# **THE PETER PAPANO-APH STEM SCHOLARSHIP**

The American Printing House for the Blind is accepting applications for the Peter Papano APH STEM Scholarship to be awarded to five individuals in the amount of $5,000 each.

# DEADLINE:

* Application deadline: Friday, June 17, 2022

*Applications received before April 22 or after June 17 will not be considered.*

# How to Apply

***Submit the following information via email to*** [***development@aph.org***](mailto:development@aph.org)***:***

## Within the body of the email:

1. Full Name
2. Birthdate
3. Address
4. Phone
5. Email
6. High school currently attending
7. Intended course of study
8. College attending

**(Subject of Email: Last Name–First Name–Papano APH Scholarship)**

## Three attachments in PDF Format

## Certification of Legal Blindness

Please attach a copy of an original document that was provided to you by a medical doctor or a professional in the field of vision impairment education or rehabilitation, which certifies that you are blind in both eyes as per the legal definition.

## An Essay

Please attach as a separate document, an essay of no more than 1,000 words, double-spaced, indicating your qualifications for receiving the scholarship. Share information about your interests (e.g., academic, cultural, social, athletics), your accomplishments (e.g., awards, recognition, personal growth, obstacles overcome, etc.), and what you hope to achieve if you were to be named a scholarship recipient (e.g., academic pursuits, professional goals, community service or leadership aspirations).

## 3) One Letter of Reference

Please include one letter of reference from a teacher, supervisor, or other adult mentor, with contact information.

# Criteria for Eligibility

* Student must be blind or low vision (legally blind in both eyes).
* A high school student bound for higher education to pursue a degree full-time, at a community college or four-year college or university, beginning in fall 2022.
* Student must plan to major in a STEM study program
* Must demonstrate academic interest, community engagement, and strong interest and participation in STEM.
* Financial need is not considered; transcripts/GPA not required.
* Please do not send additional information beyond what is required.
* Please do not contact the scholarship committee with questions; ***we will not respond to email or phone inquiries***; you will, however, receive an email verification when we’ve received your application.
* Only the final five scholarship recipients will be notified of their award. ***The five awardees will be notified by Monday, July 18, 2022.***  If you have not heard from the committee by that date, you are not a scholarship awardee. No feedback will be provided to applicants about their application or essay.

Recipients will be required to: 1) spend all of the funds within the fall 2022 semester (submitting receipts with final essay); and 2) submit a final essay to the scholarship committee by Tuesday, January 31, 2023, relaying what they were able to accomplish due to receiving the scholarship, and how funds were spent.

**With proof of enrollment within a program to begin in fall 2022, as well as name and contact information of college scholarship administrator, APH will mail the checks to the colleges attended by the scholarship winners.**