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Colleges of Pharmacy **AACP**



## **2026 Walmart Community Pharmacy Scholarship for Pharmacy Students**

**Program Information and Application Instructions**

***Deadline: July 6, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time (HT)***

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## THE PROGRAM

### Description

The Walmart Community Pharmacy Scholarship for Pharmacy Students will be awarded to seven (7) outstanding Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree students who are accepted or enrolled in the professional curriculum at a U.S. college or school of pharmacy. Selected awardees must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to serving rural or medically underserved patient populations. Each awardee will receive a **single \$5,000 scholarship**. New this year, Walmart will designate a rural pharmacist mentor for each of our recipients to connect the local Walmart team with the student recipients.

### Goal of the Program

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and Walmart are committed to promoting education and healthcare access to improve health for all. The scholarship will support the financial need of students enrolled in Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree programs who plan to serve in rural areas, medically underserved areas or populations ([MUA/Ps](#)), or Health Professional Shortage Areas ([HPSAs](#)) upon graduation. The goal of the scholarship program is to promote and support student pharmacists who will address health disparities.

### Eligibility Requirements

Qualified applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Eligible student statuses during the 2026-27 Program:
  - For the 2026-2027 academic year, scholarship applicants must be enrolled in their first two professional years of pharmacy school. For example, applicant is enrolled as a (P1) or (P2) in a 3-year, 4-year, or extended Pharm.D. program; OR enrolled as a (P3) or (P4) in a direct-from-high-school entry Pharm.D. program.
- Students must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to serving rural, medically underserved areas or populations (MUA/Ps), or Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) upon graduation from a Pharm.D. degree program.
- Only US citizens and permanent US residents are eligible.
- Students must be in good standing (minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale) at their current (or most recent) institution at the time of application. Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Students must submit a completed application by the deadline.
- If a scholarship is awarded to an accepted (not yet enrolled) pharmacy student, the award will be granted to the institution after the individual has started classes in the Pharm.D. program.
- Awardees will be ineligible to apply for this scholarship again in the future.
- Students who will graduate from a Pharm.D. program in 2026 are NOT eligible for the scholarship.
- Commitment to practice in community pharmacy with evidence of previous work or volunteerism in community practice.

### Scholarship Notification

- Completed applications are due **July 6, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time (HT)**
- Completed applications will be reviewed by **September 2026**.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified during **Fall 2026**.
- Funds will be forwarded to the student's institution in **December 2026**.
- AACP will announce the scholarship recipients on the *AACP* and *Pharmacy Is Right for Me* websites and social media during **Fall 2026**. **Students must share a photo and name for promotional purposes as indicated in the application.**
- Walmart may also release related announcements about the scholarship recipients via the company's communication channels.

### Scholarships Payments

A single scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded to each scholarship recipient. AACP will pay the scholarship funds for each awardee directly to the pharmacy college or school where the student is enrolled. Funds will be dispersed in **December 2026** after the awardee's initial or ongoing enrollment in a Pharm.D. program at the college or school of pharmacy is confirmed. Each institution will exclusively apply scholarship funds to the awardee's tuition and/or fees. An applicant may receive this scholarship only once.

### Scholarships Questions

Please contact AACP at [walmart@aacp.org](mailto:walmart@aacp.org) with questions.

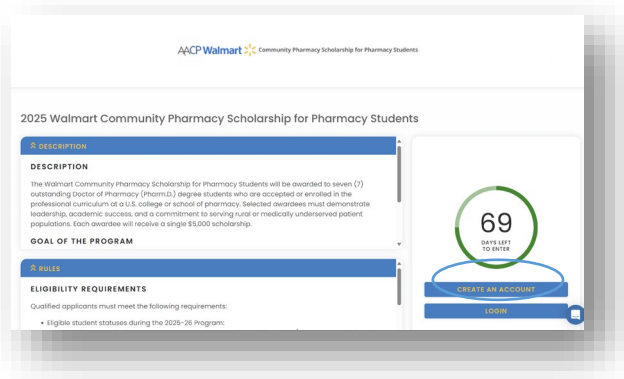
## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

***Applications are due July 6, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time (HT).***

### APPLICATION BASICS

- Access the scholarship application online at: <https://my.reviewr.com/site/walmart2026>
- Review the eligibility criteria under the “RULES” heading to ensure you are eligible for this scholarship.
- Select the "CREATE AN ACCOUNT" to begin a new application.



