

## PCC Foundation Scholarship

The PCC Foundation awards more than \$2.5 million in scholarships annually!

***Scholarship application opens November 1, 2025***

***Deadline to apply is February 1, 2026***

**1. Complete the PCC Admissions Application** - [pcc.edu/admissions](https://pcc.edu/admissions)

**Important:** You must be admitted to PCC, have a Student ID (G#), and complete the online New Student Orientation before you can begin the PCC Foundation scholarship application. The PCC admission process may take up to 10 business days.

**2. Complete New Student Orientation (online)**

Once your application is processed, you will receive an email with instructions to complete the required online New Student Orientation.

**3. Log in to MyPCC student portal** - [my.pcc.edu](https://my.pcc.edu)

After you complete the online New Student Orientation, you will receive your PCC Student ID (G#) and MyPCC login information.

**4. Complete PCC Scholarship Application** - [pcc.edu/foundation/workshops](https://pcc.edu/foundation/workshops)

- Answer the general application questions.
- Two personal essays (Limit 350 words each). See “Scholarship Essay Tips” on page 2 for more information.
- No letter of reference required for the general application (*new*)

**5. Complete the FAFSA** - [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or **ORSAA** - [oregonstudentaid.gov](https://oregonstudentaid.gov)

### Have questions?

#### **Attend a Scholarship Workshop and Scholarship Help Sessions**

The Scholarship workshops will provide information about the online application process and what elements help create a competitive scholarship application. There are also Scholarship Help Sessions where you can get feedback on your essays, ask questions or troubleshoot any technical issues.

**Workshop schedule available at** [pcc.edu/foundation/workshops](https://pcc.edu/foundation/workshops)



## PCC Foundation Scholarship Essay Tips

The use of AI generative tools (such as ChatGPT) is not permitted in your PCC Foundation essays. This is your opportunity to showcase your work, share where you are in your educational journey and aspirations! When it comes to writing your scholarship essays, just remember to be yourself. After being yourself, the next best thing to be is clear and exact in answering the questions.

Below you will find a guide to creating an essay outline. It's recommended to first create an outline of your essay and then to write it out. And, don't be afraid to use all of the 350 words allowed. The more information you provide, the better you can be matched to scholarships.

### **Essay 1: Explain your career goals and educational plan to meet these goals. What inspired you to choose this field of study and career?**

- *Career goal: What is your long term career goal? (the big one)*
- *Educational plan (all of it)*
  - *Related work/ volunteer experience?*
  - *PCC program/ degree/certificate?*
  - *Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, or Doctoral degree?*
- *What inspired you?*
  - *This is where you should be personal. Did something happen in your family? To you? A friend? Try to be specific, avoid broad statements like "I want to help people".*

### **Essay 2: What is your greatest strength or characteristic and why? How has this strength benefitted you? How will this help you succeed at PCC?**

- *Choose one strength or characteristic and explain why it is a strength*
  - *This can be a physical or intangible strength or characteristic. For example, a physical strength could be a record for the fastest mile time at my high school and an intangible strength could be a great listener.*
  - *What is it about the characteristic you chose that makes it a strength?*
- *How has this strength benefitted you?*
  - *Be reflective and specific. For example, did you learn to reach out for help? To spend more time on your homework? To keep friends and family around?*
- *How will this strength help you to be successful at PCC?*
  - *For example, this could be a practice or something you are already doing that is working for you, "Math is my hardest subject, I use the tutoring center when I need extra help with my math homework. My grades in math have improved and I am less anxious about taking those classes now."*