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## PENNSYLVANIA AUTOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION

**TO: Dealership Personnel and Their Immediate Families**

**RE: Pennsylvania Automotive Association Community Service Scholarships**

The **Pennsylvania Automotive Association**, through a fund within the PAA Foundation, awards scholarships to young people who demonstrate charitable characteristics on a continual basis, volunteering their time and their talents to their communities, schools, churches, and other charitable organizations. Applicants should demonstrate involvement through their essays, reference letters and resumes detailing projects and organizations which they support.

The PAA Community Service Scholarships are available to the children, step-children, and grandchildren of Pennsylvania new car and truck dealership personnel. Those students who are high school seniors graduating in 2012 or who are currently enrolled as undergraduate students are eligible to apply.

Recipients enrolled in degree programs at community colleges or four year colleges and universities will be eligible to receive **awards of up to \$5,000 per year for two years**, and may reapply for subsequent years.

Applicants must satisfy the criteria listed on the enclosed information sheet and provide all requested information. **The selection process is heavily weighted to those students who display charitable intent through their documented commitment to those in need in their areas.** Consideration will also be given for involvement in other extracurricular activities such as sports, music, and arts, as well as other school or community related endeavors and employment.

Applications must be completed by **February 15, 2012**, and mailed to PAA Scholarship Application – Community Service, PO Box 2955, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Anne Shuman at (717) 255-8311, extension 3351 or [ashuman@paa.org](mailto:ashuman@paa.org) or Jane Toto at extension 3318 or [jtoto@paa.org](mailto:jtoto@paa.org).

**Pennsylvania Automotive Association**  
**Community Service Scholarship Application Form**

The Pennsylvania Automotive Association **Community Service Scholarships** are funded through PAA's account within the PAA Foundation, which was authorized to assist students affiliated with the automotive industry in Pennsylvania with college expenses. The PAA Community Service Scholarship is awarded to children, step-children and grandchildren of dealership personnel, currently working in Pennsylvania dealerships, who are high school seniors graduating after May 31, 2012 or who are currently enrolled as undergraduate students.

**Initial Application:**

**The PAA Scholarship Committee will review scholarship applications that satisfy the following criteria:**

1. Applicant must be the **child, step-child or grandchild of an employee of a franchised new car or heavy-duty truck dealership in Pennsylvania.** The employee must work at the current dealership for a minimum of one year as of January 1, 2012 and must still be employed at the dealership when the scholarship is awarded. Neither the employee, nor their extended family, may hold any stock or ownership in the dealership.
2. The applicant must demonstrate academic achievement of a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
3. **The applicant must document involvement in community service activities, on a voluntary basis, with charitable organizations and institutions, schools, churches and other groups that provide care, services and relief to those in need in their communities.**
4. The applicant is also encouraged to document participation in other activities or organizations such as sports, music and arts, Girl and Boy Scouts, church or religious related groups and other pursuits and interests that are beneficial to the welfare of the community or individual.

The amount of the scholarship is up to \$5,000 per year. **The scholarship will automatically be renewed for the second year if the student continues to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher throughout the academic year and the parent, guardian or recipient continues to be employed at a Pennsylvania new car or truck dealership.**

**Reapplication:**

Students may reapply for the scholarship for undergraduate years three and four if they continue to satisfy eligibility criteria:

1. Remain enrolled as a full-time student with at least 12 credits per semester.
2. Maintain a grade point average of no lower than 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) throughout the first two academic years.
3. Continuous employment of parent or guardian at a Pennsylvania new car or truck dealership.

The scholarships can be used at community colleges and four year colleges or universities. Students must be enrolled full-time, with at least 12 credits per semester. **The scholarship is available for tuition, fees, books, tools and other eligible educational expenses.** The Foundation does NOT pay scholarships to individuals. Instead funds will be paid directly to the institution to be credited to the individual student's account.

Two disbursements of \$2,500.00 will be paid during each applicable academic year upon receipt of an invoice and student transcripts from the post-secondary institution. Both the invoice and transcripts must be received for every disbursement. Student must supply documentation of enrollment/matriculation from the institution prior to the first disbursement. **It is the student's responsibility to provide transcripts and invoices to PAA every semester. PAA will not contact the school for disbursement documentation.**

**Required Attachments**

- Completed Student Background Sheet, Student Questions, and Parent/Guardian Background
- Completed Essay Questions and Letters of Recommendation
- Resume or other documentation of student involvement in community service activities/Extracurricular activities/Work Experience
- Official High School or College Transcript with raised school seal

This application and the required attachments must be completed and returned on or before **February 15, 2012.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. The applications will be reviewed by a committee and the winners will be notified by mail no later than May 1, 2012.

**The application should be completed and submitted with supporting materials to PAA Scholarship Application – Community Service, PO Box 2955, Harrisburg, PA 17105.**

**Pennsylvania Automotive Association**  
**Community Service Scholarship Application Form**

**Student Background**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: / /

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/School you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Entrance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time: \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits per semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student School Financial Information**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**College Financial Aid Officer or Bursar's Office contact information**

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address: Street or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Fax

\_\_\_\_\_ Email

**List awards, recognitions, honors and noteworthy achievements  
(Please provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper)**

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**List organizations, clubs, community service, sports or other extracurricular activities  
(Please provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper)**

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**ESSAYS - Maximum of 400 words each**

- 1. What are your educational and career plans and how has your volunteerism and community service influenced your career decisions?**
- 2. Give a brief description of you volunteer and community service involvement and tell us which activity has been the most meaningful to you and why?**
- 3. Describe your other extracurricular activities and interests; including sports, arts, religious pursuits, other clubs or groups, and/or work experience. Explain how this involvement enriches your life and helps the greater community.**



**THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.**

1. **ESSAYS**

All essays must be typed, double-spaced and signed.

2. **TRANSCRIPT**

An official transcript must be submitted with this application

3. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

You must supply 2 non-related letters of recommendation. These references may include:

Teachers, community leaders and employers who are familiar with and can comment about the student's volunteer and extracurricular activities; and  
Charitable organization leaders where the student has volunteered.

**Letters should primarily focus on the student's community service and volunteer activities as well as information about academic and extracurricular achievements.**

*I certify that all information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions made are final and not subject to review or appeal. I further understand that any information provided in this form will be shared with PAA Scholarship Committee members.*

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Student Signature

Date

**COMPLETED APPLICATION**

Please check the boxes below to make sure that you have included ALL the required material before you mail your application.

- Signed Application Form
- 3 Essays
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcript

**Mail complete application materials  
in one 9 x 12 envelope to:**

**PAA Scholarship Application – Community Service  
PO Box 2955  
Harrisburg, PA 17105**

**AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**DEADLINE: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN February 15, 2012**

**Students reapplying do not need to resubmit essays or letters of recommendation.**