## APPLICATION SECTIONS

### Step 1: Applicant Information

- **Name**
- **Current Street Address** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
- **Email** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
- **Preferred Phone Number** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
- **College or School of Pharmacy**
  - If you are currently an applicant and have not yet decided where you will enroll, please choose "Undecided." See also the “Scholarship Payment” section for enrollment requirements.
- **Walmart Work History** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
  - Have you ever worked, or do you currently work, at Walmart in any capacity (including pharmacy or other departments)? This question is for reporting purposes only and does not impact scholarship eligibility or selection.
    - Yes, currently employed at Walmart
    - Yes, previously employed at Walmart
    - No, never employed at Walmart

## Step 2: Eligibility Information

- **Academic Status** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
  - Eligible student statuses during the 2026-2027 Academic Year:
    - (P1) or (P2) in a 3-year, 4-year, or extended Pharm.D. program
    - (P3) or (P4) in a direct-from-high-school entry Pharm.D. program.
- **GPA for Undergraduate or Pharm.D. Program to Date** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
  - Enter your GPA for your current degree program (undergraduate or Pharm.D). To be eligible for consideration, GPA must be 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Please enter "N/A" if your school uses a grading scale besides 4.0 (i.e., Pass/Fail).
  - Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. Please email [walmart@aacp.org](mailto:walmart@aacp.org), if you have additional questions regarding other grading systems.
- **Residency** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
  - Only US citizens and permanent US residents are eligible.
- **Service to underserved patients in a community practice**
  - Which of the following best describes your experience serving underserved patients in community practice?
    - I have actively volunteered or worked in underserved communities for more than 100 hours.
    - I have volunteered or worked in underserved communities for less than 100 hours.
    - I have not volunteered or worked in underserved communities, but I am interested in doing so in the future.
    - None of the above applies to me.
- **Release of information (required field)** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
  - I understand that, if selected as a recipient of this scholarship, my name and photograph will be used for promotional and recognition purposes. I grant permission for the scholarship organization to publish or display my name and image in print, digital, and social media formats in connection with the scholarship program. If you have questions, please reach out to [walmart@aacp.org](mailto:walmart@aacp.org).
  - Yes, I agree to share my name and photograph for promotional purposes

## Step 3: Letters of Reference

Two reference letters are required for the scholarship application. Each reference should be able to describe your attributes, (1) how you will contribute to a successful career in pharmacy and (2) your interest or commitment to serving as a community pharmacist to address health disparities.

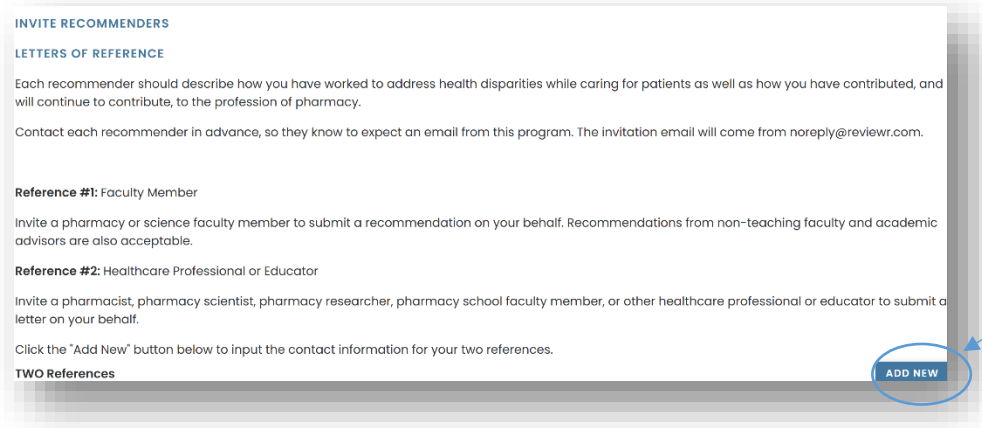
Contact each reference in advance, so they know to expect an email from this program.

