



PENNSYLVANIA HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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PHSA Head Start Alumni Scholarship, High School Senior

The PHSA Head Start Alumni Scholarship winner will receive \$1,000 check to be used for their post -secondary education.

Award specific criteria:

- The nominee must have attended Head Start/Early Head Start program for one or more years.
- The nominee must be scheduled to graduate from High School and submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition, and or books.

Paper work:

1. The nominee must submit a nomination form from their Local Head Start program (see attached form)
2. The nominee must submit two letters of reference from two people who know the nominee as a student (school personnel preferred), and as a member of or volunteer in the community. Judges will rate the overall effectiveness of the letters. Applications that do not include two references will not be considered for this award. (20 points)
3. **Personal Statement:** Nominees must provide a written personal statement that includes all 3 of the following elements. Points allotted for each element appear below:
 - a. **Biographical Sketch:** Key details about the nominee and his/her family, connection to Head Start and current educational environment. (20 points)
 - b. **Special contributions:** Describe activities contributed by the student to the local program or community as volunteer, (30 points)
 - c. **Educational goals:** The applicant should write a statement of personal goals no more than 200 words in length. (30 points)

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

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