

PAFCOM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025 APPLICATION FORM



RATIONALE:

The **PAFCOM Scholarship Award** is a distinguished honor recognizing **graduating senior high school students** who have **demonstrated exemplary academic performance and leadership**. This scholarship is open to graduating students of Filipino descent currently enrolled in any institution across **New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut**. Through this award, PAFCOM seeks to celebrate and empower exceptional students, inspiring the Filipino youth in the Tri-State area to strive for excellence in their education and leadership endeavors.

To support long-term academic success, the PAFCOM Scholarship Committee will select a candidate who may continue receiving the scholarship until graduation, provided they consistently meet the program's academic and leadership requirements.

WHO CAN APPLY?

1. **Eligibility:** Open to Filipino, Filipino-American, or Filipino descent who are graduating senior high school students enrolled in any institution across New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut, or Tri-State area residents attending school out of state.
2. **Commitment:** Applicants must demonstrate a strong dedication to completing their academic degree within the specified time frame.

WHAT TO SUBMIT FOR THIS APPLICATION?

Please ensure that your application includes the following documents:

1. **Official high school transcript** – A copy of your academic records.
2. **Standardized test scores** – Copies of your **PSAT/SAT/ACT/Regents scores** (if applicable).
3. **Letter of recommendation** – Must be from one of the following: **principal, guidance counselor, adviser, or teacher**.
4. **Passport-size photo** – Most recent.
5. **Personal essay (350 words)** – Written on the theme:
"Bridging Two Worlds: My Filipino Identity and the Pursuit of My American Dream."

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Academic Performance	-----	25%
Leadership Roles and Responsibilities	-----	20%
Honors and Awards	-----	20%
Financial Need	-----	15%
Interview	-----	10%
<u>Essay</u>	-----	10%
Total	-----	100%

Key Dates:

Application and requirements deadline: May 03, 2025

Preliminary screening based on the submitted documents: May 10, 2025

Interview (Virtual/In-person): May 17, 2025

Announcement of winners: June 12, 2025

Awarding ceremony: June 22, 2024, during PAFCOM's Festival
at Lincoln Park, Jersey City

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the Application form ONLINE at <https://forms.gle/zFMzSuPniGptX55P8>
Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online. However, if you choose to fill out the form and mail it, please follow the instructions below.
2. Fill out this form completely using black or blue ink.
3. Submit this original copy to PAFCOM, Inc. on or before April 19, 2025, at
ATTN: PAFCOM SCHOLARSHIP
703 Ridgedale Ave, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
4. Type or print and use additional sheets as necessary. Do not leave any entries blank (use N/A if not applicable)
5. Falsification or misrepresentation of information stated in the application form or any of the following documents submitted will result in automatic disqualification.

I. Applicant's Personal Information		
Name of Applicant:		
Age:		
Sex:		
Date of Birth:		
Home Address:		
Email Address:		
II. Educational Background		
Current High School:		
School Address:		
College/University You Will Attend:		
Intended Field of Study/bachelor's degree:		
III. Household Information		
Total Number of Household Members:		

Number of Siblings Currently in College:	
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IV. APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PROFILE

Academic
 GPA: Rank in Class: Number of Graduates:
 Standardized Test Scores: PSAT: SAT: ACT: REGENTS:

Honors and Awards

1. This section shall only include academic honors and awards from academic institutions, organizations, and contests.
2. Please arrange chronologically and enclose copies of supporting documents.
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4. You may add more rows if needed.

Awards/Citations/Honors	Conferred by	Date Conferred

V. APPLICANT'S LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT PROFILE

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities and Awards

This section should include only **co-curricular and extracurricular** activities, programs, projects, or organizations in which the applicant has been involved, such as **student government, academic-related organizations, clubs, or school-based volunteer organizations**.

1. **Eligible Activities** – List only **co-curricular and extra-curricular** activities, programs, projects, or organizations you have actively participated in. Examples include **student government, academic organizations, school clubs, and school-based volunteer initiatives**.
2. **Eligible Awards** – Include recognition in **leadership, student service, debate, performing arts, and sports**.
3. **Documentation & Organization** – Arrange entries **chronologically** and attach **supporting**

documents such as **certificates, news articles, or photocopies of awards/plaques** as proof of participation and achievement.

4. You may add more rows if needed.

Co/Extra-Curricular Activity/Position	School/Organization	Dates

VI. APPLICANT'S CHARACTER AND VALUES PROFILE

1. **Application essay** – The applicant must write a 250-word essay explaining why they believe they deserve to be chosen for the scholarship. The letter should highlight academic achievements, leadership roles, community involvement, future aspirations, and financial needs.
2. **Recommendation Letter (ONLY ONE)** – A written recommendation from someone with deep knowledge of the applicant's background (e.g., principal, guidance counselor, adviser, or teacher). The letter should provide specific reasons and insights into the applicant's qualities, achievements, and suitability as a scholarship recipient. Relatives may not serve as recommenders.

Essay (350 words)

"Bridging Two Worlds: My Filipino Identity and the Pursuit of My American Dream."

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