- **Reference #1: Faculty Member**
  - Invite a faculty member to submit a recommendation on your behalf who can describe your attributes, how you will contribute to a successful career in pharmacy, and your interest or commitment to addressing health disparities.
  - Recommendations from faculty in undergraduate (community college and four-year institution), graduate, Pharm.D., and other professional programs are accepted.
  - Recommendations from non-teaching faculty and academic advisors are also acceptable.
- **Reference #2: Healthcare Professional or Educator**

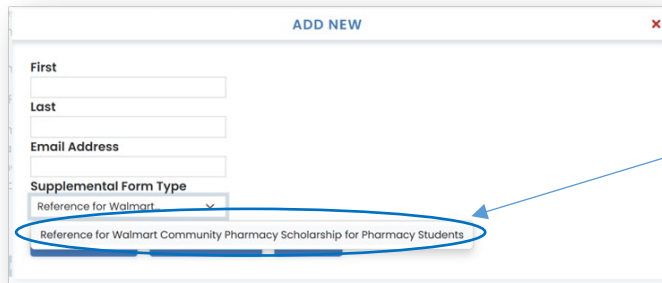
- Invite a second recommender who can describe your attributes, how you will contribute to a successful career in pharmacy, and your interest or commitment to addressing health disparities.
- Acceptable recommenders include pharmacists, other healthcare providers, employers, supervisors, faculty, staff, mentors, advisors, or colleagues in educational, volunteer, or paid settings.

**How to add a reference:**

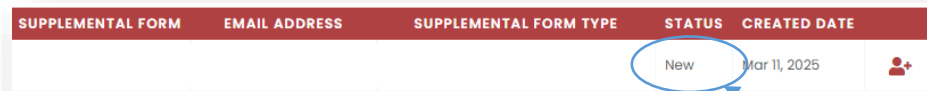
- Click “ADD NEW”



- Enter the reference’s first name, last name, and email address.
- Click “SAVE AND SEND” to trigger the invitation email to be sent to your reference.



- The reference’s name will now appear, and their status will read “Invited”.



- The email invitation will come from [noreply@reviewr.com](mailto:noreply@reviewr.com), and we encourage you to advise your references to add that email to their safe sender list.
- Once your reference has submitted their letter, their status will change to “Ready”. We recommend you reach out to your recommenders to ensure that they receive the invitation email. If you need to resend the invitation, click on the “Send” icon on the right.

SUPPLEMENTAL FORM	EMAIL ADDRESS	SUPPLEMENTAL FORM TYPE	STATUS	CREATED DATE
			New	Mar 11, 2025

- If your references do not receive the email, they should contact us at [walmart@aacp.org](mailto:walmart@aacp.org)
- **Your application will be considered incomplete until the references are submitted. Applications, including references, must be complete and submitted by the deadline to be considered.**
- If you wish to delete a reference you added, click the trashcan icon on the right

#### Step 4: GPA Verification Upload

Upload an unofficial copy of your most recent transcript as a single PDF. To be eligible for consideration, GPA must be 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Your unofficial transcript will only be used to determine eligibility and not otherwise considered in the review process.

Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. If you attend an institution with a non-standard grading system, upload a PDF copy of your transcript with the grading system description included. The grading system can usually be found on the back of the transcript.

Please email [walmart@aacp.org](mailto:walmart@aacp.org), if you have additional questions regarding the academic standing verification process.

#### Step 5: Resume Upload

Your resume is a very important part of your scholarship application. It will be used to help differentiate your application from others and allow you to showcase your academic, extracurricular, and employment experiences, including those in support of rural areas, MUA/Ps, and/or HPSAs. Review the requirements below before you upload your resume.

- Save and submit your resume as a PDF.
- If you use any acronyms, also provide the full name.
- Use headers and/or section titles to organize your resume.
- Briefly describe any leadership roles and/or involvement.
- Include length of time spent at each organization and in each leadership role.

