

PVAC Fund, Inc.
S/HERO Scholarship Application

Scholarship Purpose: To financially assist low-income, **single heads of household (female or male)** who are completing a college degree or working toward certification in a technical field.

Applications will be accepted from single heads of household enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program, or a technical certification program at one of the following schools:

- Bowie State University
- Coppin State University
- Morgan State University
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
- Montgomery College

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a US citizen.
- Applicant must be a legal resident of Montgomery County, MD.
- Applicant must be head of household and the custodial parent or guardian of a child/children younger than 18, responsible for providing more than 50% of the dependent(s) support, and able to claim the child/children on their federal and state income taxes.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled or registered in an accredited college program or a technical program at one of the five institutions noted above. Cumulative GPA should be 2.5 or above.
- Applicant must be enrolled in at least 6- 8 credit hours.

Documentation:

Attach the following documents to the completed application:

- latest official transcript (raised seal)
- 250-word essay addressing the subject: "Why I Am The Best Candidate to Receive a S/HERO Scholarship"
- Two Letters of recommendation: preferably one from your current place of employment, and a second from a non-relative who can attest to your qualifications and character, e.g., professor, faith leader.
- Proof of residence in Montgomery County, MD (e.g., copy of Maryland Driver's License with Montgomery County, MD address)
- Proof of citizenship (e.g., Voter Registration Card, first page of Passport)

The deadline for receipt of applications is **May 20th**. Finalists will be notified by **June 3rd** and required at that point to provide proof of head of household status and financial need, i.e., adjusted gross income of no more than \$120,000. YOUR 2021 TAX RETURN WILL DOCUMENT THESE REQUIREMENTS. **PLEASE REDACT SENSITIVE INFORMATION SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS BEFORE SUBMITTING. DOCUMENTS WILL BE SHREDDED AFTER THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE.**

*The application along with required accompanying documents must be **emailed by 10 pm on May 20th** to pvacfundinc@gmail.org or postmarked by May 20th, 2022, and mailed to:*

*Scholarship Committee Chair
PVAC Fund, Inc.
P. O. Box 10372
Rockville, Maryland 20849-0372*

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Type or legibly print all responses. All requested information must be answered. If any area does not apply, state N/A.

Full Name: _____

Home Address (no Post Office Box addresses):

Home Phone Number, if applicable: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email address(es): _____

Dependents:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Current College's Name and Address:

Major (Area of Focus): _____ (describe course studies)

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Personal References: *(who will be providing your reference letters)*

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____
Alternate Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Career Plan

Please identify your career goals and career-oriented course of studies.

List any awards, past accomplishments, and/or community volunteer experiences.

How Will Your Career Plans Benefit Our Changing World?

I certify that my answers are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge:

Applicant's Signature _____
Date