

HAPF Scholarships

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am going to be studying abroad. Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

No, you must be enrolled and attend your college classes within the geographic boundaries of the United States.

2. I will be graduating in December. If I win a scholarship, will I only receive half of the amount?

You will receive 100% of the monies awarded if graduating in December.

3. My university is on a quarter system, and 10 hours is considered full-time. Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Yes. We accept the meaning of "full time student" as defined by the university or college where the applicant is enrolled.

4. What happens to the documents I provide? For example, financial information, transcripts, etc. I am concerned about my privacy and security of information.

The only document retained by the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation is the actual application. All supporting documents (transcripts, financial information, etc.) are shredded once the selection process is completed. The application is retained in order to have contact and university information in order to send awarded funds to the school's financial office.

5. I am enrolled at Texas A&M University but will be student teaching in Houston for a semester. Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Yes, you are eligible if Texas A&M University considers the student teaching assignment as being a "full time student" and as long as you meet all other eligibility requirements.

6. I live in Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, but graduated from a Houston Harris County high school. Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Yes, you are eligible based on the location of your high school. If you graduated from a high school in Harris, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery or Waller County, you are eligible for a scholarship. Your county will be verified based on your official high school transcript.

7. Can the scholarship funds be used to pay my sorority dues?

No, the scholarship funds are for tuition only and are sent directly to the university/college financial office to be applied to your tuition.

8. Can I win this scholarship more than once?

Yes, you may. We have many recipients who win a scholarship more than once. You must apply every time, however.

9. Will an "unofficial" transcript be acceptable instead of an official transcript?

No. Our requirement is an "official" high school and college transcript. Previous winners are not required to furnish a high school transcript again.

10. What is considered an "official transcript"?

Hard-copy transcripts and other academic records are considered "official" when they arrive in a sealed, stamped, official envelope with the seal and any other security feature intact. Electronic transcripts are considered "official" when we receive them from a secure site formally linked to the sending institution or testing service.

Academic records received in any other condition, such as transcripts that arrive in an unsealed envelope, or that are emailed or uploaded by the student, or that are printed from the university portal, are not considered "official."

11. I am in graduate school; may I apply for this scholarship?

No, this scholarship is for undergraduates only.

12. With large membership numbers in my sorority, I haven't met my Chapter Adviser personally. How can I request a reference letter from her when she may only know me by my name?

While Chapter Advisers may not have had the time or occasion to get to know every member, especially new members, she does know a lot about you. For example, she can confidently report if your dues are current, if you have attended or participated in required campus activities, and if you have attended chapter meetings or completed any sorority required duties.