PORTUGUESE FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2026

Scholarship Application Deadline

Applications and all supporting documents

***MUST BE RECEIVED via email or mail with all supporting documentation NO LATER Than 5:00 PM on Monday, MARCH 2, 2026.* No Exceptions**

Faxed documents will not be accepted

We will accept official transcripts from the school's email only and provided they are stamped with the schools seal or via mail in a sealed envelope from the school.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS ENTERING AN ACCREDITED VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AS A FULL TIME STUDENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

This application is for applicants entering a Vocational School, Junior College or University for the first time as a student and applying within their high school graduation year. Please indicate category of scholarship you are applying for:

FYI: When you apply and if you check for the University Scholarship; payments are only made when you attend a university. If for any reason you change and decide to go to a Community College; Junior College or Trade school; no payments will be made until you attend a University.

Ernie Mendes Scholarship may be combined with the Two Year College or Four Year College and is for a student whose major is in the Agricultural Field.

☐ **Scholarship** ***(Applying to a UNIVERSITY or ACCREDITED COLLEGE ONLY)***

Minimum Required of 3.0 G.P.A. (Grade Point Average)

☐ **Scholarship*(Applying to a JUNIOR COLLEGE; VOCATIONAL SCHOOL or TRADE SCHOOL*** ONLY. **Minimum Required of 2.5 G.P.A. (Grade Point Average)**

☐ **Ernie Mendes Scholarship (AGRICULTRAL FIELD *ONLY*)** This is an additional scholarship

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Mail Application (**Pages 1 thru 4**) and all pertinent information to:

PFSA Scholarship Foundation

C/O 10907 Fulkerth Rd, Ceres, CA 95307

Or email to: PFSA.Scholarships@gmail.com or PFSAscholarships@mypfsa.org

REQUIREMENTS

All applications must be received at the Foundations Office C/O 10907 Fulkerth Rd, Ceres, CA 95307, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM on MONDAY, March 2, 2026. No application will be accepted after the final date, nor will it be considered if the required supporting documents **OUTLINED BELOW ARE NOT SUBMITTED**. Please make sure all these requirements are addressed by checking the boxes below:

☐ Applicant must be a benefit member of the PFSA for the past **two years** prior to Application deadline.

☐ Premiums and membership dues must be up to date as of **March 2, 2026.**

☐ **Scholarship payments will be made as long as the applicant's policy Premiums and membership dues are current.**

☐ Maintained required minimum GPA (four year school is 3.0 G.P.A. and two year school or vocational school is 2.5 G.P.A.) in the Sophomore, Junior and First Semester of Senior year and meet all Requirements set down by an accredited University or College of student's choice.

Official transcript of grade records must accompany application. If Transcript is sent separately **it is the Applicants responsibility** that it is received in the Foundation's Office **no later than 5:00 PM Monday on March 2, 2026.**

****** If you received credit from a College or University, Please provide the proof with your application.***

☐ Provide in resume form a list of all extra-curricular activities in which you have participated while in High School *(ie. church, athletics, student body)*. Please list the number of hours and years in which you participated in each activity. I

The PFSA SCHOARSHIP FOUNDATION Provide in resume form a list of employment during High School years and total number of hours per week dedicated to each activity. Do not include summer employment.

☐ Provide a typewritten ESSAY no more than **ONE** sheet 8 ½ x 11(font size 10 or 12), discussing your main academic interest and why you choose it, your educational and career objectives. Please tell how your life experiences have influenced your intellect and personal growth rather than providing a chronology.

☐ Provide one letter of recommendation. The letter must be from the **High School Principal, Dean, Teacher or Counselor** who will verify participation in the extra-curricular activities. **Letters from other Individual's will not be accepted and they will be disqualified. Letters must be on School Letterhead and signed By your High School Principal, Dean, Teacher or Counselor (no copies will be accepted).**

☐ If applicant is home schooled, he/she must provide one letter of recommendation from their assigned educational specialist on school letterhead.

☐ Attach a **3.5" x 5" recent photograph.** We hereby authorize the PFSA Scholarship Foundation to publish the submitted photo as well as the name and council of the recipient in all PFSA publications, social media and website for the purpose of promoting the scholarship program

Please read and check the above boxes as your check-off list before submitting your application.

Missing and/or incorrect information, including the applicant and the Parent's signature in all required places will disqualify your application. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We, the undersigned read and understand all the above-mentioned requirements.

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Applicant's Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

For additional information, please call the Scholarship Foundation at (916) 825-6650 or (209) 765-7355,

E-mail pfsa.scholarships@gmail.com or go to www.mypfsa.org/scholarships

STUDENT APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly)

Please state your membership affiliation in PFSA:

Council No.: _____ **Policy Number:_____**

Name_____

Home Address_____

City_____ State_____Zip_____

E-Mail_____

Telephone: _____Social Security No._____

Date of Birth_____Birthplace_____

Name of High School_____

Are you graduating this year? _____ Date of High School graduation_____

College planning to attend full-time:_____Date of entrance _____

Major Subject: _____

For what business or profession are you preparing?_____

State your grade point average for the last 3 years *(Sophomore, Junior and Senior)*_____

Are you a member of any Scholarship Federations or Scholastic Achievement Clubs? _____

If so, please state them and the number of semesters achieved: _____

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By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have applied for a PFSA Scholarship and *solemnly affirm that the statements contained herein are correct. If so, please sign below.*

_____ _____

Applicant's Signature Date

INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL OR DEAN

According to our records, this applicant has maintained a GPA (grade point average) of_____

Please print your name and position _____

Date_____ Signature _____

(Principal / Dean or Counselor)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 21

The following information, together with the statements made by the Applicant, is for the PFSA Scholarship Foundation only and will be considered as strictly confidential. (To be filled out by parent or guardian, if applicant is under 21, or a dependent.) Please provide information for either parents or guardians. **(ONLY 1 PARENT IS REQUIRED TO SIGN BELOW)**

	Parent or Guardian	Parent or Guardian
Name Address City, State, Zip Phone No.	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
Relationship to applicant		

I hereby declare that I have read all the statements on this application regarding the information of the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, solemnly affirm that the statements are correct.

Signed_____ Signed_____

Parent or Guardian Parent or Guardian

Date: _____ Date: _____