Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Guidelines

Governing Statements for All Categories of Awards

- All policies, procedures and guidelines must be followed in order for the nomination to be considered for juried review for the award.
- Applicants are allowed to submit to only one award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship per year review cycle.
- The Awards and Recognition Committee reserves the right not to choose a recipient for an award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship if jurors do not find a worthy applicant.
- A graduate fellowship and/or scholarship recipient cannot re-apply for any graduate fellowship scholarship the succeeding year following acceptance of funds from a graduate fellowship or scholarship funds from a graduate fellowship or scholarship.

The Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (PAFCS) will award one $250 scholarship for undergraduate education to a graduating high school senior who is entering a Family and Consumer Sciences related major.

Eligibility:
Before completing a fellowship application, a potential applicant should consider the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Applicant has applied and been accepted to a college or university in Pennsylvania to pursue a major in family and consumer sciences or related specialized program at the undergraduate level.
- Applicant will be a Freshman in the Fall of scholarship year.
- Applicant has clear professional goals.

Applicants who meet all requirements for the scholarship are eligible to apply but are not guaranteed financial assistance.

Preferences will be given to individuals who are interested in making a contribution to the family and consumer sciences profession in Pennsylvania or the United States.

The scholarship will be awarded only if qualified applicants are identified. Only qualified applicants with scores of 80% or more on the rubric will be considered. The applicant with the highest score will be awarded the fellowship.

Application Process:
To apply for the Incoming Freshman Scholarship Award, complete and submit by email to paafcs@gmail.com no later than midnight, January 10 of the scholarship year.
Read the Incoming Freshman Scholarship Guidelines.

1. Complete the online application process that includes:
   a. A statement of your professional goals and how you expect to contribute to the family and consumer sciences profession (minimum of 200 words but no more than 300 words).
   b. List participation in other extracurricular activities during your high school career and indicate any leadership roles and the duties performed (include high school, community and religious activities)
   c. List any honors, awards or scholarships you have received during your high school career (indicate the name of the award, honor, or scholarship and the date received).
   d. List any employment that you have had while a high school student. Include dates, name of employer and type of employment.
2. Ask a **maximum of three** (3) individuals (**one (1) should be a FACS teacher if possible**) to complete the Incoming Freshman Scholarship Recommendation Form (found in the Awards section of the PAFCS website) and return it to you to attach to the online application.

3. Attach an official transcript of your high school record to date or electronic facsimile of an official transcript.

4. Attach a letter of acceptance to a 4-year college or university in Pennsylvania for study in Family and Consumer Sciences or related area.

Complete and submit the interactive PAFCS FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP application online. Upload no later than **midnight of January 10 or earlier**.

The completed online application includes the following:

- **A.** Up to three (3) completed recommendation forms (**one should be from a FACS teacher/advisor; none may be from family members**). [Scan if necessary, and upload]
- **B.** Official transcript of your high school academic record to date [scan if necessary, and upload]
- **C.** Letter of acceptance to a 4-year college or university in Pennsylvania [scan if necessary, and upload]

Please keep hard or digital copies of all materials submitted to PAFCS; materials will not be returned to applicants.

**Review Process**

Jurors selected by the PAFCS Internal Relations Committee review the applications online and assign points using the Evaluation Criteria (see section title Evaluation Criteria). Individuals who apply for the PAFCS INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP and individuals who write a letter of recommendation for a current applicant cannot serve as jurors for scholarships. Additionally, jurors cannot judge applications from family members, their current students, students at their own institution, applicants who have the same employer, or any applicant for whom there may be potential conflict of interest. An individual who has been nominated and/or applied for an award, fellowship, or scholarship shall not serve as a juror for any award, fellowship, or scholarship during the period of time in which her/his own nomination or application is being judged.

The scholarship recipient will be announced in the spring of the year awarded.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

The PAFCS Incoming Freshman Scholarship is awarded for the **sole** purpose of providing financial support for the academic study in a field of family and consumer sciences. The following will be the responsibilities of those who are chosen to receive the PAFCS Incoming Freshman Scholarship:

- Scholarship funds will be sent to a university scholarship officer, who will disburse the scholarship award as designated in the acceptance forms that must be completed by the PAFCS INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP recipient.
- The scholarship officer will confirm enrollment status in the fall prior to disbursing scholarship funds.
- At the end of the academic year, the student is required to submit a brief email report that indicates how the PAFCS INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP funds were used.
In 2019, the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (PAFCS) will award one $500 scholarship for undergraduate education to a freshman in FCS.

Applicants for the scholarship must:
- Be attending a college or university in Pennsylvania
- Be a baccalaureate student
- Be majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences related discipline
- Be entering his/her freshman year of college as of September 2019
- Have clear professional goals

Application forms are available on the PAFCS website (www.pafcs.org)

Completed applications materials (3 copies of application form, transcripts and recommendation forms) must be postmarked by January 10 of the award year.
PAFCS Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application

This application must be accompanied by a transcript of your high school record to date. Enclose a letter of acceptance to a Pennsylvania 4 year college.

Applicant name:_____________________________________________________
Last                        First                          Middle

Phone Number:_________________Email:__________________________________

Parent’s Names_______________________________________________________

Parent’s Address:_______________________________________________________

City:________________________________State___________ Zip Code__________

College major: _______________________________________________________

Grade point average (indicate type of scale, 4.0, 5.0, etc.)

Overall___________ Family and Consumer Sciences Average_______________

Please list extracurricular activities in which you have participated while in high school (include community, religious, and college activities):

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<th>Activity/organization</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Leadership Roles</th>
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Indicate any honors, awards, or scholarships you have received:

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Description of award, honor, or scholarships</th>
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Indicate the STAR events that you have participated in. Indicate your FCCLA leadership roles.

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**Employment:**

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In a statement of at least 200, but no more than 300 words, provide your professional goals and how you think you can contribute to the Family and Consumer Sciences profession. Please type your response and attach it to this application.

How long have you been a member of FCCLA? ________________________________

I hereby make application for the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Incoming Freshman Scholarship.

Your signature ________________________________ Date ____________________

Have your FCS teacher sign and date the following statement:

The above student is worthy of scholarship assistance. I recommend him/her for the PAFCS Freshman Scholarship.

Signature________________________________________ Date ________

Please submit your application and transcript by email to paaafcs@gmail.com
All scholarship application materials must be postmarked by January 10 of the award year.

Ask three persons, at least one of whom is your FCS teacher and one whom is your FCCLA advisor, to fill out and email the form to paaafcs@gmail.com
Reference forms must be postmarked by January 10 of the award year. List the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the individuals below:

Name #1 ______________________________________________________________
Title _________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________
Telephone number ___________________ Email ___________________________

Name #2 _____________________________________________________________
Title _________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________
Telephone number ___________________ Email ___________________________

Name #3 _____________________________________________________________
Title _________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________
Telephone number ___________________ Email ___________________________
RECOMMENDATION FORM
Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Incoming Freshman Scholarship

Name of applicant_______________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant?____________________________

In what capacity have you known the applicant?______________________

What have you found the applicant’s outstanding qualities to be?________

What have you found the applicant’s major interests to be?

Why are you recommending the applicant for a PAFCS scholarship?

Other comments you would like to make:

Signature______________________________________________Date________
Position___________________________________________________
Address_____________________________________________________
Telephone Number____________________________________________
Email_______________________________________________________

INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL
REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION CONTACT LISTS

We will design publicity for the conference and local newspapers for all award recipients. Provide names and contact information below for your local newspaper(s) so publicity can be quickly facilitated.

Newspaper(s) Name ______________________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________________________
Email contact _____________________________________________________________________________
Contact name (if available) __________________________________________________________________

If you are an award recipient, we will contact you at that time to request an electronic picture to use in that publicity.

List the name(s) and contact information for any supervisors, directors or superintendents/ principals to whom announcement letters could be sent if you become an award recipient.

1. Name: ________________________________________________________________________________
   Title: _________________________________________________________________________________
   Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
   Phone _________________________________________________________________________________
   Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

2. Name: ________________________________________________________________________________
   Title: _________________________________________________________________________________
   Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
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3. Name: ________________________________________________________________________________
   Title: _________________________________________________________________________________
   Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
   Phone _________________________________________________________________________________
   Email: ________________________________________________________________________________
Applications will be evaluated online using the point system outlined below and can be awarded no more than 100 points, except if bonus points are given, in which case 105 points are the maximum that can be awarded. Guidelines as to what jurors may consider for each criterion are listed for clarity in preparing the application and consistency in judging applications.

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<td>Evaluation of Applicant’s recommendations</td>
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<td>Ability to pursue undergraduate study</td>
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<td>Accepted for enrollment in a college/university in Pennsylvania for undergraduate study in Family and Consumer Sciences</td>
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<td>Extra curricular participation in school, community and religious organizations that demonstrate potential for future leadership</td>
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<td>Experience in relation to preparation for study in proposed field.</td>
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<td>Professional Goals</td>
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<td>Evidence of professional commitment and leadership.</td>
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<td>Special recognition and awards</td>
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**BONUS POINTS**
As of the due date of the application, applicant has been a member of FCCLA

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- For up to two years. 3*  
- For two or more years. 5*  

**TOTAL POSSIBLE** 105  

**Partial points are not awarded for membership.**

Recommend for the scholarship _____ Yes _____ No

Comments to be shared with other jurors:

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