



## THE SAS PROGRAM

Philadelphia Futures' Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) Program provides options and opportunities for first-generation-to-college students attending Philadelphia's 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 - 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
Phone: 215-790-1666 ext. 416  
Fax: 215-790-1888  
admissions@philadelphiafutures.org

### ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be a **first-generation-to-college** student and attend a Philadelphia **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.

### 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
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Financial & Household Information forms
- 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;
- Information/Photo Release Waiver**.
- A copy of the **student's Health Insurance Card**

## 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	\$ 21,775
2	\$ 29,471
3	\$ 37,167
4	\$ 44,863
5	\$ 52,559
6	\$ 60,255
7	\$ 67,951
8	\$ 75,647

*\$7,696 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON*

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.

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PLEASE PRINT

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D. #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Guardian 1 _____	Guardian 2 _____
Relationship to Student _____	Relationship to Student _____
Address _____ Street Address	Address _____ Street Address
_____ City, State, Zip	_____ City, State, Zip
Daytime Phone _____	Daytime Phone _____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Email _____	Email _____
Did Guardian 1 graduate from college? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did Guardian 2 graduate from college? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Including you, how many people live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Language(s) spoken at home \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother  Father  Stepmother  Stepfather  Grandmother  Grandfather

Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not mother or father) Relationship to student (grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.)

Siblings/Others \_\_\_\_\_  
List names and ages.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

1. How interested are you in joining Philadelphia Futures' Sponsor-A-Scholar Program:

10    9    8    7    6    5    4    3    2    1  
                          

Very Interested

Not Interested

2. Where do you live geographically in Philadelphia?

North    Northeast    Northwest    West    South    Southwest    Center City

3. Please indicate your race/ethnicity (Check all that apply).

Black/African American    Asian    Caucasian    Hispanic    Middle Eastern

Multiracial: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Specify) (Please Specify)

4. What is your current G.P.A. (If applicable)?

4.0-3.5    3.4-3.0    2.9-2.5    2.4-2.0    Below 2.0

5. On your last report card, what grade did you receive in the following subjects?

English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ History \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Lang. \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many hours do you study/do homework each school night?

3-4 hours    2-3 hours    1-2 hours    Less than 1 hour    0 hours

7. How many absences do you typically have each year?

0-5    6-10    11-15    16-20    Over 20

8. How often are you late to school/class?

Never    Sometimes    Often    Always

9. How often do you have behavior issues at school?

Never    Sometimes    Often    Always

10. Who in your family HAS GRADUATED from an American college or university (check all that apply)?

Mother    Father    Sibling    Grandparent    Aunt/Uncle    Other

If someone graduated, please specify:

FAMILY MEMBER	COLLEGE	DEGREE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

11. Do you receive free or reduced meals at school?

Yes    No

## 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. Why are you interested in joining Philadelphia Futures' Sponsor-A-Scholar Program?

I certify that the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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. I certify that the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

**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.*

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. 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.** Additionally, 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 (1 = POOR and 5 = EXCELLENT), please rate the student applicant with respect to the following qualities:

	Poor			Excellent	
	1	2	3	4	5
Academic Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Openness to New Experiences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Receive Criticism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class Participation/Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate if you’d be interested in recommending more qualified students from your school/organization:

Yes  No

Recommender’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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Student Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

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High School

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Year of Graduation

### **Information Release and Waiver**

In order to assist Philadelphia Futures as it works to support the academic progress and college success of Philadelphia Futures students:

- ◆ By signing below, we give permission to Philadelphia Futures to obtain student school records and information about the student's academic performance and personal development to help Philadelphia Futures determine eligibility, monitor the student's academic progress, and provide college guidance and support as needed. All information will be kept confidential by Philadelphia Futures and will only be shared in support of the student's goals in the Program.

### **Photo Release and Waiver**

Additionally, we recognize that Philadelphia Futures is very proud of its students and their families and that, from time to time, it publishes photos of students and their families to spread the good word of their achievements and successes. In order to assist these promotional efforts:

- ◆ By signing below, we give permission to Philadelphia Futures, as well as its agents and partner organizations to use our images and photographs in its publications and promotional materials, including printed material, videos, social media, and the Philadelphia Futures website.

This release will remain in effect unless we notify Philadelphia Futures and cancel it in writing.

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date



Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all members living in your household.

	Name	Relationship to Student	Age	Grade/ Occupation
1		Self		
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

Please list the information of additional members on the back of this form, if applicable.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For 2014, has your custodial parent completed his/her IRS income tax return?

Yes, my parent has already completed his/her return.

**Please attach a copy of page 1 and 2, along with schedule C and E, if applicable.**

No, my parent is not going/did not to file.

In 2014 or 2015, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parent's household, receive any benefits from any of the federal programs listed? **(If yes, please attach requested documentation.)**

Supplemental Security Income  Yes  No

Social Security Retirement Benefits  Yes  No

**Please submit a copy of the 2013 SSA-1099 or a notification letter from the SSA regarding your benefits.**

SNAP Benefits (Food Stamps)  Yes  No

**Please submit a benefits letter or COMPASS printout indicating amount received.**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Cash Assistance)  Yes  No

**Please submit a copy of notice detailing amount received and dependent names.**

Is any member of your household receiving Unemployment Compensation?  Yes  No

**Please submit a copy of the most current Notice of Financial Determination.**

Is any member of your household receiving Worker's Compensation?  Yes  No

**Please submit a copy of the most current benefit notice.**

Did your parent receive child support for any of your parent's children?  Yes  No

**Please submit official documentation indicating amount and frequency received.**

Did your parent receive foster care payments for any member of the household?  Yes  No

**Please submit documentation indicating amount and frequency received.**