

Frequently Asked Questions- Scholarships

I will not be seeing my clinic doctor before the August 31st deadline for the scholarship. Am I still eligible for the scholarship?

Answer: Yes. You just need to call your clinic and request to have them send us the form directly; they will verify that you have been to clinic within the last year to be eligible. We have provided the clinics with the forms. In this event, we do not require this sheet to be signed by you as well.

I was a recipient of the PKU Scholarship last year. Can I apply again or am I eligible this year?

Answer: No. If you received the scholarship last year, you may apply again the next year. You are eligible to win the scholarship every other year.

What are you looking for in a good scholarship application?

Answer: Most importantly, we are looking for completeness. We ask you make sure you have completed all parts of the application which include the application sheet, the medical release from your clinic, the personal essay, and proof of enrollment in classes and residence. **All parts of the application must be completed and mailed/emailed by August 31st.**

We are looking for a thoughtful personal essay that describes you and how your PKU or allied disorder has impacted your life. We would like to know what your future plans and aspirations are. These ideas should be included in the essay. Essays should be approximately one page in length.

What type/kind of school do I need to be attending to qualify for the scholarship?

Answer: Any ongoing education is acceptable. Examples- college degree, vocational or trade school, Associates Degree, Masters Degree, etc. You are eligible for the scholarship if you are a part time or full time student.

I am an Illinois resident and attending school out of state, am I still eligible to win?

Answer: Yes- as long as you are still being since at an Illinois PKU clinic at least once a year. Additionally, if you have moved to Illinois for school and are now attending an IL PKU clinic you are eligible as well. We require an ID for the application, if you do not have a IL ID please use an IL issued ID card, IE school ID, Library Card, etc.

How do I show proof of enrollment?

Answer: You need to submit a copy of your upcoming class schedule and/ or letter from your vocational school that you are attending.

How will winners be notified?

Answer: Winners of the scholarships will be notified by mail and email. Winners will also be recognized at the Annual Meeting in November to receive their scholarships.

If you have any other questions, please contact the PKU Organization of Illinois. Please also visit our website which has the all documents you will need to complete the application. www.pkUIL.org and click on the events tab at the top of the web page.