#### Step 6: Activities and Leadership

This section is an opportunity to expand upon your resume and/or include additional activities. It will be used to help differentiate your application from others and allow you to showcase your academic and extracurricular involvement. Be sure to include experiences, achievements, extracurricular activities, leadership roles and/or involvement as well as length of time spent in organizations and/or leadership roles.

##### Leadership Activities:

- Describe your activities and leadership in academic, collegiate, or university sponsored organization, club, research or activity
- Describe your activities and leadership in **non**-academic related environments (for example volunteering, work, civic groups)

## Step 7: Essay

You are strongly encouraged to compose your essay in a separate word processor, then copy and paste as plain text into the text box. Use line breaks (the return key) to separate paragraphs. Please do NOT insert hyperlinks or other formatting. Limit essay to 6000 characters. Although you may utilize mentors, peers, advisors, and/or artificial intelligence (AI) tools or other online resources for proofreading or editing, your final submission must be a true reflection of your own work and must represent your individual ideas, thoughts, and experiences.

*Describe how your life experiences influenced your decision to pursue a pharmacy career, with a particular focus on community pharmacy and its role in serving rural areas, medically underserved populations (MUA/Ps), or Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). Highlight any key volunteer, extracurricular, employment, or academic experiences that shaped your commitment to these communities and demonstrate your dedication to improving access to care. Explain how you envision using your role as a community pharmacist to address health disparities and make a meaningful impact in these settings.*

## Step 8: Applicant Certification

I consent to sharing my name, email, pharmacy school, graduation year, and resume with Walmart to receive information about career opportunities and programs.

- I agree to share my information
- I do not agree to share my information

*\*\*Please note that you are not required to agree to sharing your information with Walmart. Not agreeing to share your information will not impact your application.*

### Applicant Certification

By adding my name to the text box below, I certify that all the information and statements I have provided in this application are current, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that all writing submitted by me as a part of this application is my own. This includes, but is not limited to, any personal essays or written responses. Although I may utilize mentors, peers, advisors, and/or artificial intelligence (AI) tools or other online resources for proofreading or editing, my final submission is a true reflection of my own work and represents my individual ideas, thoughts, and experiences.

I understand my certification of this statement serves the same purpose as a legal signature.

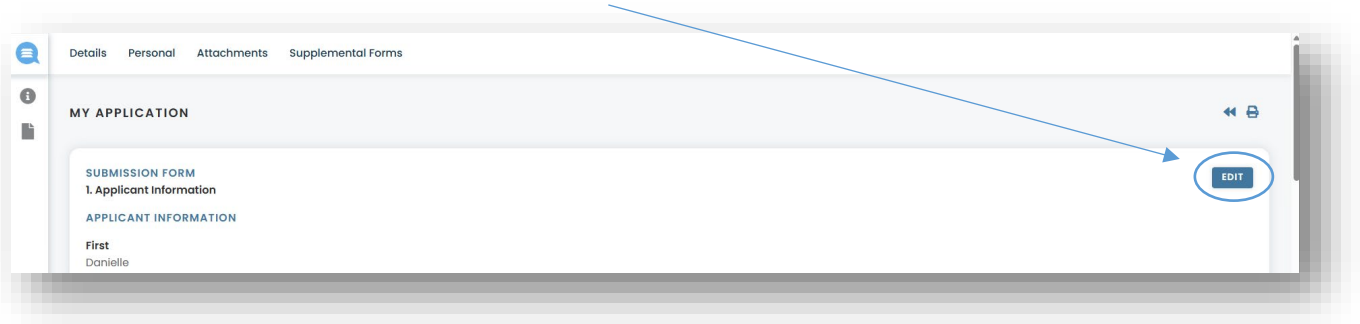
- Check "I certify".
- A text box will appear. Add your full name to the text box to indicate your agreement.
- If you are ready to submit your completed application, click "Submit".

Your certification of this statement serves the same purpose as a legal signature.

