



Students and their families:

# What you need to know about receiving a Phoenix Pact Scholarship

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **If I receive a Pact Scholarship, does that mean college is free?**

No. Depending on which college you attend, some students will have to get student loans. Phoenix Pact works with you and your college to reduce loan debt— making a 4-year degree affordable.

### **Can I use a Pact Scholarship at any college I choose?**

No. Phoenix Pact Scholarships are only available to students attending a Phoenix Pact Partner College.

### **How much is a Phoenix Pact Scholarship?**

Phoenix Pact helps eligible students secure the maximum available student aid, then provides scholarships to fill the gap— averaging \$4,000 per student, per year.

### **What is a Phoenix Pact Partner College?**

Partner Colleges have shown success in graduating under-represented minority students— and they work directly with Pact to reduce out-of-pocket costs and loan debt. A list of Phoenix Pact Partner Colleges can be found at [PhoenixPact.org](http://PhoenixPact.org).

### **Will a Phoenix Pact Scholarship make it easier to get into college?**

No. Colleges will not adjust their admissions criteria for NLCP students. To receive a Phoenix Pact Scholarship, you must first get admitted, on your own record.

### **Do Phoenix Pact Scholarships ever have to be paid back?**

No.

### **Is becoming a Phoenix Pact Scholar really worth it?**

Yes. Because Phoenix Pact is more than a scholarship. To support you all the way through college, Pact offers one-on-one counseling and financial assistance for important extras like books, meal plans, and emergency expenses. Plus, Pact connects you to a supportive peer network and other things you probably haven't thought of yet— like school year employment, summer programs, and after-college career assistance.

## How to Qualify:

- 1.** Dream big and plan ahead. If you want to receive a degree from a 4-year college and need help to make it happen, begin by talking with an advisor from Phoenix Pact.
- 2.** Earn a weighted GPA of 3.0 or better and graduate from North Lawndale College Prep. The Phoenix Pact works only with students from NLCP who will graduate with at least a B average.
- 3.** Complete your application for Federal Student Aid to establish your eligibility for a maximum Pell Grant, a Pact Scholarship, and additional need-based funding. Your Phoenix Pact advisor can help you through this process.
- 4.** Choose from among the more than twenty Phoenix Pact Partner Colleges, and apply early. Our Partner Colleges have proven they know how to support students in getting a degree, but some of them limit how many Phoenix Pact Scholars they will accept.
- 5.** Be in it to win it. Your Pact Scholarship requires that you remain in good standing at a Pact Partner College, and report your grades and financial aid information to Pact at the end of each semester.

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# Welcome Back!

Since 2001, Phoenix Pact has worked hand-in-hand with NLCP to create a community of support for our students' journey to and through college.

We're honored to build upon and continue the work of NLCP's educators, counselors, administrators, and staff.

It's a model that works. Phoenix Pact has assisted more than 500 Scholars from North Lawndale College Prep who've achieved an 80% success rate in college.

**Phoenix Pact connects** college-ready NLCP graduates with a coalition of more than twenty Partner Colleges that have track records of graduating low-income students, and act on that commitment by awarding generous scholarships.

**Phoenix Pact secures grants and other financial aid** to ensure that our Scholars' loan debt is kept to a manageable level, **and awards scholarships** to cover the financial aid gap, ensuring that our Scholars can enroll and remain in college through graduation.

**Phoenix Pact offers all-encompassing support** to ensure our Scholars have a robust and successful college experience: financial assistance for costly necessities such as books and transportation, one-to-one counseling to keep them focused and on-track, and access to enrichment opportunities, such as school year employment, summer programs, and after-college career transitioning.

Your student referrals are an invaluable first step in letting young scholars know the role Phoenix Pact can play in their long term success. Students may contact us directly by phone or email; please share our contact information freely!

We look forward to meeting all the new NLCP staff and reconnecting with our returning partners, making the 2021-22 school year one of our most promising and impactful yet.

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## What's required to receive a Pact Scholarship?

### 1. A weighted GPA of 3.0 or better.

Phoenix Pact starts working with promising students as early as 9th grade; however, only those who graduate from NLCP with at least a B average may receive Pact Scholarships.

### 2. Financial need.

Phoenix Pact helps eligible students secure the maximum available student aid, then provides scholarships to fill the gap— averaging \$4,000 per student, per year. Some Scholars will still need to obtain student loans, but Phoenix Pact is instrumental in keeping a 4-year degree affordable.

### 3. Attending a Phoenix Pact Partner College.

Pact scholarships are only available to students who attend one of more than twenty Pact Partner Colleges – each of which has shown success in graduating students from NLCP and a commitment to reducing the financial burden of obtaining a college degree.

See a list of our Partner Colleges at [PhoenixPact.org](http://PhoenixPact.org).

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