2014 Scholarship Application

Priority Deadline: Spring 2014 - December 6, 2013
(applications considered until all funds have been awarded)

Applying for a PSC Foundation Scholarship:
The PSC Foundation believes each student must assume some portion of educational costs so most awards given by the Foundation are for partial costs. This permits assistance to the maximum number of PSC students. Foundation scholarships are only for credit courses.

1. Student must be registered for PSC credit courses.

2. Foundation awards cannot be used as a deposit to hold a course and student must have some means to pay the balance.

3. Every scholarship applicant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

4. Return completed scholarship application to the Financial Aid Department, room 1350.

5. All the scholarship information in the application must be completed in order to be considered for an award. The scholarship application is not complete until the Effected Family Contribution (EFC) has been determined using information from the FAFSA/SAR. The EFC is the amount your family will be expected to contribute toward your college costs. The SAR is the Student Aid Report.

Please note: no additional recommendation letters are required.
You must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have a Student Aid Report (SAR) on file with the PSC Financial Aid Department. These forms must be completed to be considered for a PSC Foundation Scholarship. In addition, you must be enrolled in a PSC degree or certificate program.

- PSC Foundation Scholarships assist in-district students and students enrolled under a cooperative agreement.
- Consideration is not immediate and scholarships may not be determined before the drop date for courses. Applicants are advised to make payments on schedule.
- Financial aid must verify grades, credit hours, and whether FAFSA was completed.
- If registered credit hours are reduced, a scholarship award will be reduced proportionately.
- Guest students are not eligible.
- Foundation awards are for tuition, fees, and textbooks.
- Awards are an electronic credit to the student's PSC account.
- All other forms of assistance (Pell, MAP, other scholarship awards, etc.) are applied to a PSC student account before a PSC Foundation scholarship award. If other assistance fully covers your costs, you are not eligible for a PSC Foundation scholarship or a refund of costs paid by another entity.
- Refunds are not given for unused amounts if an award exceeds student's out-of-pocket costs.
- Funds are not transferrable to another institution.
- Only one Foundation-funded scholarship per term.
- Students may be considered for all donor-funded awards where they meet the donor criteria.
- Scholarships are awarded for the semester in which enrolled and do not carry over.
- Scholarships are awarded on a financial need basis and according to scholarship donors' criteria.
- A student who does not qualify for Pell or MAP may still be considered for a PSC Foundation scholarship.
- Auditions or portfolio may be required for some awards, depending on donor criteria.
- Scholarship recipients are expected to participate as volunteers at Foundation or college events.

Awards will be made until funds are expended to students who meet donors' criteria. Each student who follows these guidelines will be considered for available scholarships.
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Check one application term:     ___ Spring 2014     ___ Summer 2014

Application Form (print neatly and complete all sections)

Name: ____________________________________________________________

PSC student ID number: __________________ e-mail: __________________

Phone number: (_____) __________________ cell phone number: (_____) ____________

Street address: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: __________________ Zip Code: ____________

Check one: In District ☐ Yes ☐ No

If out-of-district resident, why are you attending PSC? ____________________________________________________________

Check one:

☐ I attended __________________ high school in (city) __________________

(state) __________ and graduated in (year) __________ If not in USA, in __________________

☐ I was awarded a GED in __________________ (yr) Score __________________

My major at PSC is __________________ My current GPA is __________

If Dental Hygiene or Nursing, have you been formally accepted into the program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If new to PSC, previous GPA ________ from ☐ H.S. or ☐ College (name of school; location)

______________________________________________________________

Other college(s) attended (with years you attended) __________________________________________________________

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I plan to earn ☐ Degree ☐ Certificate OR ☐ transfer credits to __________________

My anticipated PSC graduation date is _________________

I already have a bachelor’s degree in __________________ Date _________________

I am returning to PSC because ____________________________________________________________

Anticipated hours of enrollment in 2014: SP 14 _______ SU 14 _______

List Financial Aid, scholarships, grants, employer tuition assistance, and other financial assistance you expect to receive in 2014:

