

# Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development (PCAFPD)

## ABOUT US

Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development (PCAFPD) is the official Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) group for the Philippines and is an affiliate of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). In 1983, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and staff created the Foundation as a way for former volunteers and staff to stay connected to the Philippines and to each other in a worthy cause.

Learn more by visiting our [official website](http://www.rpcvphilippines.org/about-pcafpd/): <http://www.rpcvphilippines.org/about-pcafpd/>

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The PCAFPD scholarship program is designed to provide opportunities for Filipinos to further their education and contribute to the development of the Philippines. The program is funded primarily by former Peace Corps Volunteers and Filipino-Americans who support the program as a way to further Philippine development.

The Foundation is looking for applicants who have the potential to be leaders in their communities and demonstrate a strong commitment to improving the quality of life for all Filipinos. Your application should demonstrate this capacity and commitment.

## ELIGIBILITY

Who can apply for this scholarship?

- Be a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines.
- Currently studying in **Grade 12, college**, or at least have **graduated from Senior High School** in the Philippines. We do not support study abroad.
- Have a record of strong academic performance and performed volunteer community service work.
- Demonstrate financial need. Priority is given to applicants from low-income households, generally those below the poverty line for a family of four.
- Be committed to serving your community and country, following your graduation from college. **This scholarship is not intended for people planning to work overseas.**
- Applicants proposing fields of study with high potential to contribute to Philippine development will be given priority in the selection process.
- Generally, you may not accept any other scholarships in conjunction with a PCAFPD scholarship without prior approval of the PCAFPD Board of Directors. If you have a current college scholarship, you need to state it in your application. Failure to inform PCAFPD of a concurrent scholarship award will result in immediate termination of the PCAFPD scholarship.

## SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

Successful applicants would receive the following benefits:

- Full Tuition & Other School Fees

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- Allowance for Books & Educational Supplies
- Living Allowance per Semester
- Reimbursement for other education-related activities (for prior approval)
- A laptop computer provided by the Foundation

### Scholarship Obligations

#### To keep your scholarship, you must:

- Maintain a full load of courses and earn passing grades.
- Submit a transcript of grades at the end of *each* semester.
- Submit an essay at the end of *each* semester describing and reflecting on your experiences during the semester.
- Not accept any other scholarships in combination with this one without prior approval of PCAFPD.
- Request prior approval for changing from one course of study to another or to another school if you would like your scholarship to transfer with you.
  - (this must be done no later than the first semester of the second year of the course).
- Participate in PCAFPD networks of scholars and selected activities (e.g. mentoring program, scholar meetings, alumni association, etc.)

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Completed Application Form:** Make sure that you have filled all fields.

2. **Grades:**

- **For Grade 12 students:** Submit your Grade 11 report card.
- **For SHS Graduates (not enrolled in college and 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year college students):** Submit your Senior High School transcript of records or Grade 12 report cards.
- **For 2<sup>nd</sup> year college students and up:** Submit your latest copy of your college grades. .

3. **Essays:**

All applicants are required to submit essays with personal statements on different topics. Your Personal Statements are the best means the Board has of getting to know you. The quality of your essays account for the majority of points in the rating system that determines awards.

**Format:**

- Type your essay in a letter (8.5" x 11") format. Use Arial 11 or Times New Roman 12, double-spaced. Your essay should fill the whole page.
- Each page should have the following header:
  - Last Name, First Name
  - Personal Statement: Topic #

**Topics: Topic 1-3 is required for all applicants.** For Grade 12 students and SHS graduates currently not enrolled in college, you only need to submit Topic 1-3. Topic 4 is for applicants with other scholarships while topic 5 is for college students.

- **Topic 1:** Describe any personal hardships or barriers you have had to overcome OR share an event in your life that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.

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- **Topic 2:** Tell us what you want to study in college and why. Let us know how you believe that your education will prepare you to contribute to your country's development.
- **Topic 3:** Describe your extra-curricular activities and volunteer services in the community, including any leadership positions held and what you learned from these activities.
- **Topic 4:** For those who already have a different scholarship, please explain why you need the PCAFPD scholarship.
- **Topic 5:** For those currently in college include a statement explaining how you supported your college education up until now and why you need additional support at this time.

