

SUNY Potsdam Freshman Scholarship Application

The SUNY Potsdam Scholars Program is designed to provide support to our high-achieving students. This program will be available to entering full-time matriculated undergraduate freshman students and applies only to fall applicants.

A scholarship application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the application school year are required. The selection committee will consider SAT and/or ACT test scores, GPA, essay, and a history of participation and leadership in extracurricular activities and community service. NCAA Division III regulations prohibit the consideration of high school athletic ability, athletic participation, athletic leadership or athletic performance in awarding scholarships. The value of each award begins at \$1000 annually.

Freshman applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 90 or minimum SAT score of 1100 (Critical Reading and Math) or minimum ACT score of 24. The Freshman Scholarship is renewable for three subsequent years by maintaining continuous full-time enrollment at SUNY Potsdam and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale).

All scholarship applicants must:

- Be accepted for admission to SUNY Potsdam to enroll full time for the fall semester.
- Have at least a cumulative high school GPA of 90, or an SAT (Critical Reading and Math) score of 1100, or an ACT score of 24.
- Complete this scholarship application, including the Personal Statement, and arrange for one scholarship recommendation.
- File the FAFSA for the application school year.

(Scholarships for international students are awarded through the SUNY Potsdam International Initiative. Application information can be found on the SUNY Potsdam Web Site at <http://www.potsdam.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international>.)

All application requirements must be on file by February 15 prior to the entering fall semester. Applications completed after February 15 will be reviewed as funding allows. It is the student's responsibility to check if the application is complete.

Please print or type.

Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Address _____

City, State and Zipcode _____

Phone number _____ E-mail Address _____

Expected/Anticipated Major _____

Submitted FAFSA (www.FAFSA.ed.gov)? _____ yes _____ no If no, will submit by _____

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Current cumulative GPA _____ SATand/or ACT score(s) _____ Class Rank _____

Personal Statement

Please write a 250-500 word statement responding to **one** of the following questions.
(Please attach pages to this application)

1. Tell us about yourself, your reasons for applying to SUNY Potsdam, and your reasons for seeking a college education.
2. Write on any topic of importance to you.

The information in this application will be used to help identify SUNY Potsdam Foundation scholarships for which you may qualify. Any scholarship awarded based on information from this form may be cancelled if the information provided by the student is found to be inaccurate.

I have read the above statement and certify that the information I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date

Return to:

Susan Godreau
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SUNY Potsdam Financial Aid Office
44 Pierrepont Ave
Potsdam, NY 13676
finaid@potsdam.edu
(Tel) 315-267-2162, (Fax) 315-267-3067

Scholarship Recommendation Form

Please be sure to submit **one** completed Scholarship Recommendation with this application.

Applicant: Please select a teacher, guidance counselor or administrator to provide a separate written recommendation in support of your application.

Reference: This is a highly competitive and prestigious scholarship. Please address the criteria listed below in your letter. Be sure to include any additional information that you feel should be considered by the scholarship committee. Please submit your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope to either the Scholarship Coordinator at the address listed below or the applicant (if given to the applicant, please sign along the flap of the sealed envelope). You may also fax the letter to 315-267-3067 or email it to finaid@potsteam.edu from your school or college account.

- Relationship to applicant
- Scholastic achievement, intellectual ability
- Ability to analyze a problem and formulate a solution
- Oral communication skills, written communication skills
- Leadership, creativity
- Ability to work effectively with others (including faculty, staff, and students)
- Cooperation, dependability
- Motivation, self-discipline
- Initiative, integrity

All forms must be on file in the SUNY Potsdam Financial Aid Office by **February 15**.
Please return this form to the applicant or Financial Aid Office c/o

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