



# PHILLY BAIRD IS THE CHANGE

## Philly Baird Is the Change Scholarship Application

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is April 24, 2026. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed.  
**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
4. Complete applications will be emailed with specific instructions below.
5. The Counseling Department will be notified, and awards announced at Scholarship Banquet Event held by School.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email [info@phillybairdisthechange.org](mailto:info@phillybairdisthechange.org), or visit [www.phillybairdisthechange.org](http://www.phillybairdisthechange.org)

**Purpose:** The Philly Baird Is The Change Scholarship Program was established in 2023. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolled for undergraduate study in community colleges, colleges, trade schools and universities.

**Scholarship Awards:** Philly Baird Is The Change awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, and Personal Essay. Philly Baird Is The Change pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school. Scholarships are awarded on a one-time basis per recipient. Philly Baird Is The Change Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, faith, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

**Award Components:** Scholarship awards will be \$500 as determined by the Philly Baird Is The Change Foundation Selection Committee and subject to multiple awards and increase in values.

### **Criteria:**

- Must be a current student of Lathrop High School
- Must be equivalent to a senior in high school
- Must have applied to an undergraduate program at a community college, trade school or university.
- **Must demonstrate leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in extra-curricular activities**
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher
- **Community service is preferred. Provide letter verifying your community service.**

### **Timeline:**

- Completed applications must be emailed no later than April 24, 2026 11:59 PM PST.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship at the Scholarship Banquet held at high school.

**Scholarship Applicants Must Provide:**

- Completed application form
- Copy high school transcript
- Resume highlighting your academic honors, awards and membership activities, community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and/or employment experience while in high school achievements, awards, membership, activities and community involvement/service
- One letter of reference confirming in detail how you have made a difference in your community during high school
- Confirmation in writing regarding your choice of community service and hours for those that have serviced their community
- Personal Essay

**Scholarship Awards:**

- Award notification will be given to Counseling Department.
- Scholarship recipients must provide their **student ID number, proof of acceptance and the mailing address for the Financial Aid Office of the educational institution they will be attending, and approval for use on social media/website.**

**Deadline** for the application is **April 24, 2026 11:59 PM PST**. Applications emailed after this date/time will not be considered.

**Please feel free to email us to confirm receipt of your application.**

**EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO US**

**info@phillybairdisthechange.org**

**IN SUBJECT INCLUDE -  
LATHROP SCHOLARSHIP - STUDENT LAST NAME, FIRST NAME**



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Philly Baird Is The Change Scholarship Application

First Name:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Email:

Current High School:

Number of years attended HS:

HS Advisor/HS Counselor name & email:

Grade Point Average (GPA): (2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale)

Attach proof of GPA; your most recent **official** school transcript is required (can be a copy)

School planning to attend next year:

Address, City and State of School:

List your educational and professional goals and objectives for after high school graduation.

List the scholarships (name and dollar amount) you have been awarded.

How did you learn about the *Philly Baird Is The Change* scholarship?

Counselor

Teacher

Website

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL ESSAY

Philly Baird lived his life by “being the change you wish to see in the world” in an effort to make a difference starting at his community level. Everything we choose to do makes a ripple effect across the world and it starts with us within the lives in our own communities.

Go to [www.PhillyBairdIsTheChange.org](http://www.PhillyBairdIsTheChange.org) to learn more about Philly Baird.

Community service is essential for personal growth and social change. By giving back, you can enhance your skills, gain valuable experience, and make a positive impact on your community. But community service is not just about the benefits for the giver – it also has a profound impact on those receiving the service. Community service has the power to inspire others to get involved and make a difference. By sharing your experiences and encouraging others to volunteer, you can create a ripple effect of positive change in your community and beyond.

Prepare a personal essay describing in detail what you have done during your high school years to make an impact on or within your community to make a positive difference.

### CHECKLIST FOR MAILING/EMAILING APPLICATION – BE SURE YOU HAVE ALL

A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify for review by the scholarship committee.

B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application.

**(NO EXCEPTIONS.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application completed  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Most recent copy high school transcript or official record alternative.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Resume   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter of reference documenting what you have done to make a difference in your community. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Confirmation of community service hours if you   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal Essay about how you have served your community and made a positive difference.    |

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Philly Baird Is The Change Scholarship Selection Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Philly Baird Is The Change Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Philly Baird Is The Change scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Name of Scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be postmarked or emailed**

**by April 24, 2026 11:59 PM PST.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**