

Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Guidelines

2013 – 2014 Academic Year

Partnership 4 Kids is a mentoring organization that strives to increase high school graduation rates through academic support and a positive mentoring relationship. Students who participate in the Partnership 4 Kids program are encouraged to pursue a postsecondary education and through an endowment, Partnership 4 Kids is able to provide scholarships to assist our students with their goal of a college education.

The Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship **is not a guaranteed award** upon completion of the program. The P4K scholarship endowment is designed to supplement and support the student's financial aid received through grants, college/university scholarships, and community based awards. It is not intended to be the sole source of a student's college funding. Financial need will ultimately determine the scholarship amount. Students may enroll anywhere in the United States, however the maximum scholarship amount awarded in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree is \$4,000 for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year and the maximum scholarship amount awarded in the pursuit of an associate's degree/certificate is \$2,000 for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year. Maximum scholarship award amounts are subject to change based on funds available.

Once awarded, the scholarship is renewable for up to four years for the purpose of earning a bachelor's degree or two years for the purpose of earning an associate's degree/and or certificate. Students are eligible to apply for an additional year of funding only if there is an extenuating circumstance. This additional year is optional and is not guaranteed. When receiving a Partnership 4 Kids scholarship, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress. Satisfactory academic progress is defined as maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA and enrollment of full time status at all times. When renewing a Partnership 4 Kids scholarship, students must reapply to be considered; it is not an automatic process.

For more information, please review the 2013 – 2014 Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Agreement.

To be considered, students must fulfill the following requirements in their entirety:

- Must satisfactorily complete all junior and senior year Partnership 4 Kids attendance and curriculum requirements
- Must enroll in courses at a postsecondary institution within six months of high school graduation and must be enrolled continuously for the duration of time necessary to complete their degree
- Must attain a 2.0 cumulative GPA upon high school graduation if applying for the purpose of earning an associate's degree and/or certificate
- Must attain a 2.5 cumulative GPA upon high school graduation if applying for the purpose of earning a bachelor's degree at a four year college or university
- Mandatory attendance of senior student at the Senior Year Kick Off in September 2012. Parent attendance is strongly encouraged
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed and submitted by April 1, 2013

For those applying for the first time, all scholarship application materials must be submitted to the P4K Scholarship Review Committee by June 1, 2013: (late entries will not be accepted)

- Completed scholarship application
- Completed employment and extracurricular activities resume
- Copy of college acceptance letter from the education institution student expects to attend
- Copy of financial aid award notice from college or university
- Official final high school transcript
- 1 letter of recommendation

For those renewing, the following application materials must be submitted to the P4K Scholarship Review Committee by June 1, 2013: (late entries will not be accepted)

- Copy of financial aid award letter from college or university
- Official transcript
- Proof of community service completion (8 hours)
- Class schedule for fall 2013

NOTE: Once all application materials have been submitted, students will be notified via mail their scholarship award amount by July 1, 2013. Students must meet with a Partnership 4 Kids representative to sign the scholarship agreement, sign a release of information, and submit a fall 2013 class schedule by August 10, 2013 in order to accept the award.

Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Agreement

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Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Policy:

- Financial need determines scholarship amount. Students may enroll anywhere in the United States, however the maximum scholarship amount awarded in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree is \$4,000 for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year and the maximum scholarship amount awarded in the pursuit of an associate's degree/certificate is \$2,000 for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year
- A Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient withdraws from school or fails to register for consecutive semesters (excluding summer), unless an exception is granted because of extenuating circumstances
- Scholarship funds may be used to pay for tuition, room and board, fees, living expenses and books
- Scholarship funds may not be used to pay for audited or failed courses
- The recipient may renew a Partnership 4 Kids scholarship for up to four years for the purpose of earning a bachelor's degree; the recipient may renew a Partnership 4 Kids scholarship for up to two years for the purpose of earning an associate's degree and/or certificate both with satisfactory academic progress
- Scholarship renewal is not an automatic process – students must make satisfactory academic progress, defined as maintaining a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA), in order to be considered
- To renew, students must submit a copy of their financial award letter from the college or university, an official transcript, and class schedule by June 1, 2013

The recipient must adhere to the following regulations upon acceptance of a Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Award:

- Must be enrolled at a post-secondary institution working toward a degree and/or certificate
- Must maintain full-time status at all times, full-time status is defined as enrolled in at least 12 credit hours
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) – if the student falls below a 2.0 GPA, the student will be placed on academic probation and will have one semester to raise the GPA in order to continue receiving scholarship funding
- Must submit their grades and class schedule to a College Access Coordinator on a semester basis
- Must maintain communication requirements with a College Access Coordinator throughout the Academic Year – 5 points of contact for freshmen and sophomores, 3 points of contact for juniors and seniors
- Must sign a release of information giving permission for the recipient's post-secondary institution to release academic records to the Partnership 4 Kids for review
- Must complete a volunteer/service project totaling at least 8 hours and submit a letter of completion to Partnership 4 Kids on an annual basis – the recipient may volunteer at a Partnership 4 Kids event to fulfill this requirement

Statement of Intent

I have read and fully understand the Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Guidelines and the Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Policy outlined on this agreement. I understand that failure to comply with the above regulations will result in the cancellation of my Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship.

On this _____ day of _____, 2013, I, _____
(Scholar Printed Name)

hereby (check one): _____ accept _____ reject
the Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship Agreement and my Partnership 4 Kids Scholarship award.

Scholar Signature

Scholar SSN#

P4K College Access Coordinator Signature