



## **The Pennsylvania Society's Semiquincentennial Scholarship Award**

### **Eligibility:**

All candidates must be current high school juniors attending a public school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to apply.

### **Process:**

#### **Step 1, Initial Interest Form:**

**Due Date: February 1, 2026 at 11:59pm**

Students are asked to first complete our Initial Interest Form via JotForm (linked on PA Society website.) The form includes a short personal interest statement; endorsement from a guidance counselor, teacher, or coach; and parent or guardian participation consent.

#### **Step 2, Prepared Video Presentation:**

**Due Date: March 6, 2026**

We are partnering with Erie Insurance to utilize their secure asynchronous online interview platform, HireVue. On or around February 6, 2026, qualified candidates will receive an email directly from HireVue and be asked to record a three-minute prepared video presentation discussing one (1) of the following prompts relating to America's Semiquincentennial.

*Prompt #1:* Discuss the significance of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, or your own town.

*Prompt #2:* Discuss what you believe will be important in the next 250 years of America's history.

*Prompt #3:* Discuss your own personal involvement in celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary citing examples in your own area.

Students should prepare their presentation in advance but will be permitted multiple re-recordings in HireVue before submission by March 6th.

Three winners will be chosen based on the quality of the student's message, originality, creativity, poise, and clarity.

Scholarship winners will be announced April 10, 2026.

Scholarship winners will be invited with a guardian to attend our Annual Meeting & Reception in Philadelphia as guests of The Pennsylvania Society on Thursday, April 23, 2026.