

Think of a way to address a community problem And run with it

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Phillips Scholars create and test innovative ideas that address community problems

— helping others and learning
at the same time. The Phillips
Scholars Program is based in
Minnesota and offers 10 students
unique, amazing leadership
development opportunities —
along with scholarship support.

Imagine having the space and
time to create, collaborate
on, and complete a summer
project focusing on a specific
community issue that speaks to
you. You'll hone your problem-
solving skills and a whole lot
more. Test yourself and see how
you can help drive change.



**“The Phillips
Scholarship is
a revolutionary
platform that
uses the proximity,
community knowledge**

**and the intelligence of some of the
youngest current and future public
servants to build a program that truly
changes lives.”**

— Zakariya Abdullahi, Augsburg University



APPLY TO BE A PHILLIPS SCHOLAR FOR
THE SUMMER OF 2023

**Scholarships, stipends
and support to help
you help the world**



PROGRAM BENEFITS

This one-year scholarship program provides 10 students each year with:

Engagement and preparation over the 2022-23 academic year, with five trainings and a two-day retreat for the cohort. Students also receive:

- \$5,000 in college scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year
- \$4,000 for a summer 2023 stipend
- \$500 for a supply stipend

What can you do with your summer effort? It's up to you. As long as you are proposing to meet a real need, students are encouraged to follow their passions when proposing a project.

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CARLETON COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT
THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA
CONCORDIA COLLEGE
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE
HAMLIN UNIVERSITY
MACALESTER COLLEGE
MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY
ST. OLAF COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

CONSIDER APPLYING

A simple online application will be available Jan. 5, 2022.

Applications are due February 28, 2022.

You're eligible if you:

- Are enrolled full-time at one of 15 institutions
- Demonstrate financial need
- Are a first-year, sophomore or junior in the spring of 2022
- Aspire to address a significant need within a particular community
- Demonstrate interest in civic engagement
- Can participate in all required program trainings and events
- Can complete a community service project in Minnesota during the summer of 2023

REACH OUT

Interested in receiving a notice when the application is available? Have a question or seeking more information?

Contact Carolyn Jones at PhillipsScholars@MNPrivateColleges.org.

The Phillips Scholars program is managed by the Minnesota Private College Fund, whose membership includes your college or university. While the program has existed since 1989, it has been revamped for this next cycle. The program is funded by the Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota.

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PHILLIPS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Phillips Scholars Program recognizes and rewards Minnesota private college students who strive to make life better for those with unmet needs. Students from 15 eligible private colleges and universities (*listed below*) are invited to apply to this unique program by submitting a proposed service project to benefit Minnesota communities. Each campus will select up to three students to compete for one of **Ten – \$9,500 Phillips Scholars awards**. This is a one-year program.

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The Phillips Scholars Program provides scholars the opportunity to do much more than volunteer. Scholars are challenged to identify community needs that fit within a theme and explore ways to create social change by designing and implementing a service project.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Enrolled full-time at an eligible Minnesota private college
- Freshman, sophomore or junior status in January 2022
- Demonstrated financial need
- Aspires to address a significant need within a particular community
- Committed to completing project during the summer of 2023
- Available to attend all required trainings and two-day retreat
- Interest in community leadership and civic engagement

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications and attachments are to be submitted online at by **February 28, 2022**.

PHILLIPS SCHOLAR TIME COMMITMENT

Please note: The Phillips Scholars program will take approximately 5-10 hours of planning per week during 2022-2023 academic year. In addition, Phillips Scholars are required to attend five, two-hour trainings throughout the year and a two-day retreat. Please be aware of the time commitment this program requires when applying. We understand students have many other commitments i.e family obligations, sports/extracurriculars, clubs/organizations, volunteering, work. Please be sure you have the capacity to fulfill this commitment when applying.



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PHILLIPS SCHOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name:

College/University:

Major:

GPA:

Current Year: freshman sophomore junior

Address:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Campus Advisor:

1. TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

The Phillips Scholars program is a leadership development program providing students the opportunity to create, collaborate on, and complete a summer project focusing on a specific community issue. This program invests in future leaders by providing the space and opportunity to develop key skills in real world circumstances. The following questions are designed to give us a sense of who you are and how you see the world. *Please feel free to extend beyond these questions when answering. Please limit your answers to 1500 words*

Tell us about yourself and what you are studying in school.

How has your background influenced you? What experiences will you bring to this program and this cohort?

What are your passions, hobbies, extracurricular activities, leadership/community service?

2. TELL US ABOUT YOUR IDEA AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

This scholarship is centered around the creation and execution of a project that meets an unmet need in the community. We believe students have innovative ideas and solutions to issues our communities face. Tell us about the idea you have and what you hope to accomplish. Use this space to expand on the idea, why it is important to you and how it affects your community. Please include organizations you would like to work with, goals you hope to achieve, and the populations you hope to interact with while executing your project. Please note, it is a program requirement that you work with a community partner in Minnesota when executing a project and the project must be completed during the summer of 2023 – allowing you one year to plan and execute your idea. *Please limit your answer to 1500 words*



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When thinking about your project idea, please describe how your idea links to larger structural issues you hope to impact. Please limit your answer to 1000 words.

3. CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP

The goal of the Phillips Scholars program is to invest in and cultivate the future leaders in our community. Tell us about a leader you admire. Please describe the attributes of leadership, integrity, drive, and social conscious this person exhibits. What do you admire about this person and why? What impact does this person have on the people around them? Please limit your answer to 1500 words

What does leadership mean to you and how do you think this project will lead to your own leadership development? Please limit your answer to 1000 words.

4. ADVERSITY

The Phillips Scholarship provides students the opportunity to experience real work in real time. In every case, students must pivot in their planning and adjust their projects. Tell us about a time you have had to overcome a difficult challenge or obstacle. How did you handle it? What did you learn from it? Please limit your answer to 1000 words.

ATTACHMENTS

In addition to completing the essay questions above, please include the following attachments:

- One letter of Recommendation
- Copy of transcript
- Financial need statement from institution
- Campus endorsement