

Pennsylvania Head Start Association
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**ATTENTION: GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
JEFF KOPPEL MEMORIAL HEAD START SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

The Pennsylvania Head Start Association is pleased to announce the annual merit-based, competitive scholarship program for former Head Start students graduating in June 2024 and continuing their education.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

1. Previous participation in a Head Start program; this scholarship does not apply to participation in any other preschool early childhood program.
2. Acceptance (or pending acceptance) in an institution or program of higher learning, i.e., college, vocational school, or trade school
3. Guidance Counselor or Teacher recommendation
4. Complete application form with all required attachments

Only complete applications on designated forms with all required information will be considered. Please complete all sections; if not applicable, indicate by "N/A". Incomplete or inaccurate information could jeopardize eligibility.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Academic performance
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Community involvement
4. Personal achievements and leadership roles
5. All other information on the completed application

SUBMISSION:

All application packets **must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024.**

Complete application packets include 2 Parts:

Part I:

Application

Part II:

Photos (Head Start (preschool) and High School)
Guidance Counselor or Teacher Letter of Recommendation
High School Transcript
SAT or ACT Scores; if applicable for education
College Acceptance/Submission Notification
One-page essay (see page 4 for details)

All completed applications and attachments (Parts I and II) must be submitted via email. Incomplete application packets will not be accepted. The application and all attachments must be emailed to stateoffice@paheadstart.org: Attention Jeff Koppel Scholarship

Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the PA Head Start Association.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LIST NAME AND ADDRESS OF COLLEGE TO WHICH CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE IF YOU ARE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP. IF YOU ARE UNDECIDED, FUNDS WILL BE HELD UNTIL THIS INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED.

I understand that the evaluation of all data submitted on my behalf will be performed by an impartial selection committee and that the decisions of the committee, based upon the criteria as set forth in the application, will be final. I also acknowledge that adherence to the deadline for submission of applications will be strictly adhered to and that applications received by the Pennsylvania Head Start Association after the stated deadline for submission will not be accepted.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PENNSYLVANIA HEAD START ASSOCIATION
JEFF KOPPEL MEMORIAL HEAD START SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Print Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

2. Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

3. What Year(s) Did You Attend Head Start? _____

4. Name of Head Start Program Attended: _____

Location of Center Attended (if known): _____

Name of Head Start Teacher (if known): _____

Participation will be confirmed, so please include details and any documentation you might have: _____

5. Name of High School: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

6. Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

7. Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend college? Yes No

8. Have you been accepted into a college or technical school? Yes No

If yes, School Name, City, and State: _____

9. Why did you choose this school? _____

10. What is your anticipated field of study? _____

11. What do you expect to be doing five years from now? _____

12. Please add any additional information you would like to share. _____

13. School Activities

Activity or Interest	Grade Level				Approx. Time Spent	
	9	10	11	12	Hrs./wk.	Position Held, Honors Won

14. Community Involvement

Activity or Interest	Grade Level				Approx. Time Spent		Position Held, Honors Won
	9	10	11	12	Hrs./Wk. or	Days/Month	

15. Work Experience

Job(s) Held	Employer	Approx. Dates of Employment	Hours Worked/Week

16. Will you seek work while attending school? Yes No

17. Attach a typed, one-page, double-spaced discussion of your goals and expectations for furthering your education and the role Head Start played in your development.

18. Please include a photo from your Head Start experience, or a picture of you at four years of age, along with your senior high school picture. Original copies will be returned.

19. Please include one letter of recommendation from either a guidance counselor or teacher.

20. How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

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**STUDENT INFORMATION FORM
For Authorization of Release of Information by School**

Name of Student (please print) Home Address

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student who is an applicant for a Pennsylvania Head Start Association Scholarship. Selection of winners is based, in part, on the information listed below and I hereby authorize you to release it to the selection committee.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date Signed

Instructions: (Section below to be completed by high school official.)

A transcript of the student's grades and academic achievement must be submitted with this form.

1. Test Scores:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Score</u>
SAT/ACT (Total Score)	_____
Other _____ (Name of Test)	_____

2. Class Rank: _____ in class of _____ as of _____.
(Number) (Class Size) (Date)

3. GPA: _____

4. Guidance Counselor Certification:

Signature/Date: _____ / _____

Please Print Name: _____

Position: _____

Please print current District Superintendent's Name: _____