

# PMI Educational Foundation

## Professional Development and Training Scholarships Take Recipients to the Next Level

**A**re you interested in improving and growing your project management skills? The opportunities you need to move up the ladder at work may be right at your fingertips.

The PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) Professional Development and Training Scholarships assist project managers, nonprofit staff and volunteers who are engaged in or working with youth-serving nonprofits, to obtain or maintain project management-related certifications, credentials, course credits or substantive knowledge.

Hear directly from some recent recipients and learn how the PMIEF scholarship program helped them reach their goals, move into exciting new roles, add value to their resumes and, ultimately, be better at their jobs.

### **RECIPIENT:**

**Yarimel Rodgers, United States**

### **PMI CHAPTER MEMBER:**

**PMI New Jersey Chapter and  
PMI New York City Chapter**

### **PROFESSION:**

**Project Management Practitioner**

“Within my PMO (project management office), I have been assigned to support a new portfolio. In addition to the applications portfolio, where I serve as a BA (business analyst), project manager and ASM (agile scrum master), I am also now assigned to work on the PMO services portfolio.

“The PMO services portfolio helps to support multiple lines of business, including operations and logistics. The scholarship for Quantitative Analysis in Business Decision Making will serve as a backbone for aiding this portfolio in making key strategic decisions on project ranking and selection based on organizational data analysis.

“Past scholarships with PMIEF have been a significant factor in my growth and development. They have allowed me to move into an agile role with my current PMO and led to the PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)<sup>®</sup> certification. The first scholarship awarded to me in 2010, along with the PMI New Jersey Chapter Master Scholarship awarded in 2015, allowed me to begin and complete my master’s degree in IT project management. PMIEF has been a key contributor to my growth and development as a project manager, and I [plan] to continue my success with the support of PMIEF.”

### **RECIPIENT:**

**Jia' Lin, Singapore**

### **PROFESSION:**

**Procurement Professional**

“Project management is an important skill set for individuals managing projects or being part of a project team. With projects getting increasingly complicated and complex, there is a growing demand for project management practitioners who understand project management

standards, techniques, best practices and current trends.

“For myself, I am part of a project team involved mainly in the commercial aspects. I believe having project management knowledge will definitely allow me to contribute more holistically in project discussions, as well as to assist the project team in identifying potential problems and brainstorming possible solutions. In my opinion, it is crucial for the project team to consider all aspects before the start of a project and to establish contingency plans to mitigate any potential risk. It also motivates me when I know that all resources have been properly utilized and the project budget is well allocated.

“Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> certification also carries a high level of prestige and is highly respected in communities where strong project management skills are required. There is no doubt that this globally acknowledged certification will expand my employability, as PMP<sup>®</sup> certification is applicable to virtually all industries. In addition, having this certification will expand my market reach for better job opportunities in the future. [I’m happy] that PMIEF [gave] my application favorable consideration, as this certification is important to me and I aspire to be part of the elite pool of project management practitioners.”

**RECIPIENT:**

**Tonia Jones, United States**

**PROFESSION:**

**Nonprofit/NGO Employee**

"In my current position, one of my major roles is project management and development. Frequently, the organization receives funding to develop different programs and projects that will benefit the members of the organization. My job is to establish the agreements, pull together a team that will successfully fulfill the program/project requirements, make sure that all deliverables are fulfilled, and make sure that all the programs run smoothly, on time and within budget.

A key part of my role and my success is to make sure that any company that invests in our organization is pleased with our work and that they find value in their investment with us. The project management course and obtaining the PMP certification will be a valuable resource that will help me to be better at my job. The course and certification will allow me to streamline all of my processes and do a better job at organizing, planning, creating teams, scheduling and communicating with stakeholders. The course and certification will also add value to me as a current manager and allow me to seek a promotion

to the director level in my organization. With the information gained through this course, I will have the opportunity and ability to put a system in place that the organization can use in any or all programs and projects, which will allow for a better and less chaotic workplace."

Visit [pmief.org](http://pmief.org) to learn more about these global scholarship opportunities to help support your professional development!

## PMIEF Scholarship and Awards Application Deadlines

**1 April, 1 July, 1 September**

Professional Development and Training Scholarships

**1 May**

Academic Application for Undergraduates and Graduates

**15 May**

The Kerzner Award for Excellence in Project Management

**20 May**

The Community Advancement Through Project Management Award

