

## **PATH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **Official Terms & Conditions for Higher Education Institutions in the U.S.**

The Ellucian Foundation PATH Scholarship Program (the “Scholarship Program”) is sponsored and administered by Ellucian Foundation (“Sponsor”).

**ELIGIBILITY:** The PATH Scholarship Program is available to 1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and all Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) in the United States that are eligible to participate in the Federal Title IV financial aid programs (the “Applicants”). Directors, officers, and employees (and their respective relatives and household members) of Sponsor and its subsidiaries are not eligible to enter the Program. For the purposes of the Program, 'relatives' are defined as a spouse, partner, parent, legal guardian, in-law, grandparent, sibling, children and grandchildren. Eligibility decisions shall be made and determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. The Scholarship Program is subject to all laws and void where prohibited by law.

1. **AGREEMENT TO OFFICIAL TERMS:** Participation in the Scholarship Program constitutes Applicant’s agreement to these Official Terms & Conditions and the decisions of Sponsor and Sponsor’s judges, which are final in all respects.

2. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** There are a total of at least twenty (20) block awards to be provided. Each block award consists of one (1) award of \$10,000 to \$25,000 (USD) to each selected school (“Selected Schools”). The Selected School will distribute awards to individual student recipients in amounts up to \$1,500. Individual award amounts in excess of \$1,500 require approval from the Sponsor. The Selected Schools are required to use the block grants solely for student support; use of any portion of the block grant to cover administrative costs is prohibited. Under no circumstances will the Sponsor be responsible for any costs or charges beyond the total of their block award amounts.

3. **APPLICATION PERIOD:** Applications may be submitted starting April 11, 2022, and must be received by Sponsor by May 27, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Applications submitted after the application period will be considered at the Sponsor’s discretion.

4. **HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants may obtain an official application form at [www.stayonpath.org](http://www.stayonpath.org) (“Site”). Applicants must fill out all information required in the official application form, which asks for the following institutional eligibility and demographic information and student award criteria:

Institutional Eligibility and Demographics:

- School name
- 8-digit OPEID

- School website
- School mission statement
- Whether the school is in good standing with its accreditation agency, state, and U.S. Department of Education and an explanation of why it is not (if applicable)
- School contact name, title, phone number, and email address
- Affirmation that:
  - PATH Scholarship funds received, and subsequently disbursed to students, will not replace or supplant other grant assistance.
  - The school will adhere to disbursing all funds no later than October 28, 2022, and report required data to Ellucian Foundation no later than December 16, 2022.
  - The school will only make awards to eligible students, defined as those:
    - Currently enrolled at the institution
    - Seeking a credential, defined as a degree or certificate (including short-term programs) and not dually enrolled in high school and postsecondary education.

Consideration of Students' Special Circumstances:

- Describe the efforts made by the school to provide additional funding to students who are experiencing emergency financial hardships, including those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, that could adversely affect their ability to remain enrolled.

Student Award Criteria:

- Indicating which students would be eligible to receive PATH Scholarship funds at the institution using the following four criteria:
  1. Citizenship status
  2. Enrollment status
  3. Academic standing and Satisfactory Academic Progress
  4. Financial need
- List the top three anticipated financial needs of students at the institution at the current time.
- Describe the anticipated effect of PATH Scholarships on student recipients, the philosophy and approach for how you will distribute funds to students who have experienced an emergency financial hardship or need, the mechanism for selecting and distributing funding, and how you will comply with reporting requirements (including collecting permission from recipients to share information with Ellucian Foundation, if applicable). The application must address the four criteria outlined above.
- Provide the anticipated percentage of currently enrolled students who meet the eligibility criteria that the school has established.

- Describe the current student retention and/or persistence initiatives at your institution and how the PATH Scholarship would differ from or augment those efforts

Only one entry per institution. If an Applicant submits more than one entry, all entries from that Applicant may be voided by Sponsor. Applications that are not accompanied by an official application form and/or are received outside the application period will be void. All applications and application information will become the property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. All applications and essays must be original and created by the submitting Applicant. By entering, the applicant provides Sponsor with a royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive license to use the contents of the Application for the purposes of public relations, advertising and promotional purposes in any manner as may be determined by Sponsor. You agree that Sponsor is not responsible for any unauthorized use or distribution of the Application materials by a third party. Pursuant to the foregoing, each Applicant agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the Application, including but not limited to claims of defamation, invasion of privacy or rights of publicity or copyright infringement.

