

APPLICATION FOR PI GAMMA MU SCHOLARSHIP

All scholarship applications must contain the following components:

- This application form.
- Personal statement.
- Resume.
- At least three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to assess the applicant's academic merit. Recommendation letters should include the letter writer's signature across the seal of the envelope and should be included in your packet with the application materials listed above. Recommendation letters should specifically address the student's merit related to his/her Pi Gamma Mu scholarship application, intellectual qualities, and his/her chance for success in graduate school rather than a generic letters recommending acceptance into a graduate program or other general recommendations.
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended. Transcripts should be official and include the school's stamp or seal. If you are unable to include official transcripts in your packet along with your other application materials, the school can mail them directly to the Pi Gamma Mu international office by the application deadline of February 15.

All items (other than school transcripts) should be sent in one large envelope to the international office. Applications must be postmarked by **February 15** and mailed to the Pi Gamma Mu international office in Winfield, Kansas:

Pi Gamma Mu
1001 Millington Street, Suite B
Winfield, KS 67156

Scholarships are awarded only to Pi Gamma Mu members. Eligibility is for up to four years from initiation into Pi Gamma Mu. Scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in a student's first graduate degree program in the following areas of study: sociology, anthropology, political science, history, economics, international relations, public administration, criminal justice, law, social work, cultural geography or psychology. Business Administration is specifically excluded from consideration. Other interdisciplinary fields will be considered on an individual basis based upon the degree to which the social sciences are an integral component of the overall course of study. In such cases, applicants should submit a program description outlining requirements and coursework.

No more than three scholarships will be given annually in any one graduate field. The statement of purpose (i.e., Why do I want to pursue graduate studies in the social sciences?) is quite important. It should include information about the applicant's commitment to the social sciences, be typed, and have a professional appearance. Winners will be notified in late spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Only complete applications will be considered for awards. Previous recipients of Pi Gamma Mu scholarships are not eligible to apply again.

I. PERSONAL

Name:

Permanent Address (all correspondence will be mailed to your permanent address; if your address changes contact Pi Gamma Mu):

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Pi Gamma Mu Chapter or School Name: _____

Approximate Date of Initiation into Pi Gamma Mu: _____

II. EDUCATION

List below all institutions of higher learning you have attended. Submit, with your application, official transcripts from each.

School	Degree	Graduation Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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III. GRADUATE EDUCATION

Graduate Major: _____ Degree Sought: _____

Career for which you are preparing: _____

List in order of preference, the graduate schools to which you are applying:

IV. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Submit a personal essay (about 500 words) stating why you have chosen your field of graduate study and what you hope to achieve by a career in this field. What special qualities/skills/training/expertise do you possess that will likely make you a success in your graduate work?

V. RESUME

Include in your resume a full description of your activities as an undergraduate and those since graduation (if applicable). This may encompass honors and scholarships, leadership positions, social service activities, employment record, travel experiences, foreign languages, professional presentations, memberships in organizations, and/or publications.

VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List below the names of your references. Ask each to write a letter of recommendation, place it in an envelope, and sign across the seal of the envelope. Include all of the letters in your packet. Reviewers would be most interested in knowing the referee's opinion on the applicant's merit related to his/her Pi Gamma Mu scholarship application, intellectual qualities, and his/her chance for success in graduate school. Encourage your letter writers to make any comments appropriate to the evaluation, but consider, in particular, the following: the quality of written and oral skills; the ability to think on one's feet and to make public presentations; the ability to analyze and to think deeply, abstractly and critically; the skills to interact with others socially and intellectually; the ability to accept constructive criticism. Recommendation letters should be specific to the purpose of the Pi Gamma Mu scholarship application rather than generic letters recommending acceptance into a graduate program or other general recommendations.

	Name	Position	Organization/Address
1.	_____	_____	_____ _____
2.	_____	_____	_____ _____
3.	_____	_____	_____ _____

I understand that the decision of the judges is final.

Signed _____ Date _____