



PATH Scholarship Program

2022 Application Guide for Higher Education Institutions in Australia, Canada, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ireland, Lebanon, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding from Ellucian’s 2022 **Progress * Accomplishment * Thriving * Hope (PATH) Scholarship Program**. In this third year of the program, Ellucian is inviting applications from Associate’s and Bachelor’s degree-granting, not-for-profit institutions in selected countries for funds that will allow them to assist students who have experienced economic hardships, including those resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The selected countries are Australia, Canada, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ireland, Lebanon, New Zealand, and United Kingdom

Ellucian will award block grants of between \$10,000 to \$25,000 (USD) to selected institutions, which will use the funds to provide awards of up to \$1,500 (USD) to eligible students. Institutions will have considerable flexibility in determining the selection criteria and individual award amounts that best fit their affected student’s needs.

This guide will assist you in completing and submitting the application, available at stayonpath.org. It will also offer suggestions that we hope will help you to become a successful applicant.

Application Timeline

Applications for **2022 PATH Scholarship** funding are due to Ellucian by **June 10, 2022** at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Institutions will be notified of the results of their application no later than **August 1, 2022**. Decisions of the committee will be final.

Selected institutions will receive their funds no later than **January 27, 2023**, and will be required to disburse those funds no later than **March 31, 2023**. Institutions will then be required to use the reporting format provided to submit awarding and disbursement details to the Ellucian Foundation by **June 2, 2023**.

Key dates for the 2022 **PATH Scholarship** are listed below:

April 11, 2022	PATH Scholarship application available to schools
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June 10, 2022	Institutional application deadline
June 13 – July 22, 2022	Committee review of applications
No later than August 1, 2022	Institutions notified of committee decisions
August 2, 2022 – January 26, 2023	Successful applicants will provide information to the Charities Aid Foundation America to meet requirements of U.S. law for distribution of charitable funding to institutions outside the U.S.
No later than January 27, 2023	Institutions receive PATH Scholarship funds to distribute to students
March 31, 2023	PATH Scholarships distributed to students in full by recipient institutions
June 2, 2023	Institutions complete reporting requirements to the Ellucian Foundation

Application Overview

Institutional Eligibility

Institutions must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Be an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree-granting, not-for-profit institution. (System offices that oversee multiple institutions may apply, but each school will be evaluated individually.)
- Be approved by their Ministry of Higher Education or other national government ministry.

Institutions must also agree to established terms and conditions, which include:

- Affirming that **PATH Scholarship** funding will not replace or supplant other grant assistance.
- Committing to the timeframe of awarding funds and reporting data.
- Affirming that it will award only eligible students.
- Affirming that it is authorized to accept and disburse funds from a U.S.-based nonprofit foundation.

Institutions will be asked for demographic information about the institution, and basic questions about their population experiencing financial distress. In addition to demographic information and required affirmations, institutions will be asked to provide a narrative describing:

- Anticipated effects of the funding on recipients;

- Philosophy and approach for how the institution will select students (including any additional criteria imposed);
- How the proposal assists students experiencing economic hardship related to (or not) the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that they are able to continue their education;
- Percentage of enrolled students who receive external funding;
- Percentage of enrolled students who are considered to be economically disadvantaged;
- Funding distribution method;
- Compliance with reporting requirements
- Current student retention and/or persistence initiatives and how the PATH Scholarship funds would differ from or augment those efforts; and
- Efforts made by the institution, if any, to provide new, expanded, and/or modified programs designed to serve the evolving needs of the community in light of financial challenges, (related to COVID-19).

Student Eligibility

In addition to having been adversely affected by financial challenges, including those directly resulting from COVID-19, students must meet the following minimum criteria to be eligible to receive funds:

- Be a regular student, defined as:
 - Seeking an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
 - Not dual-enrolled in high school and postsecondary education.
- Currently enrolled at the institution.

While there are no donor-imposed restrictions on the following student characteristics, institutions must address in their applications which students would receive funds according to these categories. For example, an institution could require **PATH Scholarship** recipients to be enrolled full-time and maintain good academic standing.

The three characteristics the school must address in its application are:

- Enrollment status – will a certain level of enrollment be required?
- Academic standing – will recipients be required to be in good standing?
- Financial need – will recipients be required to demonstrate institutionally defined need?

Fund Disbursement

The **PATH Scholarship** program was created to help institutions meet the needs of their students who are experiencing financial challenges, including those resulting from COVID-19, so that those students can continue to attend. Institutions may choose the disbursement methods that best meet their students' needs. All funds must be disbursed **no later than March 31, 2023**.

Institutions may determine that some recipients' needs might require more than the \$1,500 (USD) maximum award. In those rare cases, institutions may request exceptions to the maximum award. To request an exception, email blueicon@nasfaa.org with a brief narrative explaining the reason for the exception. Requests for exceptions will be evaluated on the basis of 1) being reasonable and 2) not diminishing the impact of the **PATH Scholarship** funding for other recipients or the institution.

Fund Reporting

The Ellucian Foundation uses data to evaluate the success of the program, and to plan improvements for subsequent years. To that end, institutions will be required to report the following information about each awarded student:

- Student name
- Age at time of disbursement
- Program of study
- Citizenship information
 - Citizen of your country
 - Non-citizen/international student
- Anticipated graduation/completion date
- Award amount
- Brief (not to exceed 100 words) explanation of the student's need for PATH Scholarship funds
- Copies of student statements (which are encouraged, and which can be anonymous) that describe the importance of receiving the funds in allowing their continued enrollment or completion of their academic program.

In addition, institutions will be required to report the number of enrolled students who requested or received funding from any source to assist with financial challenges, including those resulting from COVID-19 during Fall 2022.

This information is due to Ellucian by **June 2, 2023**.

Application Tips

We hope that the following will help you complete and submit a successful application:

- Follow instructions closely to ensure that your application is complete and submitted by the established deadline.
- Consider all of the ways that students may have experienced financial challenges, including those resulting from COVID-19, and how those students can best demonstrate that impact to you.
- Make a compelling case for how you will use the funds to ensure that your recipients will have the best chance of completing their educations.
- Consider how **PATH Scholarship** funding will complement other available funding to provide optimal assistance to your students.
- Contact **NASFAA's Blue Icon Advisors** at blueicon@nasfaa.org if you have questions about the application or process.