

The German Society of Pennsylvania
January 15, 2025

Scholarship Awards Program 2025– 2026

Dear Students and Teachers of German:

We are pleased to announce the opening of the application process of the German Society's Scholarship Program for the upcoming academic year. The scholarship award is intended to provide financial assistance to selected undergraduate students studying German language and literature. Awards are based primarily on the student's achievement and promise, although financial need may also be considered. Typical awards in recent years have been \$2,000 to \$5,000, with the dollar amount and number of recipients varying from year to year. The awards may be applied only to tuition, are paid in two installments at the beginnings of the fall and spring semesters, and are transmitted directly to the recipient's college or university upon certification of enrollment by that institution. Students are expected to enroll in at least one German course during each semester for which they receive support.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Resident of the Greater Delaware Valley (see attached sheet)
- Senior in high school intending to major or minor in German at college, or a German major or minor at one of the colleges or universities listed on the attached sheet. Double majors are also eligible.

Schedule:

- March 10 – Applications due at the German Society
- March 21 – Notification of finalists
- April 5 – Interviews of finalists at the German Society's building in Philadelphia
- April 8 – Notification of recipients
- TBD – Announcement of the scholarship recipients at the AATG Awards Program

The required application materials include:

- Completed application form
- German writing sample, up to one typewritten page in length
- Transcript including the most recent semester (College freshmen should submit both high school and college transcripts. A student who has transferred to his/her current college should also submit transcripts from prior colleges.) The origins of any transfer credits should be noted.
- Two letters of reference, preferably on school letterhead stationery if from a teacher. Reference letters may be scanned and submitted as attachments to e-mails rather than sent by regular mail.

The application and essay are to be submitted electronically as file attachments by the student to the German Society. Transcripts and reference letters should be mailed, emailed, or FAXed directly to the German Society by the school or the writer of the letter. At least one reference letter must be from a recent German teacher of the applicant.

The application and essay must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2025. Transcripts and reference letters must be either FAX-ed, e-mailed, or postmarked by the same date. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We strongly recommend that applicants confirm the receipt of their materials by calling or E-mailing the Society's office several days before the due date.

The interviews are conducted largely, but not entirely, in German.

Although both majors and minors will be considered, students having German as their major subject will be given preference.

Please direct further questions to the German Society. We thank you for your interest in and commitment to the German language and culture and wish you the best for your school year.

Sincerely,
The Scholarship Awards Committee
German Society of Pennsylvania
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info@germansociety.org

High-school seniors are eligible regardless of which college or university they will attend. They must be a resident of one of the following counties:

Pennsylvania -- Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks,
or Montgomery County; or the City of Philadelphia
New Jersey -- Hunterdon, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Atlantic, Ocean, Gloucester,
or Salem County
Delaware -- New Castle County

Current college students must be a resident of one of the above counties. For purposes of determining eligibility, the residence of college students is considered to be their place of residence during their last year of high school. (Exceptions will however be considered for those who have not entered college directly from high school.) They must also be enrolled at one of the following colleges and universities:

Bryn Mawr College
College of New Jersey, The
Elizabethtown College
Franklin & Marshall College
Haverford College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Moravian College
Muhlenberg College
Rutgers at Camden
Swarthmore College
Temple University
University of Delaware
University of Pennsylvania
Ursinus College
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026

DEADLINE: This application and the essay must be received by the German Society of Pennsylvania by e-mail (info@germansociety.org) by **March 10, 2025**.
Incomplete Applications will not be considered.

I. PERSONAL DATA

- 1. Name _____
- 2. Date and place of birth _____
- 3. Home address _____

- 4. Telephone _____
- 5. Email address _____
- 6. Emergency contact information (name, phone number, email address, relationship to applicant)

- 7. Briefly describe what might be the impact of this award on your financial situation.

II. EDUCATIONAL DATA

Are you or will you be a German major ____ or German minor ____?

High school applicants

- 1. High school name and address _____

- 2. Years of German studied: Elementary ____ Middle/Jr. High ____ Sr. High ____
- 3. List other involvement with German, if any (German Language School, Summer Program, host partner in school exchange, German Club, etc.)

4. List in order of preference the college(s) to which you have applied, indicate those where you have already been accepted, and indicate which you have agreed to attend, if any.

5. German achievement (if applicable)

German Department recognition / awards (year and type) _____

Local/regional oral proficiency competition (area, year, placement) _____

AATG National German Test(s) Level 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

German AP Test (year and score) _____

German SAT II (year and score) _____

German Listening Comprehensive Test (year and score) _____

(Your German grade point average will appear on your transcript.)

College/university applicants

1. College/University name and address

2. Student address at school

3. Current Status Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____

4. Level in German Elementary _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

5. If you have a major or a minor in another discipline, what is it? _____

6. Extra-curricular involvement with German (club, study abroad, etc.)

7. German achievement (if applicable)

German Department recognition / awards (year and type) _____

Local/regional oral proficiency competition (area, year, placement) _____

AATG National German Test(s) Level 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

German AP Test (year and score) _____

German SAT II (year and score) _____

German Listening Comprehensive Test (year and score) _____

(Your German grade point average will appear on your transcript.)

III. German Writing Sample

All applicants

Please write an essay in German (minimum 150-200 words, up to one typewritten page), in which you explain your interest in German and how the study of the German language and culture might affect your future professional and/or academic career.