

# Temple University Philadelphia Scholars Awards



TEMPLE UNIVERSITY is committed to providing world-class higher education for citizens of the region and beyond. In recognition of Mayor Michael Nutter's call to increase access to education for city residents, Temple is establishing a program in partnership with the School District of Philadelphia that will give academically talented and highly motivated students from Philadelphia the opportunity to pursue excellence at the region's largest public research institution.

Each year, four high-ability students with demonstrated financial need will be selected as Philadelphia Scholars to receive full-tuition scholarships to Temple University. The awards are renewable for a total of four years, contingent upon the recipient's successful academic progress in full-time study at Temple.

## Nomination and Selection

Beginning in 2009, Temple University Philadelphia Scholars will be selected from students who reside in Philadelphia and attend one of the 66 public high schools in the Philadelphia School District. To be eligible, students must be nominated by their high school or one of the district's community or faith-based partners; they also must complete a Temple admissions application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The awards will be presented to students on the basis of academic achievement and financial need.

As part of Temple's continuing commitment to its North Philadelphia neighborhoods, special consideration will be given to students residing or attending high school in the neighborhoods adjacent to the Temple Main Campus and Health Sciences Center (zip codes 19121, 19122, 19123, 19125, 19130, 19132, 19133 and 19140).

Recipients will be chosen by a committee of representatives from Temple University faculty and administration, who will consider the following five criteria:

1. High school academic record (grades, class rank, course level, etc.)
2. Standardized test scores
3. Community service, leadership experience, other personal qualities
4. Financial need
5. Proximity of residence to Temple's Main Campus and Health Science Center

## Application Timeline

1. Nominations from high schools and community and faith-based organizations must be submitted by February 1, 2009.
2. Nominees must apply for admissions and financial aid by the university's stated deadlines.
3. The Temple University Philadelphia Scholars Award Committee will select awardees by March 15, 2009.
4. Awardees must commit to Temple by May 1, 2009.

The program will begin in Fall 2009 and continue for ten years; the final freshman cohort to be selected under this program will be admitted for the Fall 2018 semester.

The Philadelphia Scholars Awards is one of several Temple programs that provides financial support for Philadelphia students. Each year, the university also awards four-year scholarships from \$1000 to full tuition to about 150 Philadelphia high school graduates based on academic merit and financial need, including Temple University Outstanding Achievement Scholarships, which are available to graduates of all schools throughout the city.

For more information, please call the Temple University Office of the Provost 215.204.4775 or visit [www.temple.edu/provost](http://www.temple.edu/provost).