## EDITING YOUR APPLICATION

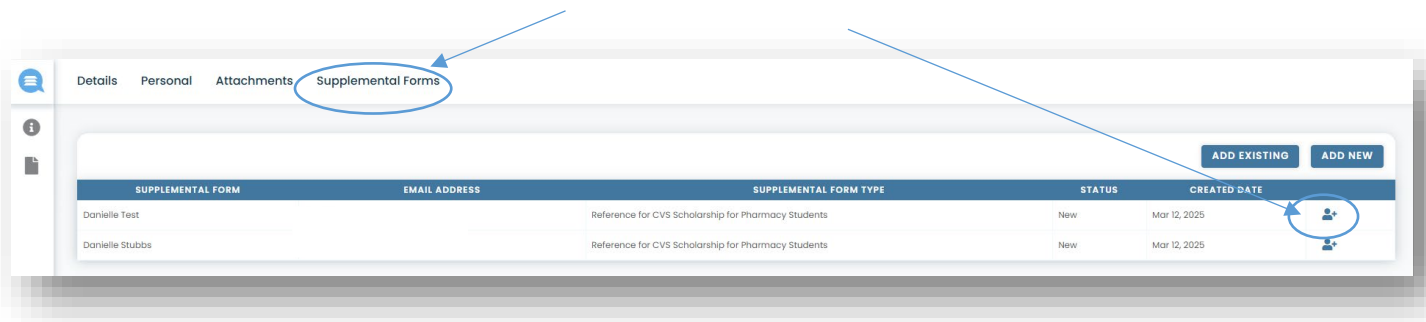
### Editing AFTER Submitting

If you need to edit your application after you have submitted it, you can do so by logging back in at <https://my.reviewr.com/site/walmart2026> and clicking on the blue “EDIT” button on the top right corner. Please note that you can only edit your application until the deadline. After the deadline has passed, no more edits can be made. No exceptions.



### Checking Status of References

You can submit your application even if your references have not submitted their recommendation letters, **but your application will be considered incomplete until references are submitted. References must be submitted by the July 6, 2026, deadline.** No exceptions. To check the status of your references after submitting your application, log in and click on “Supplemental Forms” at the top. You can also resend invitation emails from here by clicking on the “Send” icon next to the reference’s name, delete references by clicking on the “Trash” icon and add new references by clicking on the “Add” button. Please note that you may not add more than 2 references.



### Status Meanings

- “Invited”: Reference has not yet logged in to begin submitting their letter.
- “Incomplete”: Reference has logged in to the platform but not yet submitted their letter.
- “Ready”: Reference has successfully submitted their letter and the reference is complete.

## APPLICATION REVIEW

### Review Overview

AACP staff will determine that all applications are complete and eligibility requirements have been met, such as good academic standing. Once eligibility requirements are verified, the application will be moved through the evaluation process. An evaluation scale from zero to five or zero to ten is used for scoring each of the evaluation criteria, respectively.

### Review Criteria

The following criteria will be used for all eligible applicants. The review team will look for well thought out, organized, articulate, and complete applications, with evidence that awardees demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to addressing health disparities and serving as a community pharmacist in rural areas, medically underserved areas or populations (MUA/Ps), or Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

#### 1. Resume/Activities and Leadership (Points possible = 25)

The applicant resume is used to determine the degree to which the student has demonstrated academic involvement and engagement both on and off campus, as well as the leadership ability shown through professional, educational, and extracurricular experiences.

- Engagement and Leadership in academic, collegiate, or university sponsored organization, club, research or activity (10 points possible)
  - Participation (up to 5 points)
  - Leadership (up to 5 points)
- Community Engagement and Leadership in **non**-academic related environments (for example volunteering, work, civic groups) (10 points possible)
  - Participation (up to 5 points)
  - Leadership (up to 5 points)
- Format (5 points possible)
  - Clear and organized headings and sections (5 points)

#### 2. Essay (Points possible = 35)

- Essay Content (30 points possible)
  - Answers essay prompts.
  - Demonstrates understanding of the role of pharmacists and need for advocacy.
  - Goals and vision are aligned with the goals of the program.
  - Candidate demonstrates a strong interest in a career in community practice focused on underserved populations
- Clarity of writing (5 points possible)
  - Essay is clear and concise
  - Sentences flow smoothly and are easily understood

#### 3. Recommendation letters (Points possible = 10)

- Evidence of student's attributes
- Potential for student's success in pharmacy
- Commitment to addressing health disparities and serving in rural areas, MUA/Ps, or HPSAs in community practice