



## PERIMETER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the deadline dates for Perimeter College Scholarships?

Deadline Date	Funds will be posted to the recipient accounts for:	List of available scholarships will be on the website by
October 1	Upcoming Spring Semester	September 2
March 1	Upcoming Summer or Fall Semester (recipient selects)	February 1
July 1	Upcoming Fall Semester	June 1

### This is my last semester at Perimeter. Can I use these scholarships at my transfer institution or at GSU's Atlanta Campus?

*No. Perimeter College scholarships can only be used at Perimeter College (you must be enrolled on one or more of the Perimeter College campuses exclusively for funds to disburse). If you are planning to transfer to another institution or to another college within GSU, you will need to check with those institutions/colleges about their scholarship opportunities.*

### I am a prospective Perimeter College student. What scholarships are available for me?

*Most of our scholarships are for current Perimeter College students. You need to be admitted, enrolled and currently taking courses to be eligible for most of our scholarships. The only exception is military students.*

### How are Perimeter College Scholarships different from State or Federal Financial Aid?

*Perimeter College scholarships come from private donors who generously provide funding to assist Perimeter College students through their educational journey. Scholarships do not have to be repaid as long as recipients meet the stipulations outlined in their scholarship agreement. State and/or Federal Financial Aid funds come from state or federal tax sources and include the Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship as well as Subsidized and Unsubsidized Student Loans. **Our office is not responsible for grants, HOPE, or scholarship opportunities with outside organizations/agencies.***

### Can I receive a scholarship through this office if I am already receiving State or Federal Financial Aid?

*Yes. Perimeter College scholarships are awarded based on need, merit, service, and/or major. You may receive a Perimeter College scholarship(s) in addition to the Pell grant/HOPE scholarship (up to the cost of attendance). Perimeter College scholarships can typically be used for tuition, fees, books, or other educational expenses (transportation, living expenses, child care, etc.).*

**Will scholarships impact my financial aid?**

*It is possible, particularly if you have student loans. Scholarships **will not impact the Pell grant** and should not impact HOPE; however, you will need to speak with your Financial Aid Counselor if you receive a scholarship to discuss any potential impact to your financial aid.*

**Do you have information about the HOPE Scholarship?**

*No. HOPE is administered through the Office of Financial Aid.*

**Are international students eligible for scholarships?**

*Yes. Unless a scholarship states specifically that you must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent U.S. Resident, you are welcome to apply as long as you meet the other eligibility requirements listed in the scholarship description. Students who are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid should not apply for scholarships that require a Student Aid Report.*

**Are DACA students eligible for scholarships?**

*Yes. Unless a scholarship states specifically that you must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent U.S. Resident, you are welcome to apply as long as you meet the other eligibility requirements listed in the scholarship description. Students who are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid should not apply for scholarships that require a Student Aid Report.*

**Can I apply for more than one scholarship?**

*Yes. You are welcome to apply for as many scholarships as you are eligible for, but you will need to submit a separate application for each scholarship in which you apply.*

**I'm interested in applying for a scholarship, but I don't meet all of the qualifications listed in the scholarship description, can I still apply?**

*No. Be certain you meet all of the listed criteria for the scholarship(s) in which you are applying. Applicants who do not meet ALL of the criteria will not be considered. Do not spend valuable time applying for scholarships in which you do not meet the criteria as you will not receive consideration.*

**Who writes my Letter of Recommendation?**

*The scholarship description(s) indicates from whom your recommendation must come. Please pay close attention to this and follow the listed instructions. If the scholarship description states that your recommender must be a PC faculty member and you submit a letter from your academic adviser, your application will not be considered. Be certain that you give your recommender plenty of time to write you an outstanding recommendation and be certain the recommender knows enough about you. Your recommendation matters just as much as your essay and other information. **Do not ask friends, relatives, or neighbors to write letters of recommendation for you.***

**With the new online scholarship process, do I need to get multiple letters of recommendation if I am applying for multiple scholarships?**

*No. As long as your recommendation is from the appropriate source, we can use the same recommendation for multiple scholarships. For example, if you apply for one scholarship that requires the letter of recommendation to be from a PC faculty member and you apply for another scholarship that requires the letter of recommendation be from an employer, mentor or PC faculty member. In this example, as long as you have a recommendation from a PC faculty member, we can use the recommendation for both scholarships in which you are applying.*