**4. Income Certification:** Submit the latest **ITR** of your parents/guardians or yours, if you're already working. If you or your parents/guardians do not have an ITR, you may submit a **Certificate of Indigence** from your Barangay or an **Affidavit of Non-filing of Income Tax Return**.

### 5. Recommendation Letters:

For Grade 12 students, SHS graduates currently not enrolled in college, and college students who have complete less than two years of college, you need to submit **two (2) recommendation letters**, as follows:

- **One letter** from your high school principal, registrar or other senior administrative official describing your extra-curricular activities, leadership potential, and overall suitability for the scholarship.
- **One letter** from your Barangay captain, a religious leader, a teacher, a Peace Corps Volunteer, or a civic leader (not related to you) describing your leadership potential and your experience in and commitment to community service,

For college students who have completed at least two years of college at the time of applying, you need to submit **two (2) recommendation letters**, as follows:

- **One letter** from a college professor, registrar or other senior administrative official describing your extra-curricular activities, leadership potential, and overall suitability for the scholarship.
- **One letter** from your Barangay captain, a religious leader, another professor, a Peace Corps Volunteer, or a civic leader (not related to you) describing your leadership potential and your experience in and commitment to community service,

### **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

- ❑ Please do **not** include additional certificates or photos.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

How can I apply? Applicants may submit their application in one of two ways.

STEP 1: Download and complete the application form.

STEP 2: Complete the required documents.

STEP 3: Send your application via mail **or** email.

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**Mail:** Put all of the required documents (**do not staple the pages**) inside a brown envelope and send it to:

**Mr. Roland de Jesus**  
Benguet Corporation  
Universal Re Building  
106 Paseo de Roxas  
Makati

**Email:**

- Save all the required documents as **one PDF file**. Do not submit ZIP files.
- The file should be named in this format: **Last Name, First Name – PCAFPD Undergraduate Application**.
- Send it to [pcafpd.web@gmail.com](mailto:pcafpd.web@gmail.com) with the subject: **PCAFPD Undergraduate Application: Last Name, First Name**.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31** applicable for first semester of next school year.

The final list of accepted applicants would be announced on our official website in March. To learn more, please check out our [FAQ page](#).

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

#### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

- Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_
- Gender: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_
- Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_
- Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Permanent Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Province: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **EDUCATION**

- **Educational Attainment (please select one):**
  - Currently in Grade 12
  - Currently in College, indicate year: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not enrolled in school, indicate highest level completed \_\_\_\_\_
- **School:**
  - Write the complete name of the school you are currently attending or planning to attend to: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Is this school  public  private

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- For Grade 12 students and SHS Graduates, have you already passed this school's entrance examination?  Yes  No  I'm scheduled to take the exam
  - **Degree Program:**
    - What degree do you plan to pursue or are currently taking?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Note: For Grade students and SHS graduates, it is your responsibility to pass the school's entrance exam and be admitted to the course you stated in this application form.
- **Years of Study:**
    - How many years will it take to complete the course of study? \_\_\_\_\_
    - If currently in college, how many years are you requesting for the scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Summer Classes:**
    - Will you be required to attend summer school to complete the course of study?  
 Yes  No  I'm not sure yet.
    - If yes, how many summers? \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

- Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information about your brothers and sisters and any other children living with you and your parent(s). If you are a parent yourself, list your own children. Do not list yourself. Attach an additional page if needed.

Name	Age	Occupation or Year in School
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_____		
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### FINANCE

- **Estimated Annual Amount of Tuition and other School Fees:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Other Scholarships:** Do you have a scholarship other than the PCAFPD scholarship? If Yes be sure to respond to Topic #4  
 Yes  No
- **Family Income:** Do you currently contribute to the family income?  Yes  No
  - If yes, please describe your work and income: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Will you work during college? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- How did you learn about the PCAFPD Scholarship Program? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your preferred method of contact?
  - Email
  - Mobile
  - Telephone
  - Mail

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines that the information on this application is true and correct and represents the true financial status of my family.

**Student's Name & Signature:**

**Date:**

**Parent's or Guardian's Name & Signature:**

**Date:**

*(Not necessary if you are: (a) over 21 and (b) living independently)*