

PMI® Rochester Chapter Academic Grant Guidelines 2021

The following sets forth guidelines that the Project Management Institute, Rochester Chapter will rely upon in evaluating requests for grant funds and making grant awards.

The PMI® Rochester Chapter Grants program is designed to meet the Vision and Mission statement of the chapter:

PMI® Rochester Vision:

Organizations in Greater Rochester will embrace, value, and utilize project management and attribute their success to it. Providing grants will support this by sending a message to organizations that project management is a worthwhile investment.

PMI® Rochester Mission Statement:

The Rochester Chapter will be the source and resource to enable our members to improve project, program, and portfolio performance for individuals and organizations in the Greater Rochester Region by fostering a vibrant and engaging community. Providing grants that can be used for training sponsored by local organizations will encourage interactions between like-minded organizations.

This grant program also ties into the **PMI® Rochester Chapter Objectives:**

- Promote the awareness, practice and profession of Project Management and the PMI®.
- Support the training and professional development of Project Management professionals to improve overall skill level and effectiveness.
- Providing grants will enable chapter members living locally to attend training sessions for project management.
- Advocate acceptance of Project Management as a profession and discipline.
- Encourage and foster the adoption of Project Management practices by corporations, government and other entities.
- Create networking opportunities for Project Management Practitioners.

(1) Eligibility Criteria for Grants

- Applicants who are members of PMI® Rochester Chapter (including the Ithaca or Student Branches), or an immediate family member (spouse/child) attending or planning to attend an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree program pursuing a qualifying degree.
- A completed Application Form must be submitted along with transcript, an essay, and one letter of recommendation.
- The Academic Grant Program is designed to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals who wish to obtain degrees from accredited academic institutions (accredited by a nationally or regionally recognized accrediting agency, as defined by the United States Department of Education).

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- Qualifying degrees may be in project management, program management and related programs.
- Examples of Project management related fields:
 - Business Administration
 - Computer Science
 - Construction/Industrial Management
 - Engineering
 - Government
 - Information Technology/Systems

(2) What can you apply for?

A one-time grant toward a qualifying academic program.

(3) Who is NOT eligible to apply for a Grant from the PMI® Rochester Chapter?

- Current PMI® Rochester Chapter Board Members and their families.
- Current PMI® Rochester Chapter Grant Review Committee Members and their families.
- Current PMI® Rochester Chapter Director of Grants/Grants and administration of the Grant Process and their families.
- Anybody who was granted the award within the past 2 years.

(4) Grant Application Amounts:

A grant up to and not exceeding \$1500.00 is available to be awarded amongst one or multiple recipients, where the amount awarded is at the discretion of the review committee. The monies will be sent directly to the accredited academic institution.

(5) Grant Recipient Responsibilities:

A grant recipient must act on the following before PMI® Rochester Chapter will reimburse the monies granted to the recipient via the award:

1. Successful completion of the course of study

(6) Grant Application Form

The Grant Application Form can be found on the PMI® Rochester website:

<https://www.pmirochester.org/grants> . A completed grant application form must be submitted to the following address: grants@pmirochester.org.

NOTE: Any incomplete forms will not qualify for any further review by the Director of Grants and the supporting review Committee.

(7) Evaluation Criteria for Grants

- The Evaluation Criteria is available upon request.
- The principles behind the Criteria are explained below:
 - Applicant GPA
 - What is the purpose of the academic program

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- What is the candidate’s commitment to their Project Management related coursework (letters of recommendation)?

The PMI® Rochester Chapter does not make grants from its unrestricted funds for:

- Sectarian or religious activities
- Grants to private foundations
- Endowments or memorials
- Direct or grass-roots lobbying efforts
- Sustained support for recurring operating expenses

(8) Application Guidelines for Grants

Applicants must complete the PMI® Rochester Chapter grant application form and submit to grants@pmirochester.org by the deadline as indicated in the “(8) Application Schedule for Grants” section. The following must be included in the application.

- Applicant Information
- Transcripts from the applicant’s current or most recently attended high school (secondary school), college, or university. Transcripts that have been downloaded, screenshot, or printed and scanned directly from the applicant’s college or university website are acceptable for the submission of the scholarship application.
- One reference who are not a family member.
- Essay
- Signature (Printed name on the Application form is considered sufficient)

(9) Application Schedule for Grants

Applications Open	OPEN
Applications Close	June 4, 2021
Review Begins	June 7, 2021
Review Closes	July 12, 2021
Award Made	July 13, 2021
Check Cut	TBD

NOTE: Refer to the PMI® Rochester Chapter website for additional information.

(10) Process

- The PMI® Rochester Chapter has developed a simple 4-step closed loop process.
- The applicant fills in and submits a completed grants application form.
- The Director of Grants and the Review Committee will review all applications, rank them based on the Evaluation Criteria and determine a possible winner.

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- PMI® Rochester Chapter's Director of Grants will be assisted by 3-5 Review Committee members who will review applications received, will use the Application Criteria to rank applications and provide their feedback to the Director of Grants.
- The Director of Grants and the Review Committee will meet face to face to discuss the collective feedback.
- If a winner is selected, that applicant will be notified via email and a formal letter will be sent to the applicant announcing their award signed by the President of PMI® Rochester Chapter.
- Non-awardees will also receive a notification informing them of the opportunity to apply in the future for other grants.
- Awardee follow up process will ensure that the Director of Grants confirms:
 - Identify Awardees who have completed training.
 - Validate awardee follow up has been received.
 - Send Congratulatory letter/send reminder if follow up has not been received.
- Document contract breach if awardee doesn't follow through.
 - This candidate will not be eligible in the future.
 - Extenuating circumstances will be considered.
- Winners info and picture maybe posted on our PMI® Rochester Chapter website, newsletter or displayed at chapter events to advertise and encourage others.

(11) Additional Considerations

- PMI® Rochester Chapter reserves the right to discontinue or modify the grant program, or any component thereof, and to revise any or all of the grant requirements, processes, or eligibility criteria at any time.
- Any material misrepresentation of the facts in the prospective grantee's application and supporting materials, whether discovered during the verification process or later, will result in withdrawal of the application from consideration. Following notice to the prospective grantee of the discovery of the misrepresentation, and the opportunity for the prospective grantee to explain the circumstances of the erroneous submission, the candidate may be banned from applying again for PMI® Rochester Chapter grants in the future if intentional misrepresentation to gain competitive advantage is proven to be true.
- In the remote event that a portion of funds is not allocated, it will be carried forward to the following years grant budget.
 - An application will be deemed ineligible if:
 - The application is incomplete
 - The applicant appears on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list ("SDN List" as maintained at <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>)
 - The applicant is a PMI member not in good standing.
 - The academic institution is not accredited.