Pharos Academy Charter School 2024 Scholarship Award

Details

The Pharos Academy Charter School (PHACS) 2024 Scholarship Award is a financial award that will be presented to the scholar that best embodies the qualities of a Pharos Academy Charter School scholar.

Award(s)

Award One:

• \$1,500 to be awarded to the winning scholar for each year they are enrolled in post-secondary education, up to a maximum of four years (maximum total amount of the award will be \$6,000)

Award Two:

- \$1,500 to be awarded to the winning scholar for each year they are enrolled in post-secondary education, up to a maximum of four years (maximum total amount of the award will be \$6,000) via the Roberto Granado scholarship
- Career guidance and mentoring to the recipients by a PHACS Board member

Award Three:

- \$500 to be awarded to the winning scholar for each year they are enrolled in post-secondary education, up to a maximum of four years (maximum total amount of the award will be \$2,000) via the Cortevo scholarship
- Award will go to a scholar pursuing studies/a career in STEM

Requirements

All applicants must:

- be a senior enrolled at Pharos Academy Charter School
- have filed their FAFSA paperwork at the time of submission
- have applied to a post-secondary education opportunity
- be in good standing as a PHACS scholar (2.5 or higher GPA)
- adhere to the process as described below

Prompt

Pharos is the ancient greek word for "beacon of light". Nelson Mandela once said: "And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same". We believe that scholars will leave these doors and light up the world around them. You have learned the skills of communication, intellectual curiosity and problem solving. How will you use these principles to make a difference in your community? What does it mean to you to let your light shine brightly?

We want you to express yourself but efficiency is also important in communication. We recommend 1-2 pages (500 - 1000 words) typed.

Process

Date	Stage	Note(s)
April 2024	Board finalizes Scholarship Award details	
May 2024	Opportunity is shared with PHACS scholars via Parent Square and is reinforced in their Advisory	A ParentSquare message with the application link will be shared with all seniors by the school's Chief Operations Officer
May 27. 2024	Scholar applications are due at 4:00 p.m.	
May 28. 2024 through	Scholarship sub-committee reviews	TS, SB, SS, TP, JS

June 7, 2024	applications received and selects five finalists	
June 10, 2024	Scholarship sub-committee shares finalist information with the Board via email	
Week of June 10, 2024	Five finalists are contacted via email informing them of their status	PHACS' Chief Operations Officer contacts finalists
June 20, 2024	Five finalists attend the June 2024 PHACS Board meeting via Zoom	Five finalists attend the PHACS June Board meeting (ten minutes each) to respond to the following prompt and answer questions the Board has for them Prompt: Tell us about a personal difficulty or obstacle that you've overcome to achieve a goal or solve a problem that
		seemed unachievable or unsolvable
June 21, 2024	Winner(s) are notified via phone call from Board Chair and/or Principal	
June 2024	Winner(s) are formally recognized at the PHACS graduation ceremony	