



2015 PMI Charleston Scholarship Program

Purpose

To provide financial assistance and recognition to qualified students in accredited programs in project management, management programs with a project management focus, or technology programs with a project management focus.

Program Structure, Eligibility and Award Criteria

Two one-thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarships will be offered to two students in an undergraduate or graduate program. The board reserves the right to offer both scholarships to one student, or to no students, based upon the quality of the applications.

1. Scholarships will be offered to students in the following types of programs:
 - a. Project management programs,
 - b. Business management programs with a focus in project management,
 - c. Management science programs with a focus in project management,
 - d. Other types of degree programs which emphasize project management.
 2. Participation is open to degree-seeking students who are currently enrolled in a degree program at an accredited college or university that has physical classrooms in the tri-county area (Charleston, Berkley, and Dorchester counties).
 3. The student must have declared their major in the academic program.
 4. The student must be enrolled in a program that includes face to face instruction. Programs that consist of only distance learning or online instruction are not eligible for these scholarships.
 5. The project management component of the academic program must be identified by the accredited organization as a major, minor, or focus area of the program demonstrated through emphasis in the curriculum or core requirements. Demonstration may include didactic methods or hands-on seminars to deliver project management knowledge. Academic programs that require the practice of sound project management techniques on projects, whether real, case studies, or academic training exercises, are preferred.
 6. The project management component of the academic program must align with the current version of the PMI Project Management Body of Knowledge.
 7. Eligibility for scholarship award will be based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Individual submission of scholarship application.
 - b. Two letters of professional recommendations accompany the application. These should be from individuals that are familiar with the students work such as a work supervisor, internship preceptor, or college faculty member. No more than one may be from a college faculty member.
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- c. A short, personal essay (up to 2000 words) written by the student that addresses:
 - i. why project management is important in the student's industry or desired industry,
 - ii. how this academic program has helped the student learn more about project management,
 - iii. why the student has chosen this field of study, and
 - iv. discussion of a major issue facing the student's current or desired industry and how project management can address the issue
 - d. Grade point average at or above 3.0. The most recent transcript must be included with the scholarship application. Original, unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
8. Criteria for Evaluation of application and award of scholarship will include, at a minimum:
- a. Meets or exceeds grade point criterion
 - b. Quality of recommendations
 - c. Quality of applicant's essay
 - d. Student's membership in and/or level of involvement with PMI Charleston

Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Percentage
GPA	None	10%
Essay	Why is PM important in the student's industry?	15%
	How has this academic program helped the student learn more about PM?	15%
	Why has student chosen this field?	10%
	Discussion of a major issue facing the student's current or desired industry and how PM can address the issue.	20%
Recommendation Letters	Each letter weighted evenly.	20%
Involvement with PMI Charleston	None	5%
Scorer's Discretion	None	5%

Schedule

Activity	Date
Solicit Sponsorships	March 1 thru April 30
Distribute scholarship packets to schools, members	May 1 thru May 31
Scholarship applications due (postmarked)	June 30
Select award recipients	July 15
Present awards	August luncheon
Provide scholarship funds to recipients	August luncheon



The Small Print

Students must meet the eligibility requirements both at the time of application and the time of payment or forfeit their award. All deadlines listed in the schedule above are “on or about” and the actual deadlines will fall to the first Wednesday after the dates listed above. Please see the application for the specific application deadline for this year.

Scholarship winners agree to serve on the PMI Charleston Board of Directors as Student Liaisons for a period of one year. The period commences upon notification of the scholarship. Attendance (in person or conference call) is encouraged for at least six meetings over the twelve month period. Meetings are currently held the 1st Thursday of each month, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Applications may be mailed, emailed, or presented in person to the PMI Charleston VP of Community Outreach. Applications not postmarked by the deadline will be considered ineligible. For mailed applications, those not received within seven (7) days of the postmark deadline will be considered ineligible.

Winning a scholarship does not guarantee future awards for the student – all students must reapply each year. A student may receive no more than a total of \$2000 in scholarships over the life of the program. Continuation of this program will be determined by the PMI Charleston Board of Directors by May 1st of each year based upon available funding and interest.

