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2019-2020 Scholarship and Educational Grant Frequently Asked Questions

If I am attending school part time can I apply?

- If you are an alumna in good standing and attending school part time for the full 2019-2020 academic year you may only apply for the educational grants for part-time alumnae students.

Is a sister able to receive a scholarship if she will be graduating fall 2019 (December), and will not be attending graduate school?

- A sister must be enrolled fall 2019 through spring 2020 to receive a scholarship/educational grant, so unfortunately sisters graduating in fall 2019 will **not** be eligible for a scholarship. Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the college or university where a sister is enrolled by January, 2020.

Is a sister eligible to receive a scholarship if she will be transferring to a different college after fall semester 2019 (she will be at a different college spring 2020)? If so, can she apply for the alumnae scholarships/educational grants as well?

- A sister can receive a scholarship if she will be transferring to a different college/university in spring 2020. However, if a sister transfers, she must notify the Foundation of her new school and the appropriate financial aid contacts so we can mail her scholarship or grant check. Even though a sister who has transferred may have been granted alumna status by the Fraternity, as long as she is still finishing her undergraduate degree she will only be eligible for scholarships or grants that are designated for collegians.

For an educational grant, why do you have to submit 2017 tax returns?

- Tax records for 2018 are due to the IRS after our deadline for scholarship applications. Therefore, we need the 2017 records that were filed in 2018.

Are new members able to apply for Foundation scholarships?

- Members must be initiated by March 24 to be able to apply for scholarships. Your new members who are not initiated by this date will be eligible next year.



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I am a student in a special time to degree (3/4 time) program. Am I eligible to apply for Foundation scholarships?

- Our requirements are that collegians are full time while pursuing their degrees. Universities can define "full time" in different ways so if your particular university considers your program to be full time you are eligible to apply for a scholarship or educational grant.
- If you are an alumna in good standing and attending school part time (as defined by your university) you are eligible to apply for the part time educational grants only.
- Currently all of our scholarships requirements are such that alumnae must be full time while pursuing their degrees. Universities can define "full time" in different ways so if your particular university considers your program to be full time you are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Are sisters who are currently sophomores able to apply for the junior scholarships if they will be juniors next year?

- Women who are sophomores this year can apply for scholarships that are designated for juniors and seniors if they will be a junior or senior in the fall and will be a full time student in spring 2020.

If I am planning on attending graduate school but have not yet received my acceptance letter, am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

- Yes. Please complete the entire application, with the exception of your letter of acceptance to graduate school, and upload it to your application by the March 24 deadline. We can extend the deadline for your letter of acceptance until June 1. As soon as you are accepted, please notify us by email and we can upload your letter to your application as soon as you receive it.

Who should complete my recommendation form if my chapter does not have a chapter key advisor or if I am in graduate school?

- Sisters in this situation may have the recommendation form completed by anyone she would like. The form does not have to be completed by a Phi Sigma Sigma member. Be sure your recommendation is from someone that can speak to the questions on the form. In the past, sisters have sent recommendation forms completed by professors, supervisors, fellow alumnae or alumnae chapter members, etc.

Is there a minimum chapter donation in order for a chapter member to be eligible or does the chapter just have to make a donation?

- At this time, a chapter donation is not required for a sister to be eligible for a scholarship.



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I have an unofficial transcript or access to my electronic transcript. Can I submit one of these?

- We must have your unofficial or official transcript to consider your application complete. These need to arrive by the deadline of March 24. You will need to request an unofficial or official transcript be mailed from your college or university.

Transcripts should be mailed to:

Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
8178 Lark Brown Road, Suite 202
Elkridge, MD 21075

Would it be okay if the recommendation form comes in after the scholarship deadline?

- No, we are not able to extend the deadline. Please be sure to plan ahead and provide plenty of advance notice to those completing your recommendation form.

If I am a graduate student and applied last year, do I need to mail another undergraduate transcript?

- If you applied last year and mailed your undergraduate transcript, you do not need to mail another one.

Who should I contact if I have a question that hasn't been answered here?

- Please contact the Foundation at foundation@phisigmasigma.org.