



Eligibility Requirements and Procedures

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

To be eligible, all students must:

1. Have participated in an ROP program such as an academy, charter school, transition program or evening reporting center.
2. Be a high school graduate or within 60 days of receiving a high school diploma. GEDs are acceptable.
3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or greater during undergraduate college enrollment and a GPA of 3.0 or greater for graduate coursework.
4. Demonstrate significant financial need.
5. Be less than 26 years of age, although some exceptions may be approved by the Passageway Board of Directors.
6. Demonstrate a commitment to positive behavior change and the motivation to strengthen one's community.
7. Exhibit the determination to achieve specific academic and professional goals.
8. Complete the scholarship application and abide by all its requirements.

Scholarship Procedures:

1. First-time applicants must submit the Passageway Scholarship Application in its entirety.
2. Returning applicants are required to complete the Scholarship Application every year before the fall semester. **In order to renew the scholarship for spring and summer terms, all Passageway Scholars must submit unofficial transcripts to Passageway to demonstrate academic success and a written request for the specific scholarship amount.** Email correspondence is acceptable. The completion of an additional application is not required for spring or summer terms.
3. First time applicants shall receive \$500 to \$1,000.00 for the semester based on need. Renewal applicants are eligible for additional funds based on need and academic performance, with increases in increments of up to \$500.00. **These increases are not guaranteed, as they are also dependent upon availability of funds and the merits of the application.**

4. Any Passageway Scholar with a GPA lower than 2.0 for an academic term will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent semester. If the Scholar is unable to raise his/her GPA during that semester, the scholarship will not be renewed. However, the student may reapply at a later date. For graduate coursework, a GPA lower than 3.0 will result in academic probation for the following semester.
5. Scholarships are awarded based on a traditional academic schedule. A recipient is only eligible for one scholarship during an academic term; the academic terms are defined as follows: fall semester (August through December), spring semester (January through May), and summer semester (May through August). Exceptions may be considered.
6. Students shall submit a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), the document one receives once his/her FAFSA application has been processed. This document provides information regarding financial need and eligibility for financial aid. (You may request additional copies of the SAR at www.fafsa.ed.gov)
7. Scholarship money is available for tuition and books only.
8. Upon documentation of need, students entering vocational trades may apply for a tool scholarship of \$300 - \$500. This is a one-time award.
9. Scholarship money is given to the school and not to the student. If excess funds remain after tuition, books and fees are paid, those funds will be returned to Passageway, not to the student.