2024 Scholarship

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Deadline: September 23, 2024

FYPHOUSTON.COM/YOUTH-OUTREACH PRIZE AMOUNT: \$2000



TIMELINE

The applicant must submit their application to scholarship@fyphouston.com

Any separate files that are supplemental to the application (e.g., transcript or tax info) may be submitted in the same file as the application below, or as separate files to the email. Either is acceptable. To submit the application file, the applicant may either:

- Digitally fill out the form with software such as Preview or Adobe Acrobat
 - For pages 10–11 that detail volunteer hours and require board member signature, please ask the attending board member at the event to send an email to scholarship@fyphouston.com with your name, event name, event date and number of hours attended.
- Print out the form and write answers with a writing tool, followed by highquality scanning of the document
 - Please ensure that the application is written in black or blue ink, not in pencil, as this impacts the quality of the scanning.
 - For pages 10-11 the detail volunteer hours, the attending board member may also sign to approve hours at an event with a writing tool OR the applicant may ask the attending board member at the event to send an email to scholarship@fyphouston.com with the applicant name, event name, event date and number of hours attended.
 - If you do not have immediate access to a scanner, local libraries have these services available for library card holders

When submitting the final version, please ensure that the extension of the file is a .pdf - any other extension may not translate correctly.

If any of the above instructions are not followed, the leading board member for the scholarships may either ask the applicant to resend the file or choose to disregard the application at the member's discretion.



The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston ("FYP") is seeking aspiring professionals who best embody our values of community, culture, and service and seek to follow their passion by pursuing higher education and learning.

JANUARY 15, 2024

Application Released

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Submission Deadline

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Scholarship Winners Notified

OCTOBER 19, 2024

Recipients Awarded

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

APPLICANTS MUST MEET CRITERIA AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

A) The Applicant must:

• Have graduated from a high school in the Upper Gulf Coast Region (comprising these counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton)

AND/OR

- Be currently enrolled (full- or part-time) in a post-secondary institution in the Upper Gulf Coast Region (as defined above) for the fall or spring semester of the upcoming academic year (2024-2025); this may include:
 - Junior college
 - College
 - University
 - Vocational school
 - Technical school
 - Graduate program, e.g., masters program

B) The Applicant must be in good standing (not subject to academic suspension or probation) and must have an aggregate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Applicants should submit an explanation if their grading rubric differs from the standard 4.0 GPA scale.

C) The Applicant should be of Filipino descent AND/OR actively participate in a Filipino organization.

D) The Applicant must complete 12 hours volunteering to serve the community between October 1, 2023, and October 19, 2024. Hours must be documented by the FYP Proof of Volunteer Hours form with a signature [page 11]. Applicant MUST volunteer at least 2 hours at an FYP event, which may include a commitment to volunteer at the festival on October 19, 2024. The applicant can also elect to volunteer with any non-profit organization. See FAQs for acceptable volunteering initiatives.

• FYP reserves the right to disqualify an applicant or revoke a scholarship award if he/or she neglects to fulfill the FYP volunteer commitment.

E) The Applicant or a representative MUST be present during the awarding ceremony. The winners will be notified when and where this will be held.

- The top three applicants will be awarded the amount of \$2000 each.
- The scholarship award must be used for living and/or academic expenses relating to and/or arising from pursuit of a post-secondary education.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Completed application packets with all supporting documents must be submitted via e-mail to <u>scholarship@fyphouston.com</u> no later than September 23, 2024, 11:59 p.m. CST. Only complete applications will be considered. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the scholarship application, please send them to the email address listed above. The winners will be notified no later than September 30, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

Please make sure your submission includes all seven of the following:

- 1. 2024 FYP Scholarship Application form [page 6]
- 2. (1) Photo portrait of the Applicant
 - a. Photo will not be used in scholarship selection, but rather for publication of scholarship recipients, in print and online.
 - b. The photo must ideally be in color, with appropriate setting and clothing
- 3. Conflict of interest statement [page 8]
- 4. Scholarship essay (PDF format)
- 5. Certification of Applicant [page 10]
- 6. Academic documentation (one of the following)
- Proof of high school graduation (for high school seniors only):
 - Official high school transcript (sealed); OR
 - Unofficial high school transcript (copy); OR
 - GED transcript
- Letter of acceptance to a post-secondary institution (if you submit before your first semester starts):
 - If you graduated high school in spring 2024 and will submit your scholarship application prior to the start of the fall semester of the current year, a letter of acceptance to the post-secondary institution you will be attending may be submitted as proof of enrollment. However, a fall 2024 schedule may be requested from you prior to the scholarship submission deadline.
- Proof of Applicant's enrollment in a post-secondary institution for the 2024 fall semester (this may be requested by the FYP Scholarship Review Board if not available at the time of submission or recipient selection):
 - Fall or Spring 2024 schedule; OR
 - Unofficial transcript; OR
 - Official transcript
- 7. Proof of 12 hours of community service completed in the year prior to the deadline:
 - Volunteer hours for FYP events, totaling 12 hours; OR
- Volunteer hours for FYP (minimum 2 hours) and any nonprofit organization, totaling at least 12 hours. Must submit signed FYP Proof of Volunteer Hours form and proof of volunteer initiatives (page 11).3

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM:

| Name: | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
| Date of birth: | | |
| Please check all that apply to you: ☐ Of Filipino Descent ☐ Active wi | ith a Filipino Orgo | anization |
| Address: | | |
| Phone Number: | | |
| Email: | | |
| High School: | GPA: | Out of: |
| High School City & State: | | |
| College City & State: | | |
| College you are/will be attending: | | |
| Other organizations you are involved with and leadership position | l(s) held: | |
| Volunteer/community events/initiatives you have participated in a and October 19, 2024. If you are volunteering at FYP events, you ma | | |
| A short statement describing how the scholarship would benefit y | our future educc | ational goals: |
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Note: Feel free to attach more pages to your application so that we may fully assess your accomplishments.

Please complete an essay in response to the topic below, typed, one-inch margins on all sides, Times New Roman font, size 12 pt, double-spaced, between 2.5 (at minimum) to 3 pages (at maximum essay below, typed, one-inch margins on all sides, Times New Roman font, size 12pt, double-spaced, between 2.5 (at minimum) to 3 pages (at maximum).

Essay topic:

Philippine history is full of brave heroes who fought for the freedom of the Filipinos in the country. Whether it was during Spanish colonization, World War II, or even modern-day times, these heroes continue to interact with our lives today. Think back on various historical figures in Philippine history and choose one who inspires you. What does their legacy inspire you to do?



CONFLICT AND DISCLOSURES STATEMENT:

A potential or perceived conflict of interest may exist if an FYP board member on the Scholarship Review Board is a close familial relative (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, niece, nephew, or first cousin) of the Applicant. Please review the list of the 2023-2024 Board Members and Leadership of FYP below and inform us if such a familial relationship exists so that we can manage the conflict of interest in an objective manner. Such a relationship will not necessarily disqualify you from consideration.

- Clarissa Salazar
- o Jodie Nash
- Sarah Bronson
- Larissa Ramos
- Elma Loeser
- Joann Prause
- Lianza Reyes
- Ulysse Loquinte
- Karl Justin Knight
- Carlo Pangilinan
- Christine Wehrli
- Matt Tingsanchali
- Ronald Zulueta
- Gian Carlo Sagun
- Candidate is a close familial relative of a 2023-2024 FYP Board Member.

□ Yes, specify: _____

 $\square \mathsf{No}$

• Candidate has engaged in any conduct that may reflect negatively upon FYP.

Yes, specify: ______

□ No



Certification of Applicant

I swear and affirm that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge and agree that the FYP Scholarship Review Board reserves the right to verify all information supplied herein, including but not limited to my financial information as a condition of any scholarship award. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF INFORMATION PROVIDED IS FALSE, THE FYP SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW BOARD WILL NOT CONSIDER MY APPLICATION AND/OR I WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO ME BY FYP HOUSTON.

