

PORTUGUESE AMERICANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2026

Application can be downloaded at [www.pafhe.com](http://www.pafhe.com)

**Conditions of Eligibility**

- a. Portuguese Descent
- b. Resident of Peabody, Salem, Danvers, Lynn, or Beverly
- c. Accepted by an institution of higher learning

**Applicant Requirements**

- a. Completed Application
- b. Transcript
- c. Proof of Portuguese descent (passport/birth certificate, etc.)
- d. Copy of FASFA
- e. Two Reference Contacts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [Scholarship@pafhe.com](mailto:Scholarship@pafhe.com)

## **Instructions**

Please read the application carefully.  
Answer all questions to the best of your ability.  
*All application requirements must be submitted to be considered.*  
Submit completed application by MARCH 15, 2026.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Financial Need
  - Expected Family Contribution – Cost of College = Financial Need to Attend (FNA)
2. Achievement Performance
  - Transcript
  - GPA/Class Rank
3. Community Engagement
  - Ancestral ties
  - Participation in Portuguese community activities
  - Interest in contributing to community at large
  - Language ability and cultural interest
4. Potential for success
  - Participation in extra-curricular activities
  - Sports participation and awards
  - Community service project(s)
  - Employment
  - Leadership role(s)
  - Focus on continuity and long-term commitments
5. Essay
  - Presentation and format
  - Language and style
  - Context

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Names of college/university applied:

High School Applicant

Acceptance Date	University or College	Rank Choice

College Applicant

Class Year	College Attending	Anticipated Graduation Date

Field of Interest/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on living on campus? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If no, estimated commuting costs: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Will you continue to work while attending college? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Summer only \_\_\_

a. **if YES**, number of hour per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any additional or extraordinary circumstances affecting your family's situation, which would warrant you receiving financial aid.

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**REFERENCE CONTACTS**

Provide contact information for two individuals who are able to

Name	Relationship	Phone number	Email

**ESSAY**

In an informative, creative essay, describe how your career goals would contribute to the development of your community and how your background as a Portuguese-American has influenced your career goals, if any. Essay should not exceed two (2) pages.

Signature of Applicant

***I certify that the application is complete and accurate. Any misrepresentation may be cause for dismissal of this application.***

Signature:

Date: