



## Block 1

In accordance with Phi Eta Sigma's Constitution and Laws, the Founders Fund Scholarship Committee evaluates applications and awards the following scholarships funded by the Founders Scholarship Fund:

- One - \$10,000 Thomas Arkle Clark Graduate Scholar-Leader of the Year Scholarship
- One - \$10,000 James E. Foy - Jack Sagabiel Undergraduate Scholar-Leader of the Year Scholarship
- One - \$10,000 Centennial Scholarship (awarded to either a graduate or undergraduate student)
- Eight - \$7,000 Distinguished Member Graduate Scholarships
- Thirty-seven - \$5,000 Distinguished Member Undergraduate Scholarships
- Additional Elevations Scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$1,000 - \$4,500

***Applications are considered for all awards the student is qualified for based on academic status.***

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Undergraduate and Graduate Applicants:** Submit your completed application to the national office through this online form by **11:59pm (central daylight savings time) on May 1, 2026.**

**The application is divided into six sections:**

- *Applicant Requirements*
- *Contact Information*
- *Academic Information*
- *Phi Eta Sigma Involvement*
- *External Involvement (Awards, Service, Leadership, Work/Internships, etc.)*
- *Documents/Attachments (Unofficial Transcript and Letters of Recommendation)*

***Please make sure you complete each section, and digitally sign your application before submitting.***

***Timeline: Recipients of a Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Founders Fund Scholarship will be notified by July 15, 2026, and recipients will be mailed their award by August 15, 2026.***

***Contact the national office at 205.348.0975 or [HQ@phietasigma.org](mailto:HQ@phietasigma.org) for instructions or questions on submitting the application.***

## Applicant Requirements:

In order to earn a Phi Eta Sigma Founders Fund Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria

- *Be inducted into Phi Eta Sigma prior to December 31, 2025*
- *Be an active member of Phi Eta Sigma at the local chapter and/or national level*

Applicant's Full Name

Applicant Contact Information

Email:

Phone Number:

Chapter (College

or University where  
you were inducted  
into Phi Eta  
Sigma:

Month and Year  
Inducted into Phi  
Eta Sigma

I am a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society,  
and I was inducted prior to December 31, 2025.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you are not currently eligible to apply for a Phi Eta Sigma  
Scholarship because you have not been inducted yet (or  
were not inducted prior to December 31, 2025), then we  
encourage you to apply next year.

I am an active member of Phi Eta Sigma at the local  
and/or national level

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you are not currently eligible to apply for a Phi Eta Scholarship because you have not been active at the local and/or national level, then we encourage to become involved with your chapter or with national programming. With programming occurring throughout the spring semester, it is not too late to become involved before the May 1 scholarship deadline. Information about national programming can be found on our website, and we welcome you to participate in our National Volunteer-A-Thon, Member of Distinction program, and listen to our upcoming podcast, Elevate U. For local programming opportunities, please contact your chapter advisor.

For the 2025-2026 academic year, I will be enrolled for

- ☐ the full academic year (fall and spring terms or institutional equivalent)
- ☐ only for a portion of the academic year

Will you be enrolled in academic courses in the 2025–2026 academic year?

- ☐ Yes, I will be enrolled in undergraduate courses
- ☐ Yes, I will be enrolled in graduate courses
- ☐ Yes, I will be enrolled in both undergraduate and graduate courses
- ☐ No, I will not be enrolled in courses during the upcoming academic year

Academic Major(s):

Academic Minor(s):

Grade Point Average (equivalent on a 4.0 scale, or --if not available -- indicate the scale in your response):

Based on my credit hours earned by the beginning of the 2026-2027 academic year, I will be considered a

- ☐ First Year (less than 30 hours)
- ☐ Sophomore (30-59 hours)
- ☐ Junior (60-89 hours)
- ☐ Senior (90 hours or greater)
- ☐ Graduate Student (earned bachelor degree, and currently pursuing graduate-level education)

Please describe the graduate program you will be enrolled in (Degree, Discipline, and Location)

### **Phi Eta Sigma Involvement:**

Have you earned official Member of Distinction Status through Phi Eta Sigma National Office?