Illegible and incomplete applications are void. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, mutilated, damaged, stolen, incomplete, or misdirected applications or applications not received regardless of cause. In the event of a dispute over who submitted an application, the application will be deemed to have been submitted by the authorized account holder of the e-mail account identified with the submitting account. The authorized account holder is deemed to be the natural person who is assigned to the e-mail address by the relevant entity responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address.

5. JUDGING CRITERIA: Sponsor shall screen initial applications for eligibility criteria. All eligible entries will be evaluated by a qualified panel of judges designated by Sponsor based on the judging criteria below:

- Application completeness
- Creativity in awarding funds
- Tie to institutional mission
- Ability to distribute funding
- Impactful to students
- Meeting Sponsor's goals

Applications will be judged between June 1, 2022, and July 8, 2022. The judges, whose decision will be final, will select at least twenty (20) schools based on the above criteria. Any ties will be broken by an additional judge based on the judging criteria described above. Only one block award per Selected School.

6. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD NOTIFICATION: The potential Selected Schools will be notified on or about July 15, 2022 via the email address or phone number provided in the application.

7. SCHOLARSHIP DELIVERY: Winner and Sponsor will arrange for the Scholarship to be paid to the applicable college to cover expenses for the Fall 2022 enrollment period. Should the winner fail to comply with these requirements, the winner forfeits all rights to the Scholarship, and Sponsor shall have the discretion to either grant the Scholarship to the alternate applicant with the next highest scored essay or not grant the Scholarship at all.

All Scholarship awards will be administered by Sponsor and are subject to all terms of these Official Terms and Conditions. Scholarship awards are one time only and are non-transferrable. Any unused funds at the conclusion of the Awarding Period will be forfeited and returned to the Sponsor.

8. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Selected Schools must provide to Sponsor the following data about each student recipient:

- Student's name
- Student's age at the time funds were disbursed
- Student's program of study
- Student's race/ethnicity, using the following questions from IPEDS (*students are not required to provide race/ethnicity information*):
  - Are you Hispanic or Latino? (Yes/No), *then*
  - Select one or more of the following races:
    - American Indian or Alaska Native
    - Asian
    - Black or African American
    - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
    - White
- Student's anticipated graduation/completion date
- Award amount
- A brief explanation of the student's need (no more than 100 words per student)
  - Schools may categorize student recipients and provide a description of each category.
- 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.
- Copies of students' signed permissions to share information with Ellucian Foundation, if applicable.

9. GENERAL CONDITIONS: Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Scholarship Program if any fraud, virus or other technical problem or factor beyond Sponsor's reasonable control corrupts or impairs the administration, security or integrity of the Scholarship Program, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. In such event, Sponsor reserves the right to award the Scholarship from among the eligible Applications received up to the time of impairment. Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the Application process or the operation of the Scholarship Program or to be acting in violation of these Terms & Conditions or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person or entity to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Scholarship Program may be in violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages

from any such person or entity to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Scholarship is non-transferable. No substitutions or cash equivalents permitted except in Sponsor's sole discretion.

10. RELEASE: By submitting an application, applicant agrees to release and hold harmless Sponsor, its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotional agencies, and their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") from and against any claim, cause of action or liability of any nature arising out of participation in the Scholarship Program or receipt or use/misuse of the Scholarship or directly or indirectly associated with the Scholarship, including but not limited to plane malfunctions or accidents, liability for personal injury including wrongful death, damage to property and damage or loss of any other kind.

11. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: The Released Parties are not responsible for any incorrect information, whether caused by applicants, printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Scholarship Program. No more than the number of Scholarships stated above will be awarded. The Released Parties are not responsible for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. The Released Parties are not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any web site or combination thereof, including injury or damage to entrant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating in the Scholarship Program.

12. SPONSOR: This Scholarship is sponsored by Ellucian Foundation ("Sponsor"), having its headquarters at 2003 Edmund Halley Drive, Reston, VA 20191.