

**PCLB Scholarship Fund
Information for Counselors & Advisors**

1. How many students can apply for this scholarship?

Each eligible and participating school can recommend 2-5 seniors to apply. The lower limit helps to establish a broad pool of candidates for PCLB to select from.

2. How can my recommended students apply?

Once your school has 2-5 recommended students in mind, please provide these students contact information (full name, e-mail address, and phone number) to grants@pclbfoundation.org and LillianL@pclbfoundation.org. The deadline to submit nominations to PCLB is **Thursday, January 7, 2021** though we encourage schools to submit their nominations as early as possible. Once you have submitted contact information for your nominated students, PCLB will follow-up with these students to initiate and monitor their application process.

3. What qualities are you looking for in a candidate?

The ideal candidate is someone who has worked hard to achieve academic and social success, even when progress did not come readily or easily for them. We are looking for candidates who are: persistent, self-disciplined, curious, conscientious, and motivated – qualities that we believe will enable candidates to continue succeeding in college. We will not be evaluating students on their academic performance or merits, though we do ask for copies of school transcripts for informational purposes only.

4. What is the award amount for each PCLB Scholarship? What costs does the award cover?

Award amounts will vary as they are customized to each PCLB Scholar's needs and dependent on the information provide in financial aid award letters. The amount that recipients receive will depend on their direct cost of attendance, plus books and supplies, minus federal, state and institutional aid and other outside scholarships. Our scholarship funds can help to cover unmet financial need and can help replace self-help options, dependent on each college's policy on treatment of outside scholarships. For the 2019-20 cohort, awards ranged from \$1,250.00 to \$35,138.00.

Our scholarship funds can be applied to the following costs of college: tuition and mandatory fees; required books and supplies; and room and board. We also provide a one-time laptop stipend and assistance for student health insurance coverage, if a student is not covered under an existing plan. Transportation is not currently covered in our scholarship program.

5. How does over-award and aid displacement factor into PCLB's award?

It is our aim to provide as much scholarship aid possible to help minimize students' financial burden for attending college. However, we recognize that challenges to this aim are the federal and state policies regarding over-awards to students who are receiving need-based aid and colleges' policies regarding treatment of outside scholarships. While we cannot make up for any displaced aid as a result of a student receiving our scholarship award, PCLB will work with financial aid offices to maximize that impact of our scholarship dollars. We also encourage students and counselors to connect with financial aid offices to understand how outside scholarships might impact students' financial package before accepting our award.

6. Where can I find more details about the scholarship?

To learn more about the scholarship, including program guidelines and application materials, please visit: <http://pclbfoundation.org/pclb-scholarship-fund/>.

7. What are some key dates I should keep in mind?

Key Dates for Application Process

Event	Date
Nominations (<i>Counselors</i>)	November – January 7, 2021
Application Release	December 18, 2020
Nomination Deadline (<i>Counselors</i>)	January 7, 2021
Suggested Recommendation Deadline (<i>Counselors and Teachers</i>)	February 2, 2021
Application Submission Deadline	February 9, 2021
Invitation for Interviews	By March 11, 2021
Interviews with PCLB Scholarship Committee	March 22-26 2021
Award decision	Early April

8. Who do I speak with if I have additional questions?

Please send any inquiries about this scholarship opportunity to Lillian Liang (Program Officer) at LillianL@pclbfoundation.org, or by phone at (212) 360-6173. Lillian will also be hosting Zoom office hours (<https://baruch.zoom.us/j/9208169216>) for anyone to drop in and ask questions on:

- Monday, November 23 from 3-5:30pm
- Friday, December 4 from 3:00-5:30pm