I have read and reviewed all the information in the 2024 FYP Scholarship packet. I understand the terms and conditions of this scholarship and the expectations required of a scholarship applicant. I agree to abide by and be bound by the terms and conditions stated therein. Furthermore, by submitting this application to FYP, I expressly consent to FYP using my videos, photos, and/or media images for purposes of marketing and/or other promotional activities.

| Applicant Name Printed: | Date: | |
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| Applicant Signature: | | |
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| If applicant is under the age of 18, please complete this section | | |
| Parent/Legal Guardian Name Printed: | Date: | |
| Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: | | |



PROOF OF FYP VOLUNTEER HOURS:

The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston strives to provide members with opportunities to connect with the community in a meaningful way. We achieve this through activities that promote the Filipino culture, youth outreach activities, and philanthropic initiatives that impact the lives of people in the Houston area and the Philippines. We are searching for applicants to our scholarship program who are not only aspiring professionals but also have a passion for serving the community. We want to get to know you and invite you to join us at one of our events.

To be eligible for consideration by our scholarship team, please have one of our Board members sign and date on the line below and let us know which one of our great events you participated in.

Make sure to "like" our Facebook page: Filipino Young Professionals of Houston (FYP) and/or email scholarshipefyphouston.com to stay up to date on upcoming outreach events.

Applicant Name Printed: ______

EVENT DETAILS:

| Event/Activity: |
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| Location of Event: |
| Date of Event: |
| Number of Hours Worked: |

Board Member Signature_____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS

| EVENT DETAILS: |
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| Event/Activity: |
| Location of Event: |
| Date of Event: |
| Number of Hours Worked: |

| Board Member Signature | Date: | |
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EVENT DETAILS:

| Event/Activity: |
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| Location of Event: |
| Date of Event: |
| Number of Hours Worked: |

Board Member Signature_____ Date: _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1.) What are the events or volunteering initiatives acceptable for the scholarship program?

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Community service events hosted by FYP or any non-profit organization
- Volunteer at local school
- Organize or participate a yard sale for charity
- Visit a senior center
- Write letter to boost the spirits of seniors in the hospital and in nursing homes
- Tutor a student
- Help a neighbor
- Donate blood
- Share local volunteer opportunities and guidance about where people can give to help a cause in the community
- Run errands for neighbors with limited mobility
- Any volunteering program near in your neighborhood: https://www.volunteermatch.org

2.) What are FYP events available for volunteering?

Please refer to our calendar of events: https://www.fyphouston.com/events-calendar and "like" our Facebook and Instagram page: Filipino Young Professionals of Houston (FYP) for updates. Please make sure that events are up-to-date.

3.) What proof of volunteering acceptable for the scholarship program?

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Proof of volunteer hours signed by the organization/person you helped
- Photos or videos during volunteering hours

4.) Is there an age limit? **No**

5.) I am still waiting for my transcript, can I submit it after the deadline?

Yes, if you provide proof with your application submission that a transcript request was sent at least a week before the deadline and provide an estimate on when we should receive it.

6.) How does community service increase my chances for receiving a scholarship?

The completion of 12 hours of community service is a requirement to be eligible to apply for the scholarship, therefore meeting that requirement in itself will not increase your chances of receiving a scholarship. However, your involvement in community service, beyond the requirement, can distinguish you from other applicants. Community service is an important component of FYP's mission, and we are seeking scholarship recipients who give back to their community and value making contributions of time and service.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

7.) How do I submit my documents?

Completed application with all supporting documents must be submitted via e-mail to scholarship@fyphouston.com no later than September 23, 2024, 11:59p.m. CST. Only complete applications with be considered.

8.) I have questions about the application. What is the best procedure to obtain answers? **Please email us at scholarship@fyphouston.com.**