All scholarship sponsors will receive a copy of candidate applications for potential use in recruiting student interns or employees.

Failure of the student to acknowledge acceptance of the award within seven (7) days will result in forfeiture of the award. Award winners agree to attend the PMI Charleston luncheon when award winners will be announced and introduced to the chapter. Award winners will be given at least 14 days’ notice of the date of the PMI Charleston award luncheon. Award winners agree to have their name, photo, and essays published on the PMI Charleston web site and have their essay read or summarized at a PMI Charleston luncheon. They also agree to allow award sponsors to use award winner information for their public relations purposes. Award winners agree to speak at a PMI Charleston luncheon for five to ten minutes at the January meeting and tell the chapter membership what they have learned about the value of project management as part of the program.

Failure to abide by any of these conditions will lead to the forfeiture of the award. Any forfeited awards will be given to the next ranked candidate on the list.

Winners will be selected by the PMI Charleston Scholarship Committee that may be composed of PMI Charleston members and PM experts/authorities. All decisions of the PMI Charleston Scholarship Committee are final.



Contact Information

Application deadline listed on the top of the application. Awardees will be notified by mail and/or email. Please send the completed application to the PMI Charleston VP of Community Outreach.

Please enter **"PMI Charleston Scholarship"** in the subject line of any emails pertaining to this program.

Name Desiree Proudfit, CAPM
Address Attn: PMI Charleston Scholarship
200 Marymeade Drive
Summerville, SC 29483
Email Address vp_communityoutreach@pmi-charleston.org
Phone 843.478.5197

Sponsorship Opportunities

This program is sponsored by PMI Charleston and their local supporters. Financial sponsors of this program will get the following benefits:

- Name and logo listed under the PMI Charleston Scholarship page for the entire scholarship cycle (July 1-June 30).
 - Name and logo listed under the PMI Charleston Sponsors page for the entire scholarship cycle under a special "Giving Back" section.
 - Logo listed on the certificate of award given to the award recipients.
 - Copies of all applications for potential internship offerings.
 - Announcement of scholarship support on all scholarship marketing materials and any related PMI Charleston meetings (announcement of program, announcement of awards).
 - Co-Sponsorship of scholarships is available for \$500 annually. No more than two sponsors will be permitted *per* scholarship. If more than four co-sponsors apply, then additional scholarships will be offered.
 - Sponsors may serve as the sole sponsor of an entire scholarship for \$1000. Dedicated scholarships may contain additional requirements (such as attendance in specific programs or at specific schools). These sponsorships will be in addition to the two \$1000 scholarships.
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Application for the PMI Charleston Scholarship

Must be Postmarked by June 30, 2015 ❖ Received by July 07, 2015

Application Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application | <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of professional recommendation
<i>(one may be an academic recommendation)</i> |

Personal Data

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Mailing/School Address (if different from above) _____

Current Educational Enrollment

- Undergraduate Graduate

Name _____

Program/Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Academic Advisor _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Course Work

Please identify project management related courses taken and targeted project management related courses for your upcoming academic year.

Official Transcripts and Academic Achievement

An official transcript from your current educational institution must be provided. If you have not completed at least twelve credit hours in your current program, then the transcript of your prior school must also be included. In total, your included transcripts must include at least 30 credit hours of your most recent courses. For students with less than 30 total hours at the college level, please include a high school transcript. Complete the following information.

Institution _____ Degree Program _____

Dates of Attendance _____ Overall GPA _____ Major _____

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PMI Charleston Involvement

When did you become a member of PMI and/or PMI Charleston (not required)? ____/____ (Month/Year)

Please list any involvement you had with PMI Charleston (committee member, director, board member, event volunteer, etc.). Please list the role and the approximate dates of involvement.





Essay

Submit up to a 2000 word essay that addresses:

- why project management is important in the student's industry or desired industry,
- how this academic program has helped the student learn more about project management,
- why the student has chosen this field, and
- discussion of one major issue facing the student's current or desired industry and how project management can help address the issue

Personal Statement

I certify that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicant may be disqualified for this and all future awards if false information is submitted. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of PMI Charleston and will not be returned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____
