



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS INFORMATION

The Foundation Scholarship fund was established to provide scholarships to students of the Phoenix Union High School District who are pursuing a post-secondary education. ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING from a Phoenix Union high school who will be attending a post-secondary school (university, community college or trade school) in the Fall are eligible to apply for these scholarships. If you are selected for a scholarship you will be notified in May and the award will be released to the scholarship office of your school by the beginning of the fall semester.

### WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION?

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education was founded in 1984 to enhance cooperation and collaboration between the Phoenix business community and the Phoenix Union High School District.

The Foundation goals support the strategic plan of the Phoenix Union High School District and include:

- Support pathways to success in college, career and life
- Provide support for district-wide, needs-based student programs and scholarships

### FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

The Foundation Scholars are supported by the annual fundraising campaign inclusive of annual sponsors within the PXU community, team donors, and a variety of fundraising events.

### QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

**ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY, 2022 from a Phoenix Union high school who will be attending a post-high school (university or community college) or accredited technical/ trade school in the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023 are eligible to apply for these scholarships.** If you are selected for a scholarship you will be notified in May and the award will be released to the scholarship office of your college or school by the beginning of the fall semester. \*Students selected for Foundation and Invest in the Best Scholarships are REQUIRED to attend an in-state college, university or trade school.

### NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholars are supported by community, business and PXU staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students, and give back to their community. The concept of “giving back pays forward” is supported by these donors and is the message that they want to pass on to the Phoenix Union Foundation student scholars.

- Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship
- Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship
- Pallissard-Lowes Pay-It-Forward Scholarship
- Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. Maria Gomez Dream Scholarship
- The Babcock Family Scholarship

### INVEST IN THE BEST SCHOLARS

The Invest in the Best Scholars are supported through donations by staff of the Phoenix Union High School District to help achieve the mission of “Preparing every student for success in college, career and life.” District staff are directly responsible through their generosity for these scholarship funds.

### QUESTIONS?

Call 480-269-3634 or email [scholarships@foundation4education.org](mailto:scholarships@foundation4education.org)



## Required Essay Questions & Letters of Recommendation

The scholarship application is not available online until January 1<sup>st</sup>, but the writing prompts are provided below for early preparation.

Choose one prompt for each of the three essays below:

### Essay Question #1 | Resilience & Persistence

- Talk about a time you failed at something. How did it affect you?
- What is something about which you have changed your mind in the last three years? Tell us what that experience was like.
- Describe different ways you seek to step outside of your comfort zone and challenge the world views you hold.

### Essay Question #2 | Future Forward & Change the World

- What is a community service or extracurricular activity that has been meaningful to you?
- What is one thing every high school student should learn before they graduate?
- Describe one change you would like to make in your community?

### Essay Question #3 | Creativity & Personality

- Create your own top five list and explain why you chose what you did. *Hint: pick something you love and give your top five - for example, top five memories of your life, top five favorite books, or top five quotes. The more specific your list is, the better.*
- If you could meet with any person - living or dead - for an hour, who would it be and what would you say to them?
- Think back to a time when learning was pure joy. Tell us about the favorite book that you read during your childhood and explain why it's meaningful to you.

Two letters of recommendation are required for this application. We are looking for the letter to speak specifically to the applicant's potential and desire to succeed in college with clear examples that provide evidence of the applicant's commitment.

**Application MUST be received by March 1, 2022**

**APPLY ONLINE!**

[www.foundation4education.org/  
what-we-do/scholarships/](http://www.foundation4education.org/what-we-do/scholarships/)

### IMPORTANT DATES

Scholarship Opens: **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** Apply online at [foundation4education.org/what-we-do/scholarships](http://foundation4education.org/what-we-do/scholarships)

Scholarship Application Deadline: **March 1, 2022**

Scholarships Awarded: May 2022

Scholarship Payments Sent: July-August 2022