

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: 700

TITLE: Scholarships

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## 702.1 SCHOLARSHIPS

### Purpose

In order to make the educational opportunities and programs offered by the district available to as many students as possible, the School Reform Commission shall create scholarships and support the efforts of individuals, service organizations, professional organizations, unions, business and industries in creating scholarships for district students.

### Authority

The SRC has the authority to accept such scholarship funds as may be made to the school district. The SRC reserves the right to refuse or accept any scholarship funds which do not contribute toward the goals of the district, or that may be in violation of federal or state laws and regulations or established administrative procedures.[1] —

Scholarships shall be divided into two (2) groups:

1. Endowed scholarships, comprising those awarded under agreement, gift, or bequest, without cost to the district.[2][3]
2. District scholarships, those established and paid for (either in whole or part) by the district.

The number of district scholarships shall be determined by resolution of the SRC.

### Mandatory Regulatory Guidelines

The grant of scholarships shall be limited to the period required to complete the regular course of study, provided that no scholarship shall be granted for a period longer than four (4) years. The continuance of any scholarship from year to year shall depend upon the satisfactory character of the work done by the recipient, as determined by the Superintendent or designee upon reports

made from the institution in which the scholarship is held.

Upon approval of the recommendation by the SRC, the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer shall enter into the necessary financial agreements with the institutions concerned.

Each recipient of a scholarship shall report his/her progress semi-annually, in writing, to the Superintendent or designee. If the scholarship or conduct report shall be unsatisfactory, the scholarship may be cancelled by the SRC upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee. Each recipient of a scholarship must notify the Superintendent or designee, in advance, of his/her approaching graduation or completion of the course, or the cessation of his/her attendance.

No information, either academic or personal, shall be released from a student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship recipient without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents/guardians of a student who is younger, in accordance with the SRC's policy on student records.[4]

**Legal References:**

[1. 24 P.S. 216](#)

2. Pol. 702 - Gifts, Grants and Donations

3. Pol. 913 - Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

4. Pol. 216 - Student Records