

Senator Paul G. Pinsky's 2010-2011 Scholarship Application

Please read the following guidelines prior to filling out the application to ensure that you qualify. Use a tab to move between fields. Once you complete the application, please print and mail with the rest of your materials.



Who may apply:

- You and your parents (if you are a dependent student) must be Maryland residents living in the 22nd legislative district. **Scholarships will not be granted to students outside of the 22nd District.** The 22nd District includes parts of Hyattsville, University Park, Riverdale Park, Edmonston, Riverdale, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton, Woodlawn, Greenbelt, and Lanham-Seabrook. If you need to verify your residence in the 22nd district, please visit <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials/> or call (410) 946-5200.
- Current high school seniors and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students. Students attending a private career school may also apply. Audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time or part-time status.
- You may use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at a Maryland school. Office of Student Financial Assistance (OFSA) must verify that your major is unique. Questions regarding "unique" majors should be directed to **Sue Koch** (Maryland Higher Education Commission, 22nd District Representative) at **410-260-4548** or skoch@mhec.state.md.us.

How to apply: Complete and file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship Application. The priority filing deadline for completing the FAFSA is March 1, 2010. If you are a high school student, please see your guidance counselor with any questions about FAFSA.

When to apply: Complete and file the FAFSA by March 1. **Include a copy of your Student Aid Report (FAFSA) with your completed application.** Complete scholarship application and submit by **April 9, 2010**.

Awards Granted: Criteria for selection are based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to higher education. The minimum annual award amount is \$400 and the maximum award is \$2500. Most scholarship awards are granted for four years for full time college students (or eight years for part time students), without the need to reapply (see below). You may hold the Senatorial Scholarship along with all State awards. The total dollar amount of all State awards may not exceed your cost of attendance as determined by your school's financial aid office or \$19,000, whichever is less. Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

Renewing and Award: If you received a renewable award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress at the college you attend. Full-time students may receive a Senatorial Scholarship for total of four years. Part-time students may receive a Senatorial Scholarship for a total of eight years.



Deadline: **April 9, 2010**

Mail Completed Applications to:

Senator Paul G. Pinsky
220 James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Personal Information

Check one: **New Application (never received Senatorial Scholarship)**
 Renewal Application for Award Increase

Check one: **First time college freshman** **Returning college student**
 First time graduate student **Returning graduate student**

Name:

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

Social Security Number (XXX-XX-XXXX):

Permanent Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX):

Preferred Email:

Current School:

Cumulative GPA (4.0 Scale):

Class Rank (if available):

Anticipated Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

SAT - Date Taken (MM/DD/YYYY): Verbal Score: Math Score: Writing Score:

Optional: Provide additional test scores (ACT, SAT subject tests, AP, IB).

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First-time college applicants/Returning college applicants...ONLY

Name(s) of Maryland Colleges/University where you have applied.
Of these schools, where have you been accepted?

Date of College Acceptance (MM/DD/YYYY):

Where do you plan to attend?

What will your status be during the 2010-2011 academic year? (check one)

Full time (12+ credits)
¾ Time (9-11 credits)
Half time (6-8 credits)

Currently enrolled Undergraduate and Graduate Students ONLY

Where are you currently attending school?

What is your status? (check one)

Full time (12+ credits)

¾ Time (9-11 credits)

Half time (6-8 credits)

Total Family Income \$

Immediate Family Members attending college (as of Fall 2009)

Are any of your immediate family members also applying for Senator Pinsky's scholarship this year?

No

Yes If yes, please list their names:

Please list the other financial aid that you expect to receive

Have you received a Senatorial Scholarship from Senator Paul Pinsky in the past?

No

Yes If yes, how much was the award? \$

What type of award did you receive? (check one)

One – Time

Renewable

Have you submitted your FAFSA for the 2010-2011 academic year?

Yes

NO***

***Submission of your FAFSA is required for your scholarship application to be considered. **Once you submit your FAFSA, include a complete copy of your Student Aid Report to verify its completion.** Please refer to: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> or Call 1-800-4-FED-AID for assistance.

Please complete the following short answers on a separate page

Short Answer: Answer each of the following in paragraph form (no more than 250 words each):

- Why do you want to attend college?
- What fields are you interested in and why?
- What personal attribute will you - or do you already - bring to your college?

Additional Requirements:

- Submit a copy of your full **Student Aid Report** verifying submission of your FAFSA application.
- Signed Checklist
- Unofficial Transcript

Optional:

- You may include a brief statement explaining your financial situation and any other special financial circumstances.
- Brief resume of your relevant extracurricular and volunteer activities

Checklist

The following items are REQUIRED.

Check Each Box Upon Completion of the associated task and sign below. Please submit this checklist along with your complete application packet.

- Completed Application
- Short answer Responses
- Unofficial transcript
- Complete copy of Student Aid Report
- This checklist with signatures (both student and guardian, *if applicable*)

I verify that the information provided here is accurate and I am a resident of the 22nd Legislative District. I am aware that incomplete applications and applications received after the April 9, 2010 deadline will not be considered.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

Date

DEADLINE April 9, 2010