



PDRA 2020 Scholarship Award Eligibility Rules and Application

The Paint & Decorating Retailers Association (PDRA) knows it can be challenging, but incredibly rewarding, for young people to further their education. This is why PDRA and the National Hardware Show (NHS) partnered to establish a Scholarship to provide Members an opportunity to support the continuing education of students in their local community. The PDRA Scholarship is awarded to one student who intends to pursue a higher education degree in any field of study from an accredited university, college or vocational training school.

1. To be eligible for the scholarship award, candidates:

- A. Must be nominated by a PDRA retail member in good standing.
- B. Must at the time of application be at least in the senior year of high school.
- C. Must be no more than 26 years of age.
- D. Must pledge to use scholarship award toward vocational, college or post-college studies.
- E. May or may not be a relative of a PDRA member.
- F. May or may not be an employee of a PDRA member.
- G. PDRA Nominating Member must be able to travel to Las Vegas and be available to receive their award in person between May 5-7, 2020.

2. Application Process (to be completed by Applicant and PDRA Member):

Applicants for the Scholarship shall be required to submit the enclosed Scholarship Application forms, transcripts, essay, and any letters of recommendation. The application should be filled out in its entirety and include the level of schooling to which the award will be applied (i.e. college, graduate school, vocational school) and the name of the institution or school, if known, where he or she has been accepted or enrolled.

Essays should be 500 words. The essay should include: a brief introduction about yourself, your career goals, how you plan to achieve those goals, how the scholarship will impact those goals, and why you are deserving of the award.

The PDRA Member nominating the Applicant must submit the enclosed Nomination Form for the Applicant to submit with their information. The nominating party should emphasize any facts that he or she feels might enlighten and inform the PDRA Board of Directors relative to the individual nominated. PDRA members are limited to two (2) nominations.

All nominations and scholarship applications, with the required essay, transcripts, and letters of recommendation, must be received at PDRA on or before Monday, March 2, 2020.

Nominations must be submitted by the candidate by mail to:

**PDRA Scholarship
c/o Paint and Decorating Retailers Association
1401 Triad Center Drive
St. Peters, MO 63376**

3. Scholarship Selection:

PDRA will make the award based upon character and written essay. PDRA reserves the right to investigate and verify any information or data submitted by the candidate and PDRA member. PDRA, with absolute discretion, will select the recipient of this award (to be known as the PDRA Scholarship Award).

4. Notification:

The PDRA Member will be notified if the candidate they nominated was awarded the Scholarship by March 31st, 2020. Official announcement of the award shall be communicated and publicized at PDRA's annual trade show at the National Hardware Show. Announcements will also be included in the PDR Magazine, on www.pdra.org, and through social media after the National Hardware Show.

5. Acceptance of Award by PDRA Member at the National Hardware Show and Travel Accommodations:

The PDRA Member will accept the PDRA Scholarship on behalf of the awarded candidate at the National Hardware Show during May 5th – 7th, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV. A large foam core check will be presented to the PDRA Member at the NHS Scholarship Announcement. The large foam core check will be shipped to the Member's store after the National Hardware Show for the Member to present it to the Winner at their store after the National Hardware Show.

If the PDRA Member is unable to attend the National Hardware Show the member may send a manager or equivalent in their place.

Travel accommodations will be provided to the PDRA Member, or manager/equivalent, accepting the award. Travel accommodations include two nights stay at one of the hotel partners of the NHS, airfare up to \$500, a \$200 travel credit, and NHS Channel Leader Club lounge access. Hotel and airfare accommodations will be made by a representative of the NHS.

6. Scholarship Award Payment:

The award will be in form of a check accompanied by such other means of recognition of the successful candidate's status as may be prescribed by PDRA. PDRA reserves the right to make the award in the form of a check payable to the recipient and the college they are attending.

7. Local Press Release and Images:

The PDRA Member who nominated the Winner will be provided a press release and images to submit to their local newspaper and other entities (i.e. high school, college, vocational school, etc.) to locally recognize the winner.

8. Additional Information:

Winners are subject to the above requirements. Any individual or PDRA Member that does not meet eligibility standards, provide requested information, and / or fails to appear at the National Hardware Show shall be deemed ineligible for the scholarship awarded by Paint & Decorating Retailers Association.

