



THE WPBDF SCHOLARSHIP 2025-2026

Sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Bleeding Disorders Foundation

Who is eligible for the WPBDF Scholarship?

Any person or immediate family member of a person with hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, or other inherited bleeding disorder is eligible to apply for this scholarship. The person with the bleeding disorder must either be a member of the Foundation, living in one of the 26 counties served by the Foundation, or be a patient of the Hemophilia Center of Western PA. The candidate must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or vocational/technical center and must submit a completed application within the established deadline.

Scholarship Funds

One full award up to \$3,000 per degree program or course of study will be granted. Partial awards may be granted. Individuals who have received a partial award (less than \$3,000) from WPBDF in the past are welcome to reapply. The Foundation is delighted to be able to support our community in this way. We wish you the very best of luck as you pursue your education.

The Process

The 2025-2026 process will be as follows:

- Applications are being distributed by the Western Pennsylvania Bleeding Disorders Foundation.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by May 30, 2025.
- Criteria should include academic excellence (past or present), community service, and personal statements.
- Winner(s) will be announced at the WPBDF Annual Meeting on July 13, 2025.

Checklist for Application Submission

- Type your answers to the questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper and attach them to the application.
- Staple forms in the top left corner.
- Include your name in the top right corner of each page.

Please include with the completed application:

- Proof of enrollment in an accredited school or vocational/technical center.
- A copy of your current transcript, if applicable, should be included or sent separately to WPBDF. This does not need to be an official copy, but it **MUST** be received by the application deadline for your application to be considered.

Mail or e-mail your application to:

Western Pennsylvania Bleeding Disorders Foundation
775 Fourth Street, First Floor
Beaver, PA 15009
info@wpbdf.org

Applications must be received or postmarked by May 30, 2025.
Apply online by visiting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wpa2026>

THE WPBDF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026



*Scholarship Application for the 2025-2026 School Year
MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MAY 30, 2025*

Student's Name

Student's Date of Birth

Student's Address

Student's Email Address

Student's Phone Number

Are you or an immediate family member diagnosed with a bleeding disorder?
If not you, please list the name of the immediate family member and their relationship to you.

If you are a high school or college student living with your parent/guardian, please provide the following:

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s)

Parent(s)/Guardian Address(s)

Parent(s)/Guardian Phone Number(s)

Please do not forget to answer the questions on the back of this sheet.

Using a separate sheet(s) of paper, please type your answers to the following questions.

1. What are your educational goals and career aspirations? Why did you choose your academic program or field of study?
2. From a financial standpoint, what impact would receiving a scholarship have on your education? Please share how you are financing your college education and any special personal or family circumstance affecting your need for financial assistance
3. Tell us about your leadership and community service activities. If your leadership or community service activities were limited, explain the reason(s) or how you otherwise spent your time.
4. Please provide us with a personal statement. A personal statement is an account of your achievements, talents, interests and goals.

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Scoring Rubric

Prompts	0-1 Points	2-3 Points	4-5 Points
1. What are your educational goals and career aspirations? Why did you choose your academic program or field of study?	Unclear demonstration of student's educational goals or career aspirations	Essay notes educational goals/career aspirations but lacks supporting details. It may be unclear how their education prepares them for their intended career, or what their reasoning is for choosing a field of study.	Clearly demonstrates career aspirations with supporting details, including motivation for selected field of study. Student's academic focus will appropriately prepare them for their intended career. If the student has not chosen an academic program, consider the thoughtfulness of their response, short-term educational goals, and consideration of careers.
2. From a financial standpoint, what impact would receiving a scholarship have on your education? Please share how you are financing your college education and any special personal or family circumstance affecting your need for financial assistance.	Unclear demonstration of student's financial need	Needs financial support to minimize financing education.	The case for financial support is clear and the need is significant. Student may be working to fund school, financially supporting other family members, or planning to take on significant debt to afford education.
3. Tell us about your leadership and community service activities. If your leadership or community service activities were limited, explain the reason(s) or how you otherwise spent your time.	Unclear demonstration of student's community service activities or obligations that preclude them from these activities.	Clear demonstration of student's community service activities or other obligations, but either few supporting details or participation appears limited.	Evidence of regular leadership or community service, or major responsibilities outside of school. These activities are either ongoing, demonstrate a substantial time commitment, or strongly utilize the student's talents. The student can convey the importance of these activities.