PCLB Scholarship Fund
Information for Counselors and Advisors

1. **How many students can apply for the scholarship?**
Each eligible and participating high school can nominate 3 seniors to apply for a scholarship. For the 2021-22 academic year, these schools include:
- Achievement First Crown Heights Charter School
- Achievement First Brooklyn Charter School
- Achievement First East Brooklyn High School
- Brooklyn Prospect Charter School
- Capital Preparatory Harlem Charter School
- Uncommon Charter High School
- Uncommon Collegiate Charter High School
- Uncommon Leadership Charter High School
- Uncommon Preparatory Charter High School

2. **How can nominated students apply?**
Once your school has 3 nominations in mind, please provide these students’ contact information (full name, e-mail address, and phone number) to grants@pclbfoundation.org and katen@pclbfoundation.org. The deadline to submit nominations to PCLB is end of day **Thursday, January 6, 2022**, 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 exhibit **Self-Reliance, Fairness, Honesty, Humility, Trust, Excellence, Patience, and Adaptability** – qualities that we believe will enable candidates to succeed in, and after, 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 can the award be used to cover?**
Each 2022 scholarship award will be $17,000, renewable annually at the same amount, to support four years of full-time college enrollment. We intend for our scholarship funds to be applied to the following costs of college: tuition and mandatory fees; room and board; and required books and supplies.

5. **How does over-award and aid displacement factor into PCLB’s award?**
It is our aim to provide scholarship aid that minimizes 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. We encourage students and counselors to connect with financial aid offices to understand how outside scholarships might impact a student’s 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: [https://pclbfoundation.org/pclb-scholarship-fund/](https://pclbfoundation.org/pclb-scholarship-fund/).
7. What are some key dates I should keep in mind?

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8. Who do I contact with additional questions?
Please send any inquiries about this scholarship opportunity to Kate Neifeld, Program Associate, at katen@pclbfoundation.org.

Kate will be hosting Zoom office hours for anyone who would like to drop in and ask questions on:

- Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82062482742?pwd=dU40a1dWNmFJc2kxUVd6bVRIY0xXZz09