PDRA Scholarship Application Form

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Do you live with your parents? Yes No (if yes or under 18 provide parent's information)

Parents' Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Schools attended:

High School _____

Address _____

Date of graduation _____ Grade Point Average _____

College _____

Address _____

Years Completed _____ Grade Point Average _____

Graduate College _____

Address _____

Years Completed _____ Grade Point Average _____

Vocational School _____

Address _____

Years Completed _____ Grade Point Average _____

College, university or technical school you plan to attend:

College _____

Address _____

Years Completed _____ Grade Point Average _____

Graduate College _____

Address _____

Years Completed _____ Grade Point Average _____

Vocational School _____

Address _____

Years Completed _____ Grade Point Average _____

For what level of admission are you applying?

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Course of study, if known _____

Have you worked while in school? Yes No

If yes, please describe. _____

Do you have volunteer experience? Yes No

If yes, please describe. _____

Have you been involved in any clubs, sports, organizations, etc? Yes No

If yes, please describe. _____

Have you received any special recognition? Yes No

If yes, please describe. _____

Have you been awarded any other scholarships or grants? Yes No

If Yes, please describe. _____

What is your relationship to the PDRA member who nominated you?

(Information is for statistical purposes only and has no bearing on selection for the scholarship award.)

- I am a son/daughter of the PDRA member.
- I am a family member (other than son/daughter) of the PDRA member.
- I am an employee of the PDRA member.
- I am a son/daughter of an employee of the PDRA member.
- I am a family member (other than child) of an employee of the PDRA member.
- I have no relationship with the PDRA or any PDRA member.

Winners are subject to the above requirements. Any individual or PDRA Member that does not meet eligibility standards, provide requested information, and / or fails to appear at the National Hardware Show shall be deemed ineligible for the scholarship awarded by Paint & Decorating Retailers Association.

By signing and submitting the Application you are confirming that you have read and understand eligibility and all of the requirements necessary to possibly be awarded the PDRA Scholarship. You also confirm that all of the information you are submitting is accurate and original.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

PARENTAL CONSENT

(if applicant is under 21 years of age)

I hereby consent to the PDRA Scholarship application of my: son daughter protectee for consideration by PDRA.

Winners are subject to the above requirements. Any individual or PDRA Member that does not meet eligibility standards, provide requested information, and / or fails to appear at the National Hardware Show shall be deemed ineligible for the scholarship awarded by Paint & Decorating Retailers Association.

By signing and submitting the Application you are confirming that you have read and understand eligibility and all of the requirements necessary to possibly be awarded the PDRA Scholarship. I state that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) signature(s):

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Signature

Date

CANDIDATE NOMINATION

(must be completed by PDRA Member)

I wish to nominate _____ for the 2020 PDRA Scholarship.

PDRA Member Name _____

Company name _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

I (or a company representative) will be available to accept the award in person at the National Hardware Show in Las Vegas in May 5- 7, 2020 (must be checked for scholarship application to be accepted).

By signing and submitting the Candidate Nomination form I certify that all information is complete and accurate as submitted and I give PDRA permission to investigate and verify any of the information submitted with this application. Further, I confirm that I have read and understand eligibility and all of the requirements necessary for my nominees to possibly be awarded the PDRA Scholarship.

Winners are subject to the above requirements. Any individual or PDRA Member that does not meet eligibility standards, provide requested information, and / or fails to appear at the National Hardware Show shall be deemed ineligible for the scholarship awarded by Paint & Decorating Retailers Association.

PDRA Member signature:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Write a 500-word typewritten, double-spaced essay that includes a brief background of yourself; including extra-curricular, volunteer activities, and employment history. Describe your career goals, how you plan to achieve those goals, how the scholarship will impact those goals, and why you are deserving of the award.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following items in your scholarship application package:

1. Completed PDRA Scholarship Application.
2. Your essay.
3. A copy of your high-school transcript.
4. A copy of your college transcript if any college work has been completed.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation from such persons as educators, clergy and employers, sealed by the author and signed across the flap to ensure confidentiality.

Submit all information in one package by regular postal mail to:

PDRA Scholarship
c/o Paint & Decorating Retailers Association
1401 Triad Center Drive
Saint Peters, MO 63376