



ACF Philadelphia Chapter DVCA Student Application Scholarship Application Guidelines

Students Currently Enrolled in High School

- Must be a High School or Technical School Senior from the Philadelphia and surrounding area.
- Must have completed community service
- Must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must demonstrate a passion and commitment for the culinary industry
- Must show experience in the culinary industry – this can be either paid work experience or volunteer experience
- Must show a potential to benefit from the scholarship
- Must submit a complete application form, and supporting documentation by deadline

Students Currently Enrolled in Culinary School (post-secondary)

- Must be a resident of Philadelphia or the surrounding area and completed at least one semester or quarter of a culinary arts program
- Must be a student in a certificate or degree program for the term of the scholarship
- Must have a current program grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must demonstrate a passion and commitment for the culinary industry
- Must show experience in the culinary industry – this can be either paid work experience or volunteer experience
- Must show a potential to benefit from the scholarship
- Must submit a complete application form and supporting documentation by deadline

General Information

Applicants will be considered on the basis of financial need, cumulative grade point average, amount of culinary work and volunteer experience, strength of applicant's statement, strength of reference sheets, and overall professionalism of the application.

Scholarship checks will be made payable to the Institution of Higher Learning where the student will be attending.

Return completed application and required attachments by **March 28, 2026** to:

**ACF Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship Committee
C/O Peter M. Salemno, Jr CEC, CCE, AAC
211 Walden Lane
Lansdale, PA 19446
or Scan or Email to: 141pete@gmail.com**



The applicant is responsible to ensure the legibility, accuracy and completeness of the application and its supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation that must be attached to this application includes:

- Current **college or high school transcript** (unofficial).
- Current **resume**
- **A 500-word** essay describing why you (the student) is deserving of this scholarship.

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

Describe financial need and how this scholarship will help you in paying college costs. This essay should include information regarding your passion and commitment to the culinary industry, your work and volunteer experience, expected career path, and/or what makes you different from other applicants and how this scholarship will help you achieve your professional goal.

- **Two Letter of Recommendation** –

1. one from a culinary instructor
2. one from a past or present employer, culinary mentor, or other industry or community professional

Letter should include Communications Skills, Culinary Skills, Dependability, Leadership skills.

The letter should be in depth as a large portion of the recommendation letter counts towards the committee decision.

ACF Philadelphia DVCA is not responsible for lost or incomplete applications.

Application deadline is March 28, 2026.

Questions can be directed by email to Peter Salemno CEC, CCE, AAC
Scholarship Chairman
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