- ☐ Yes

☐ No


Describe your specific individual (unpaid) contributions **to Phi Eta Sigma** at the chapter, regional, and/or national level. Please list the activity, your specific role, and the approximate estimated number of hours worked.

**Examples:**

- State University Chapter, 2024-2025 Secretary, 20 hours per semester taking and reporting meeting minutes, tracking attendance, and attending executive committee meetings
- State University Chapter, 2025 Book Drive Volunteer, 2 hours designing social media posts, 1 hour sorting book donations, 1 hour delivering books to local YMCA
- National Convention, 2025 Attendee, 2.5 days attending sessions



Use a specific example of how you have applied Phi Eta Sigma's values of developing one's mind, health, and character in your life and how has that elevated your collegiate experience.




Describe your plans for academic study (disciplines and schools, how you plan to use your education, etc.). Make sure to note any unusual aspects of your academic plans (e.g., December graduation, enrollment in a joint degree program, change of schools, internships or externships, etc.).



## External Involvement:

List and describe your academic achievements (such as scholarships and awards, induction into other honor societies or student/community groups/organizations).

***This should be limited to only achievements accomplished during your college/university experience.***



Describe your specific individual (unpaid) involvement to organizations or activities (community, professional, leadership, co-curricular, etc.) ***other than Phi Eta Sigma.***

Please try to be as specific as possible using action verbs

to describe your volunteer efforts. ***This should be limited to only activity accomplished during your college/university experience.***

***Examples:***

- State University, 2024, President's Medallion Recipient, Awarded to the most outstanding junior at State University as selected by the Faculty/Senate State University from a nomination pool of 200 students
- 2023-2024 SGA Senator, 5 hours per week attending senate meetings, conducting office hours, and attending university programs.
- State University, 2022-2024, Campus Ambassador, 2 hours per week giving campus tours

Summarize your work experience (on/off-campus work, internships), and include the experience gained and any

contributions made. ***This should be limited to only examples occurring during your college/university experience.***



## Block 3

## Block 2

Please complete the following questions by uploading the documents requested.

Please submit a copy of your most recent academic transcript. Unofficial copies of transcripts are acceptable for the application, but may be need to be verified with an official transcript if selected as a recipient of a scholarship.

Please submit up to three recommendation letters (merged into a single file) other than your chapter advisor. Recommendation letters are not required, but may be helpful to the scholarship committee. ***If one or more of your recommenders would prefer to send their recommendation letter directly to the scholarship review committee, they may do so by emailing the national office at HQ@phietasigma.org. Please have them include your full name and university in the subject line of their email.***

## Block 3

Applicant Acknowledgements: By selecting each of the following and signing below, you confirm

- ☐ I am familiar with and understand the scholarship application instructions and procedures.
- ☐ I authorize Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society to review my transcripts and other materials, and —if necessary—to obtain official copies of my academic transcripts.

- ☐ I consent to the use of my photograph on Phi Eta Sigma's website and in the *Forum* magazine.
- ☐ I understand and consent that all or a portion of my responses may be used in marketing materials for Phi Eta Sigma and our Founders Fund Scholarship program.
- ☐ I understand that award letters will be sent to the applicant's permanent home address, and that—if selected—I must complete the acceptance form (including providing my social security number) and a professional quality headshot photo (suitable for publication) to Phi Eta Sigma's National Office by July 1, 2026.
- ☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to report any scholarship awarded to my university's financial aid office for tax purposes.
- ☐ I confirm that I will be enrolled as a full-time student for the upcoming academic year (or until the graduation date listed on my application).
- ☐ I confirm that this application has been completed to the best of my ability, and that all information included is accurate.

Sign Here:



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