

*Sometimes gaining knowledge or training can be a key to success!  
Paragon wants to make sure that disadvantaged businesses have a chance to thrive and grow  
by increasing their knowledge with the Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund.*

## PURPOSE

The Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund helps individuals and small businesses throughout Palm Beach County who would like to enhance their knowledge of general business practices to become successful. Training includes classes, workshops, conferences and seminars. Business topics may include – but are not limited to - how to start a business, business plan development, securing loans and other debt and equity financing sources, procurement assistance, QuickBooks or courses relating to the emerging biotech industry.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ☑ Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who best exhibit the potential for organizational growth and demonstrate a need for executive/entrepreneurial training to reach the next level of success.
- ☑ This Entrepreneurial Scholarship Program limits scholarships to no more than \$750 per applicant and can only be awarded once each calendar year.
- ☑ The applicant must complete the application for funding and provide a personal statement indicating why he or she is applying for a business education scholarship and what he or she hopes to gain from the training opportunity.

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

All applications for scholarship investments will be reviewed and considered by the selection committee of the Paragon Foundation. Companies must submit completed applications to the Paragon Foundation, 2101 Vista Parkway, Suite 268, West Palm Beach, FL 33411 or directly to [pmorrison@paragonpbc.org](mailto:pmorrison@paragonpbc.org). The screening committee will consider all completed applications that meet the conditions for funding as outlined in the application guidelines.

## What is the Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund?

The Paragon Foundation of Palm Beach County, Inc. strives to widely disseminate educational opportunities and resources to entrepreneurs in need, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds that could not otherwise gain access. Working closely with the Strategic Partners Alliance which shares our desire to foster economic development and entrepreneurial education for local business owners, the Paragon Foundation has established the Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund to support business education for small, minority and black businesses.

