2025 Granting Dreams Guidelines

Parkway K-12 students who want to explore new learning opportunities are encouraged to apply for any of the three grant opportunities from the Parkway Alumni Association (PAA). These grant opportunities include:

- **Dream Grants** – Parkway students (K-12) can apply for grants **(up to $250)** to help pay for extracurricular learning experiences and materials, or for free community resources, such as a job shadowing opportunity. Students are encouraged to submit requests that will help them expand their skills, gain knowledge or experience, or participate in school-related or community activities.

- **Thomas Phelps Entrepreneurial Awards** – Parkway students (grades 9-12) who are interested in an entrepreneurial endeavor can apply for this grant **(up to $1,000).**

- **John Baker Music Scholarships** – Parkway students (grades 10-11) who are interested in a music-related opportunity and participate in one of the Parkway high school bands (concert, marching, jazz) can apply for this grant **(up to $250).**

Who funds the grants? Grants awarded through the PAA's Granting Dreams Program are funded solely by donations made to the Parkway Alumni Association. For more information, visit ParkwayAlumni.org.

Is there a limit on the amount of money/grants students can get? Grants are awarded up to the maximum amount allowed for each type of grant (see above). The PAA often grants part of the cost of a learning experience, but not all of it — the student and parent/guardian are responsible for any remaining costs.

Can students apply for multiple grants? Students may apply for more than one Dream Grant, but each application must be for a different experience or project. High school students applying for a Phelps or Baker grant may also apply for a Dream Grant for the same project or experience (which could be beneficial if they are declined for a Phelps or Baker grant). Separate registrations are required for each grant application.

Who can apply? All current, full-time Parkway students are eligible. Grants are awarded to individual students, not groups of students. Students whose applications are associated with a political or religious agenda will not be approved for a grant. Due to NCAA eligibility rules, students who have finished eighth grade will not be granted money for athletic endeavors.

How should the grant applications be completed? The Granting Dreams application can be completed online. If you prefer to write it by hand, please download the pdf application form, fill it out and send it to the Parkway Alumni Association.

Electronic application forms and the pdf of the application form can be accessed on the Parkway Alumni Association website by clicking on the link below

Granting Dreams Application Forms

Applications must be completed by the student applying for the grant; however, students who need keyboarding or hand writing assistance may dictate their application to a parent.

When are applications due? All grant applications must be received by the PAA **no later than Friday, Feb. 14, 2025,** at **11:59 p.m.**

Who reviews the applications? The PAA Granting Dreams Selection Committee is comprised of Parkway alumni, teachers, administrators, parents and citizens. Their decisions on grant applications will become final after approval by the PAA Board of Directors. Applications are judged solely on their merit — no personally identifying information will be given to the committee. Grants are awarded based on student eligibility, merit of the dream experience and quality of the application.

When will students know if their application was approved? Students/parents will receive an email notification regarding the status of their applications in early April 2025.

Note to parents/guardians: Please carefully review and discuss your child's application with your child before it is submitted. All activities made possible by the Granting Dreams program must be completed within one calendar year after receiving the award.

Questions? Please call the Parkway Alumni Association at (314) 415-8074.