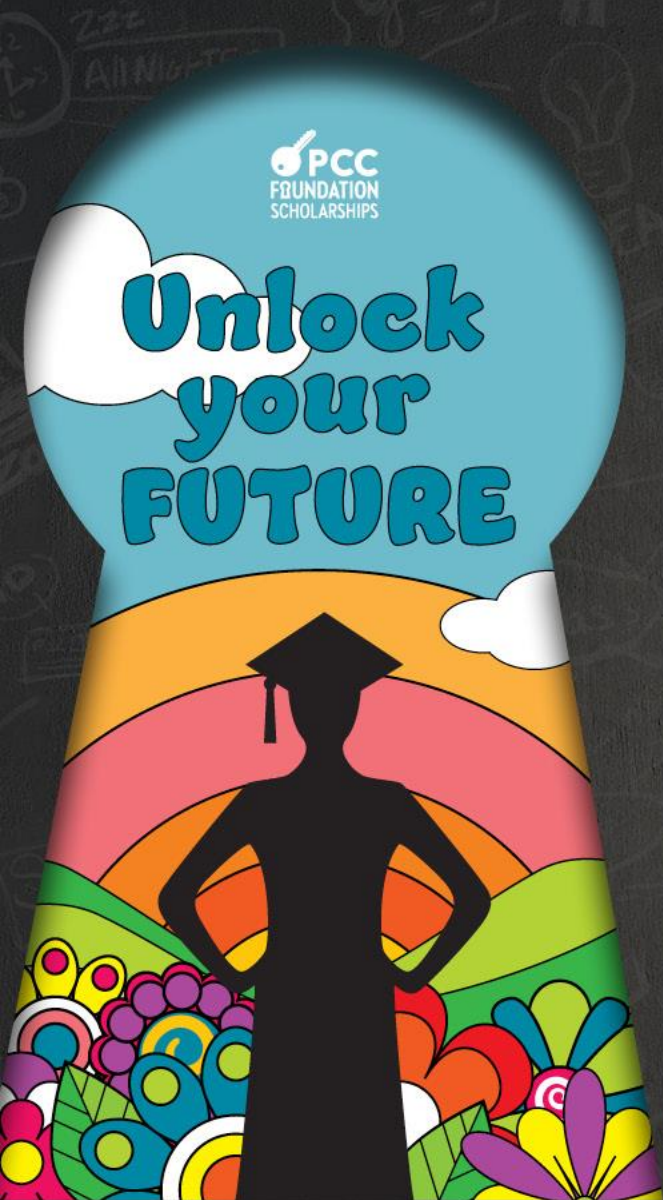


# Optional opportunities

Some scholarships within the application require more information or additional questions to be considered for them. These will be recommended based upon the answers in your general application.







# Your essays

- PCC Foundation
  - 350 word limit
  - Save a copy of your essays
  - Get feedback on your essays
    - Writing center
    - Tutoring Center
    - Advisor/teacher
    - Peer mentors

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54. Essay 1: Explain your career goals and your educational plan to meet these goals. What inspired you to choose this field of study and career? (Limit to 350 words.)

No answer provided

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55. Essay 2: Describe a significant challenge or change that has happened in your life in the last ten years. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself? (Limit to 350 words.)

No answer provided

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56. Essay 3: What have you done for your family or community that you care about the most and why? (350 word limit)

No answer provided

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# Essays in detail

What are we looking for in each of your essays?





# Career and education essay

- Explain your career goals and your education plan to meet those goals. What inspired you to choose this field of study and career?
- Detailed career goal
- Clear educational plan
- What inspired you?



# Challenge essay

- Describe a significant challenge or change that has occurred in your life in the last ten years. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself?
- Focus on one topic
- Focus on what you learned about yourself
- How will this make you successful in the future?





# Freeform essay

- What have you done for your family or community that you care about the most and why?
- List one thing
- Why is it important to you?
- Why is this important in regards to your scholarship application?



# Final tips

Check your spelling and grammar

Don't talk about too many topics

Be detailed

No texting language

Be personal

Start and submit ahead well ahead of the deadline!

We do not review late applications

Letters of reference must also be submitted before the 3/1/2021 deadline





# Keep applying

Even if you don't get something, or if you do, apply for scholarships each year. It's a skill that you will get better with each time.

