

# PHARMACY HONORS and SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (PHS)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### What is the PHS Scholarship?

The PHS Scholarships are merit-based with two award levels (Honors and High Honors) and are awarded to selected incoming P1 students. There will be a total of ten scholarship awards (5 for each level) available each year.

### What are the award amounts for the scholarships?

High Honors Scholarship recipients will receive a \$10,000 scholarship annually for their first three years in pharmacy school (Total amount for three years is \$30,000).

Honors Scholarship recipients will receive a \$5,000 scholarship annually for their first three years (Total amount for three years is \$15,000).

#### Who can apply?

Any newly admitted P1 student who has paid the \$750 deposit and meets the cumulative GPA requirement for either scholarship is eligible to apply.

High Honors – Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher on a 4 point scale to apply

Honors – Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4 point scale to apply

Meeting the above minimum criteria to apply does not guarantee that the applicant will receive a scholarship. Additional criteria including interview scores will be considered in the final decision. The PHS Committee reserves the right to waive the GPA requirement based on individual circumstances.

# How do I apply?

Qualified applicants must submit a completed PHS Scholarship Application Form and a letter of interest highlighting his/her qualifications for this scholarship by April 26th. All letters should be addressed to Mr. Lucas Whittaker, Director of Pharmacy Admissions (Lucas\_ Whittaker@PBA.edu).

# When is the deadline to apply?

April 25th.

# When are applicants notified regarding the decision?

All applicants will be notified of the PHS Scholarship Committee's decision by the end of May.

# How many scholarships are awarded?

A total of ten (10) scholarships will be awarded each year. Five (5) High Honors and five (5) Honors scholarships.

### What is the duration of the scholarship?

Provided the scholarship recipient remains in good academic standing, maintains the required GPA, and fulfills the GSOP professional service hour requirements each year, the scholarships are renewed for three years.

### What are the requirements to maintain the scholarship?

High Honors (\$10,000/year) recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.40 or higher and remain in good academic standing over the course of their studies (the cumulative GPA will be determined at the end of each academic year). In addition, the student must complete 100 professional service hours within the GSOP each year (may include summer).

Honors (\$5,000/year) recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher and remain in good academic standing over the course of their studies (the cumulative GPA will be determined at the end of each academic year). In addition, the student must complete 50 professional service hours within the GSOP each year (may include summer).

#### What are Professional Service Hours?

Professional service hours are to be completed within the GSOP. All hours must be approved by the PHS Scholarship Committee and may include but are not limited to the following areas; Admissions and recruitment, alumni relations, marketing, research, grants, technology and media services, special events and programs, Office of the Dean, and student services. Within reason, every effort will be made to match the student's interests, talents, and availability with one of the above areas.

# How many Professional Service Hours are required and when?

High Honors recipients must complete 100 service hours with the GSOP prior to the start of the next academic year (may include summer).

Honors recipients must complete 50 service hours with the GSOP prior to the start of the next academic year (may include summer).

# What happens if I do not maintain the minimum GPA requirement?

After the completion of each academic year, the Student Success Committee will review the eligibility of each scholarship recipient. Depending on the scholarship level (High Honors or Honors), a student may lose their scholarship entirely or it may be reduced to a lower level if the student does not maintain the GPA and/or the professional service hour requirement.

### Will this scholarship affect my financial aid package?

Yes, it will lower your maximum amount of federal loans you may qualify for. Please contact the PBA Financial Aid Office at (561) 803-2126 for additional information.

# Who can I contact regarding additional questions?

For additional information, please contact 561-803-2751 or Lucas\_Whittaker@PBA.edu