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List community clubs, honors, activities, volunteer work, charities, and/or other educational programs you have pursued since high school: ________________________________

____________________________________________________________

List any PSC Foundation events when you volunteered: ________________________________

____________________________________________________________

If you did not volunteer when requested, why? ________________________________

____________________________________________________________

Tell us about your household:

I am:

☐ Independent
  (I do not live with parents)
  (I do not receive parental help)

☐ Dependent (My parent/s claim me on income tax)
  Parents’ earnings? __________________

Will family contribute ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If not, why not? __________________

Do you have dependent children?
  ☐ Yes # __  ☐ No

Do you have dependent children?
  ☐ Yes # __  ☐ No

Any employer tuition reimbursement?
  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  Explain: When are you reimbursed? ________________________________
  Is there a requirement to work for employer for (how many) years? ________________________________

Any employer tuition reimbursement?
  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Additional Considerations

Your latest FAFSA may not reflect your current financial situation. Please explain, in your essay, if any of the following apply to you:

☐ recent job loss in household  ☐ single parent
☐ past academic performance affecting GPA  ☐ other
☐ health related
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Some donors have specific eligibility criteria which must be met. If you wish to be considered, please supply the following information:

Union membership: Local ____________, (name of union) __________________________________________

☐ Myself
☐ Member of Immediate Family (give name & employer) _________________________________________

Optional: Some donors have designated scholarships for specific groups. If you wish to be considered, please provide the following information. (This information does not affect your eligibility for other scholarships.)

☐ Female ☐ Native American ☐ Other: ____________________
☐ Male      ☐ U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ African American    Veteran: ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander Latino/a

Explain disability (if any): __________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________________________

Did your parent(s) graduate from college? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you the first person in your family to attend college? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you the first person in your family to receive a college degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Auditions may be required for some awards.
A portfolio may be required for some awards.

I hereby grant Prairie State College the right to use application/academic information in news releases and promotional publications should I be selected to receive this award.

I understand that failure to provide complete and accurate information will disqualify my application from consideration.

Student’s signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Student: Return this application (pages 1-3, plus essay) to Carissa Davis in the Financial Aid Department (Room 1350, 202 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights 60411) along with your student aid report. A 2013-14 FAFSA must be completed to be considered for a Spring 2014 award.

Priority Deadline (until all funds awarded: December 6 for SP 14.)
Applications after this deadline will be considered only if funds are still available.
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Essay Questions

Please answer each question in one paragraph. Your entire written statement cannot exceed one typed
page. Double space, use clear font, no smaller than 10 point. Do not repeat a past essay. Although your
situation may not have changed, your essay must be a new statement.

Answer these questions:

1) Why do you have financial need? Explain why you cannot afford educational costs, describe unusual
or unexpected expenses, give us a snapshot of your household’s employment and who lives with
you.

2) What are your career goals? What will you do when you leave PSC? What is your career path?

3) For those who already have a bachelor’s degree why are you at PSC now?

Please give your written answers as much attention as your most important graded assignment.

☐ Use spell-check.
☐ Ask someone whose opinion you value to review your writing.
☐ If writing is a weakness, please make an appointment with the Student Success Center for
assistance.

Some suggestions for your essay:
• Do you capture reader attention?
• Is your verb tense consistent?
• Is your essay grammatically correct and accurately punctuated?
• Are you clear and coherent?
• Does this statement present you as you wish others to see you?
• Did another person review your work for possible mistakes (spelling, grammar, form)?
• If you read 200 essays, would your essay be remembered?
• Let your essay sit for a few days, then go back and reread. Did you follow directions, write clear
answers that respond to the questions, and did you put your best foot forward?

Check your application again:
☐ Complete? No information missing?
☐ Legible? Can we read your info?
☐ Does it sound right when you read it aloud?
☐ Did you run spell-check?
☐ Did you ask someone else to check your writing?

Awards are made to students whose applications demonstrate merit and possibility. Please be realistic
in your self-reflection and prepare conscientiously.

Submit Pages 1-3 and Essay to Financial Aid