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**How will I know if my recommender submitted my letter of recommendation?**

*The system is set to automatically email you when a letter of recommendation is submitted on your behalf. This only works if your recommender has your email address and inputs it in the proper place on the recommendation form. If you do not receive an automatic email stating that a recommendation has been submitted on your behalf, please reach out to your recommender for confirmation. Due to the volume of applications we receive, our office cannot provide confirmation.*

**I'd like to submit additional information for my scholarship application packet. How do I do that with the new online scholarship process?**

*Please only submit the information requested in the scholarship description. Submitting additional information gives you zero advantage in earning a scholarship. Please only submit what you are instructed to submit.*

**How can I be a competitive applicant?**

1. *Read the scholarship listings carefully. Ensure you meet the criteria and follow all written instructions. Many applicants are disqualified because they fail to read and follow instructions.*
2. *Make sure you allow yourself enough time to complete your applications.*
3. *Write your essays carefully. The way you type your responses into the online system is how the selection committee will view your responses. Typing your responses in all caps, all lowercase or using texting language is unprofessional and not recommended.*
4. *Take the time to review your essays for grammar and spelling. We recommend using Grammarly (free for all GSU students). Put the same level of effort into your scholarship application as you would an assignment that is vital to your overall grade.*
5. *Answer application questions carefully and accurately. We use your responses to qualify you for opportunities. When in doubt, check your PAWs account.*

**I have applied for scholarships am I guaranteed to be awarded?**

*No, most scholarships have multiple applicants and the process can be very competitive. You are not guaranteed scholarships unless you are selected by the scholarship selection committee.*

**How are scholarship selections made?**

*Scholarship selections are made by committees comprised of Perimeter College faculty and staff members and occasionally scholarship donors. Committee members look at all relevant criteria for a scholarship. Committee members award the applicants who best fit the theme of the scholarship.*

**Will I be notified of whether or not I receive a scholarship? If so when will I know?**

*Yes. All applicants are notified via their GSU email address whether or not they have been awarded a scholarship. After you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email from the system. That email will outline our process, timeline and any next steps. Please take note of the timeline and final notification date. We are unable to engage in conversations regarding decision updates prior to the final notification date.*

**I applied for scholarships and I received my confirmation email with timeline information. I see the final notification date is after payments are due. What should I do?**

*Until you receive official notification that you have been awarded a scholarship, you are not a scholarship recipient. You should continue to make decisions the same way you always would.*

**I exceeded the baseline criteria for a general scholarship, but I was not awarded. Why?**

*The baseline criteria for any general scholarship is a starting point in qualifying applicants. Typically there are multiple scholarships with various criteria we are looking to award from a general scholarship application process. Meeting and/or exceeding the baseline criteria does not necessarily mean you meet the additional criteria required for each individual scholarship housed under a general scholarship umbrella.*

**I received notification that I am a scholarship recipient. What do I do?**

*Congratulations! Please follow all of the instructions in your scholarship notification email. Submit all required information. An awarding timeline and when you can expect to see your scholarship on your student account is outlined in your awarding email.*

**I'm just now seeing this email stating that I might be eligible for scholarships. How do I apply?**

*Please follow all of the instructions in the email you were sent. If it is after the deadline, the application has been disabled and we are no longer accepting applications.*

**It's after the deadline date, can I still apply for scholarships?**

*Our deadline dates are firm to ensure a fair process for all applicants. Please take note of our deadline and awarding schedule listed on page one.*

**Can I make corrections to the application I submitted after the deadline?**

*Once the deadline has expired, what has been submitted is what will go on to the selection committee.*

**I am looking for outside scholarship opportunities, can you help?**

*Please reach out to the Scholarship Resource Center <http://sfs.gsu.edu/scholarships-grants/src/>.*

**I am a company/organization wanting to advertise my scholarship on your website, how do I do that?**

*We do not advertise outside scholarships on our website, but the Scholarship Resource Center can assist you in getting the word out about your program, please reach out to them at <http://sfs.gsu.edu/scholarships-grants/src/>.*

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