



PHILADELPHIA FUTURES

Sponsor-A-Scholar Program

THE SAS PROGRAM

The goal of the Philadelphia Futures Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) Program is to expand options and opportunities for college-bound students attending Philadelphia's neighborhood public high schools.

The Sponsor-A-Scholar Program offers students the support of a mentor, \$6,000 for college-related expenses, after-school academic enrichment classes, individual tutoring, visits to college campuses, and a peer group of students with similar goals.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Philadelphia Futures
230 South Broad Street - 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Phone: 215-790-1666 ext. 16
Fax: 215-790-1888

ELIGIBILITY

To be accepted into the SAS Program, a student must:

- Attend a Philadelphia **neighborhood public high school**;
 - Have the **desire to excel** in school, attend college, and obtain a college degree;
 - Demonstrate that s/he has **achieved good grades, attendance, and behavior marks** in school;
 - Be recommended** by a middle or high school teacher or counselor;
 - Meet the attached **SAS Family Income Guidelines**;
 - Be excited about having a **mentor**;
 - Agree to **participate in SAS academic programs** after school and during the summer, along with all other program activities.
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please complete the attached application and return it to Philadelphia Futures with the following items:

- A copy of the student's most recent **report card**;
- Evidence that your **family income** does not exceed the amounts shown in the SAS Family Income Guidelines. Proof of family income must include **one** of the following:
 - _____ Copy of signed Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040)
 - _____ Copy of EBT Access card and benefit summary
 - _____ Evidence that your family receives SSI or TANF benefits
- A copy of the student's **signed Social Security card**;
- A copy of the **student's school I.D. card**;
- A completed **Recommendation Form** from a teacher or school counselor;
- A copy of the student's latest **PSSA or SAT-9 Standardized Test Scores**. These scores are available from high school counselors. If you are unable to obtain them, please let us know.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Because of the level of commitment expected from students and their parents/guardians in the SAS Program, there are several steps in the application process:

1. To be considered for participation in the SAS Program, students and their parents/guardians first need to **complete the attached application** as neatly and completely as possible.
2. **Return the completed application – with all supporting materials** – to Philadelphia Futures as soon as possible.
3. Once the application is completed and returned, **SAS will review the student’s materials to determine program eligibility.**
4. If eligible, students and their parents/guardians will be invited to the Philadelphia Futures office for an **in-person interview.**
5. If the interview is completed successfully, the student will be invited to participate in a **Prospective Student Orientation** at the Philadelphia Futures office.
6. Once Orientation is complete, students will be **notified** by mail if they have been accepted into the SAS Program.

SAS FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES

The following are approximate income guidelines for SAS families. They are based on the federal guidelines for free or reduced lunch prices. If you have questions about whether your family meets the SAS income eligibility requirements, please call us.

Family Size:	Income Allowed:
1	\$ 20,036
2	\$ 26,955
3	\$ 33,874
4	\$ 40,793
5	\$ 47,712
6	\$ 54,631
7	\$ 61,550
8	\$ 68,469

If you have any special circumstances you would like us to consider, please let us know. We want to work with you and would be happy to discuss your situation on an individual basis.



Sponsor-A-Scholar Program Application



PLEASE PRINT

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address _____ Grade: _____ Male Female

City _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____

Telephone _____ Student I.D. # _____

High School _____ Social Security # _____

Counselor _____ Race/Ethnic Background _____

Middle School _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No
(If no, please attach a copy of the student's green card)

How did you hear about SAS? _____

CUSTODIAL PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name(s) _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How many people live in your home? _____ Is your home located in PHA/Section 8 Housing? Yes No

Language(s) spoken at home _____

People living in your house with you (please check all that apply):

Mother Father Guardian _____
(If not mother or father) Relationship to student (grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.)

Brothers _____
Names and Ages

Sisters _____
Names and Ages

Grandparents Aunts Uncles Others _____

Please specify relationships

<p><i>For Office Use Only</i></p> <p>RS Date: _____</p>



Sponsor-A-Scholar Program Application STUDENT SHORT ANSWER PAGE

Name of Student _____ High School _____

1. What is your favorite academic subject in school? Why?
2. What activities are you involved in at school or in your community?
3. What are three interesting things about you that you would like us to know?
4. What job or career most interests you? What education does it require?
5. Has anyone in your family attended college? Who? Did s/he graduate?
6. What person in the world do you most admire? Why?
7. Have you ever had a mentor? How might a mentor be helpful to you as you strive for a college education?

Student Signature _____ Date _____



Sponsor-A-Scholar Program Application PARENT/GUARDIAN PAGE

Parent involvement and support is central to the success of Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) students. You will be informed of all SAS activities and will be invited to events throughout the year. We hope that you will make every effort to stay informed about your child's progress and to support his/her active participation in all SAS events.

Name of Student _____ **High School** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Relationship to Student** _____

Please provide the following information so that we may learn more about you and your child.

1. What are your goals for your child?

2. What would you like us to know about your child? What makes your child special?

3. The Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) Program requires all students to attend after-school academic classes, special evening and weekend events, college visits, and educational summer activities. Are there any reasons your child would not be able to participate in these activities?

I have read the eligibility requirements and information about the Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) Program. I give permission for my child to submit application materials to Philadelphia Futures and will assist him/her throughout the application process. If my child is accepted to SAS, I will actively support his/her participation in all program activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Please review the attached SAS Family Income Guidelines and submit proof of income with your child's completed application. If your income exceeds the Guidelines, please let us know, as exceptions may be made in special circumstances. Please be assured that this information will be kept confidential and will only be used to determine your child's eligibility for academic programs.



Sponsor-A-Scholar Program Application TEACHER / COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Student _____ High School _____

The Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) Program is looking for students who are motivated to do well in high school, to attend college, and to obtain their college degrees. The goal of SAS is to expand options and opportunities for college-bound students attending Philadelphia comprehensive neighborhood high schools. We seek students who will benefit most from our support and services and who demonstrate strong academic achievement, consistent attendance, and positive behavior in school. SAS students are matched with a volunteer mentor – an adult professional from the Philadelphia area – so prospective students must have the potential to relate well to an adult regarding their educational activities.

Thank you for taking a moment to fill out this recommendation. Your input is critical to our recruitment efforts and we value your insight about this student.

Your Name _____ Position _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please describe the student applicant. Include examples of the student’s motivation, academic promise, ability to relate with adults, and any relevant family or personal circumstances that would be helpful for us to consider.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 = OUTSTANDING, and 1 = POOR), please rate the student applicant with respect to the following qualities:

Academic Achievement	1	2	3	4	5
Openness to New Experiences	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to Receive Criticism	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership Ability	1	2	3	4	5
Perseverance	1	2	3	4	5

Signature _____

Date _____