The American Printing House for the Blind is accepting applications for a new scholarship as supported by a generous donor. The Peter Papano – APH STEM Scholarship will be awarded to four individuals in the amount of $5,000 each.

# DEADLINE:

* Application open: Tuesday, June 1, 2021
* Application deadline: Monday, July 5, 2021

*Applications received before June 1 or after July 5 will not be considered.*

# How to Apply

***Submit the following information via email to*** [***development@aph.org***](mailto:development@aph.org)***:***

## Within the body of the email:

1. Full Name
2. Birthdate
3. Address
4. Phone
5. Email
6. School currently attending
7. Intended course of study
8. College(s) applied to/accepted

**(Subject of Email: Last Name–First Name–Papano APH Scholarship)**

## Three attachments in PDF Format

## Certification of Legal Blindness

Please attach a copy of an original document that was provided to you by a medical doctor or a professional in the field of vision impairment education or rehabilitation, which certifies that you are blind in both eyes as per the legal

definition.

## An Essay

Please attach as a separate document, an essay of no more than 1,000 words, double-spaced, indicating your qualifications for receiving the scholarship. Share information about your interests (e.g., academic, cultural, social, athletics), your accomplishments (e.g., awards, recognition, personal growth, obstacles overcome, etc.), and what you hope to achieve if you were to be named a scholarship recipient (e.g., academic pursuits, professional goals, community service or leadership aspirations).

## 3) One Letter of Reference

Please include one letter of reference from a teacher, supervisor, or other adult mentor, with contact information.

# Criteria for Eligibility

* Student must be blind or low vision (legally blind in both eyes).
* A high school senior or recent graduate bound for higher education, pursuing a degree full-time, at a community college or four-year college or university.
* Student must plan to major in a STEM study program (science, technology, engineering, math)
* Open to students currently living, and planning to study, in California.
* Must demonstrate academic interest, community engagement, and strong interest and participation in STEM-related activities.
* Financial need is not considered; transcripts/GPA not required.
* Please do not send additional information beyond what is required.
* Please do not contact the scholarship committee with questions; ***we will not respond to email or phone inquiries***; you will, however, receive an email verification when we’ve received your application.
* Only the final two scholarship recipients will be notified of their award. ***The two awardees will be notified by Friday, August 16, 2021.***  If you have not heard from the committee by that date, you are not a scholarship awardee. No feedback will be provided to applicants about their application or essay.

Recipients will be required to: 1) write a thank you letter to the donor upon receiving scholarship funds; 2) spend all of the funds within the fall 2021 semester (submitting receipts with final essay); and 3) submit a final essay to the scholarship committee by Friday, January 14, 2022, relaying what they were able to accomplish due to receiving the scholarship, and how funds were spent.