

Beech Scholarship Fund Application Criteria

Application Deadline: April 17, 2026

The Beech Scholarship Fund will award a \$1,000 scholarship to deserving, minority, students of color. The scholarship will be awarded to qualifying and deserving high school seniors entering Temple University, Cheyney University, Lincoln University, or Community College of Philadelphia as a full-time freshman; or, be a current full-time student at one of the four colleges for the fall 2026 academic year.

The funding commitment from the Beech Scholarship Fund sets a criterion that includes entering with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher and declaring a major in Arts, Business, Engineering, Education, or Liberal Arts, and are active in extra-curricular activities through their school, church, community or work.

To be eligible for the Beech Scholarship Fund a student must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from a Philadelphia public, private or charter school.
- Be a current full-time student at Temple University, Cheyney University, Lincoln University or Community College of Philadelphia.
- Out-of-state students are not eligible; students must have graduated from a Philadelphia County high school.
- Be a minority student of color.
- Be a U.S. citizen living in Philadelphia County.
- Must be a current resident of Philadelphia County.
- Graduate students and students older than 22 years old are not eligible to apply.
- Submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature (**high school only**).
- Current college students must furnish a copy of recent transcripts or grades, and two signed recommendation letters from a professor, administrator, faculty member of the attending University, a supervisor at a job or volunteer position, a coach, church member/leader, or a professional (**do not use family members**).
- High School students must furnish two signed scholarship recommendation letters from an instructor, school counselor, church member/leader, supervisor, or a professional.
- All applicants must submit a valid PA issued REAL identification card, driver's license, or passport (**ID must show current Philadelphia address to be eligible**) and a valid school identification.
- Submit a 1000-word essay (essays with less than 1000 words are subject to rejection).
- High school seniors must submit a letter of acceptance from admitting school for the fall 2026 semester.
- Applicants must submit an enrollment verification from the attending or current school by July 24, 2026.

Essay Criteria

Essays should be typed and uploaded with application. Handwritten essays will not be accepted. Essay should be at least 1000 words, **doubled spaced using Times New Roman 12 font**, and based on one (1) of the following questions:

1. Why are you a good candidate to receive this scholarship and what are your future goals?
2. How does your future goals relate to your field of study and why?