

Mount Union Area High School



Scholarship Information and College Planning Guide

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*Scholarship deadlines are subject to change

**Scholarship applications are available through the School Counseling Office.

Programs for Your MU College Bound Senior

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Each fall, we invite college admissions representatives to come to Mount Union to speak with our students about their schools campus and admissions policies. This is a great way for students to learn about colleges without having to visit and a great way to make connections with admissions reps.

September	October	November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westminster College • Pennsylvania College of Technology • Mount Aloysius College • Saint Francis University • Juniata College • Franklin & Marshall College • UPitt – Greensburg • Shippensburg University • Lock Haven University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn State Altoona • Clarion University • Robert Morris University • Wilson College • Messiah College • Allegany College of MD • IUP • Carnegie Mellon University • Gettysburg College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPitt – Johnstown • Penn Highlands Community College • Millersville University

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – October 4; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Join us in the High School cafeteria as Dan Wray, our PA Higher Education Assistance Agency representative, explains the Financial Aid process. He will cover topics such as: scholarships, loans, state and federal grant programs, federal student and parent loan programs, the FAFSA, award letters, and online resources for more information. College bound seniors and parents must attend.

FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT – November 1; 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Internet Café to get assistance filling out your FAFSA. We will have volunteers from the Juniata College Financial Aid Office on hand to answer any and all questions. We encourage you to come in and have a second pair of eyes look over your FAFSA to make sure you are getting the maximum aid possible. Closer to the date, please call the Guidance Office (814.542.2518, Ext 122 or 123) to make an appointment. College bound seniors and parents should make an appointment to review your FAFSA information.

College planning calendar for seniors

September

- Narrow your list of colleges to 5 to 10. Meet with a counselor about them and download college applications and financial aid forms. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- Create a master list or calendar that includes:
 - tests you'll take and their fees, dates and registration deadlines
 - college application due dates
 - financial aid application forms required and their deadlines (NOTE: Aid applications may be due before college applications)
 - other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
 - your high school's own application processing deadlines
- If you can't afford application or test fees, a counselor can help you request a fee waiver.

October

- Try to finalize your college choices
- Prepare Early Decision, Early Action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible.
- Ask for counselor or teacher recommendations if you need them.
- If you're submitting essays, write first drafts and ask teachers and others to read them. If you're applying for Early Decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- If you have not had your test scores sent to the college to which you are applying, be sure to contact the appropriate test organization to have them sent.
- Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible

November

- November 1-15: For Early Decision admission, colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates.
- Complete your application essays, proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- Counselors send transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before colleges require them.

December

- As you finish and send your applications and essays, be sure to keep copies.

January

- Complete College Applications

February

- No senioritis, please! Accepting colleges do look at second-semester senior grades.

March

- Keep active in school. If you are wait-listed, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and learned of its decision.
- File income tax returns early. Some colleges want copies of your family's returns before finalizing financial aid offers.

April

- You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. If you've not done so yet, visit your final college before accepting. As soon as you decide, notify your counselor of your choice.
- If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your counselor or call the college.

May

- May 1: Colleges cannot require a deposit or commitment to attend before May 1. By that postmarked date, you must inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid. (Questions? Talk to your counselor.)
- Send your deposit to one college only.
- Wait-listed by a college? Tell the admissions director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- Work with a counselor to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.

June

- Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college.

How Colleges Make Decisions About Who Gets Admitted

Each college has its own set of criteria when it comes to choosing whether or not to accept a student to their institution. Some things however, all schools find important. Keep in mind that larger institutions (like Penn State), given the large number of students applying, put more weight on objective data like GPA and SAT scores. Smaller schools (like Juniata College) are able to look at a student's profile like teacher recommendations and their essay. The materials included in your application fall into 2 major categories – academic and personal.

ACADEMIC

- **Transcript** – includes your GPA, class rank and all the courses you have taken 9 – 12. Colleges want to see that you have challenged yourself; for example, they would rather you get a B in AP Chemistry than an A in Senior Earth Science.
- **School Profile** – includes statistics like our SAT school average, the percentage of students going onto college, courses available to students, grading scale, etc. This information gives colleges a baseline of which to compare you against.
- **Test Scores** – (note this is not #1) – each school has its own standards when it comes to the scores they are looking for. Rarely are there hard-fast minimum test scores; look for a college's average scores to gauge how your own scores compare.
 - Note – there are many schools that have opted to go test-optional where you send in 2 graded writing samples if you feel that those are more indicative of your abilities than your test scores.
- **Recommendations** – these give teachers, advisors, counselors, and even coaches the opportunity to brag about you to admissions officers. Be thoughtful about who you ask to write you a letter of recommendation – chose people who have seen you at your very best academically and personally.

PERSONAL

- **Interview** – the interview gives you a chance to really show your personality. Admissions representatives want to put a face and a personality to the admissions materials you sent in.
- **Experiences** – Colleges want to know what you are doing outside of school too! Tell them about your after-school job, your community service experiences, and even your participation in sports, clubs and church life. These experiences will show colleges the kinds of things you could contribute to their campus community.

Early Decision. Early Action. Rolling. What Does It All Mean?

If only there were such thing as one deadline to apply to college. However, there are many application plans available to students. I encourage your student to work with the Guidance Office to pick the plan best for them. Generally, acceptance rates are higher for students when they apply to early deadlines.

Early Decision (ED)

- The student commits to attending the school if admitted
- Binding agreement!
- Application deadlines are typically in early to mid November
- Students will hear a decision in early to mid December
- If admitted, the student must cancel or withdraw all other applications
- The only way to get out of the binding agreement is if the financial aid award letter does not make the school an affordable option
- If deferred, your application can be reviewed with the regular decision applicants
- **EDII** – all the same rules apply except deadlines are in December or January and students receive notification in February

Early Action (EA)

- Application deadlines are typically in early November
- Students will hear a decision by mid-December
- Not binding! – Students can decline their acceptance
- Students are able to apply to more than one school under the EA deadline
- If accepted, students do not need to make a decision until May 1

Rolling Admissions

- Large window of time for students to apply
- Applicants are often notified of their acceptance within a few weeks of applying
- College accepts students as long as spaces are available
- Applying early improves an applicant's chance of being accepted
- Applying early can increase the chance of receiving scholarships
- Applying early may give an applicant first choice for housing

Open Admissions

- Students are admitted without regard to conventional academic qualifications
- Often exempt from taking appropriate high school courses and standardized tests
- Most common at community colleges though some programs at these schools may have stricter requirements

A (Honest) Note About Financial Aid

College is expensive, there's no doubt about that. The cost of a college education is ever increasing and families are understandably growing more and more anxious about how they will pay for it all. The average price of a private college is above \$40,000 and state school costs are on the rise as well, averaging close to \$20,000. While I recognize the importance of the price tag in your final decision, I urge you not to consider cost as a primary factor in your college search process just yet.

The Financial Aid process is a lot like learning a brand new language and many students miss out on great opportunities because they feel overwhelmed with the whole process and miss important steps. Think of Financial Aid in its most basic definition – money awarded by federal and state governments and individual schools based on an analysis of your families' need. Need is determined by looking at total income and assets including things like: bank accounts, stocks, bonds, investments, inheritances, and trusts.

The first major step in the Financial Aid process is completing the FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. At the completion of this form, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) which is a summary of your potential for need-based federal student aid. The SAR will include a figure called the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is a calculated number indicating what you will be expected to pay towards your student's college education. The gap between your EFC and the total cost of the school can be filled with financial aid such as grants, loans, and work study.

Without getting into the nitty-gritty, I will provide an overview of this information to give you a basic understanding of the process as a whole and include frequently asked questions. The absolute key to financial aid is staying on top of deadlines!

Guidelines:

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid is required for anyone applying for financial aid. The site becomes live on October 1st of each year and you should aim to fill out the form as soon after that date as possible. On this form, you will indicate schools you want to receive your financial information.
- **CSS Profile** – required by many private colleges. You may start filling out this form in the fall of the senior year. On this form, you will indicate schools you want to receive your financial information.
- Some schools also require you to fill out their own institutional financial aid form which is often found in their application materials or may come to you in the mail or by email after you have submitted your application.
- Consider applying to one of the 14 Pennsylvania state schools (ex. Shippensburg, IUP, Lock Haven) as a “financial aid safety”.
- It is perfectly acceptable to call the Financial Aid Office after you receive your award letter to ask questions, get clarification, or update any financial information that may have changed.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How can we tell if we are going to be eligible for need-based financial aid?

A: Use the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) calculator program available at sites like www.finaid.org or www.fastweb.com.

Q: I make X dollars a year, should I even bother applying for aid?

A: Yes! If you think there is any chance you could qualify for aid, you should apply. Even if you are only eligible for loans – they will be very low interest. You will never know if you are eligible for aid until you apply!

Q: Are the FAFSA and CSS forms difficult to fill out?

A: If you can fill out a tax form, you can handle these. You'll need the same financial information.

Q: Can we apply for financial aid on-line?

A: Yes! And it is strongly urged to do so.

Online Resources and Scholarship Information

- **CollegeBoard.org**
 - Information and registration for the SAT
 - Pages on each college and university in the country
 - College search tool
 - Big Future – allows student to create a profile and save college information; think of this as a college search checklist and reminder guide
- **Net Price Calculator:** Calculate an estimate what it may cost to send your child to college
 - <http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecalculator>
 - <http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org>
 - A Net Price Calculator can be found on every college website!
- **College Scorecard:** View graduation rates, job placement rates, and other data to help determine quality of school
 - www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard
- **PHEAA** (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)
 - www.educationplanner.org
 - www.mysmartborrowing.org
 - State Grant application:
 - <http://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/state-grant-program/index.shtml>
 - Other state grant/scholarship programs:
 - www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities
- **Federal Financial Aid:** www.ed.gov
 - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - FAFSA4caster (estimator tool): <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>
 - Federal Grants & Scholarships: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships>
- **Scholarships**
 - www.fastweb.com chegg.com bigfuture.collegeboard.org
 - www.zinch.com scholarships.com financialaidfinder.com
 - www.cappex.com netpricecalculator collegeboard.org
- **Education Tax Credit Information:** <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Two-Education-Credits-Help-Pay-Higher-Education-Costs>
- **Raise.me:** scholarship site grades 9-12. Earn microsolarships for specific colleges, good grades, sports, volunteering, leadership, honors and AP courses, etc.

PASFAA Website Resource Guide

The Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (PASFAA), through the efforts of the Technology Advisory and Electronic Initiatives Committee, is pleased to provide this Resource Guide to you. The purpose of this guide is to provide a list of some of the websites that are most useful not only to students, but also to those involved in helping students to achieve their educational goals. We hope you find this resource useful.

Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

www.pasfaa.org

College Search

College Comparisons

www.overview.com/colleges
www.usnews.com

College Opportunities On-Line

www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

College Search

www.collegenet.com
www.educationplanner.org
www.mapping-your-future.org
www.pennsylvaniamentor.org
www.petersons.com
www.review.com

Planning for College

www.adventuresineducation.org
www.collegeispossible.org
www.review.com

SAT/ACT Information & Tips

www.act.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.petersons.com
www.review.com

Athletics

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics:

www.naia.org

National Collegiate Athletic Association:

www.ncaa.org

National Junior College Athletic Association:

www.njcaa.org

Government Sites

Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry

www.dli.state.pa.us
• Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services
• Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Pennsylvania (Official State Site)

www.state.pa.us

Tax Credit Information

www.irs.gov/individuals/students/index.html

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

<http://uscis.gov>

US Corporation for National Service

www.cns.gov
www.americorps.org

US Department of Education

www.ed.gov/finaid.html
www.ifap.ed.gov
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.students.gov

US Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov

US House of Representatives

www.house.gov

US Internal Revenue Service

www.irs.gov

US President

www.whitehouse.gov

US Selective Service System

www.sss.gov

US Senate

www.senate.gov

US Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov

Applying for Financial Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Apply for a FAFSA ID
- Find School Codes
- Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid on-line

Financial Aid Resources

International Education Financial Aid

www.iefa.org

Military Service Education

www.military.com

- GI Bill
- ROTC

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

www.nasfaa.org

www.studentaid.org

National Student Loan Data System

www.nslsds.ed.gov

Overview of Financial Aid

www.finaid.org

Pennsylvania Assistance

www.aessuccess.org

www.pheaa.org (PA State Grants)

www.pelalenders.org

Scholarship Search

www.fastweb.com

www.gocollege.com

www.petersons.com

www.educationplanner.org

College Savings

College Savings

www.collegesavings.org

www.moneycentral.msn.com

www.nowu529.com (PA Tuition Account Program)

www.upromise.com

Budgets, Debt Management

www.annualcreditreport.com

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.myfico.com

www.nfcc.org

www.youcandealwithit.com



Frequently Requested Telephone Numbers:

General Information About Federal Aid:

1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

- FAFSA help
- Request copies of Student Aid Report

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Grant and Loan Programs:

1-800-692-7392

March, 2008

**Mount Union Area Schools
Alumni Association Scholarship**

DESCRIPTION:

This scholarship program was established about 1989 by the Mount Union Area Schools Alumni Association. The main purpose of the organization is to develop in students a sense of pride in their school and community and to recognize the value of higher education. Considerable attention is given to what students have done to enhance the name of their school.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application forms are available in the Guidance Office in the spring of the year for seniors. Several short essays are required to complete the application and finalists may be required to participate in a personal interview.

AWARD AMOUNTS: \$500.00 PER YEAR (estimate) (Renewal for four years)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Scholarship	Burkholder Memorial Scholarship
Ciampa/Harper Scholarship	A. Russell Fultz Memorial Scholarship
Robert C. Goodman Memorial Scholarship	Charles Harper Scholarship
W. Dean & Mary McCarty Scholarship	Park's/Stanna Walters Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of general criteria, based on responses to the questions asked in the scholarship application – academics, activities, service, and contribution to enhancing pride in the Mount Union Area High School and community, etc. unless specific criteria was part of the establishment of the scholarship such as:

*The Charles Harper scholarship gives preference to those students whose intended area of study has some connection to agriculture. If no student satisfies that criterion, the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of general criteria.

*The Burkholder Memorial scholarship gives preferences in the following order: (1) to a student in a four-year program in music or foreign language; (2) to a student in a four-year program in education; and (3) to a student in the general population.

Other scholarships may be awarded if available.

*A portfolio of student accomplishments is not recommended.

Mount Union Area Education Association Scholarship

DESCRIPTION:

This scholarship program was established by the local teacher organization (M.U.A.E.A) to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession. It is designed to recognize and reward those students who possess the qualities required to be a good teacher.

CRITERIA:

Applicants will be interviewed by a committee of faculty members who will evaluate their academic record and ask questions of each applicant relative to their career goals. One (1) Senior each year will be chosen to receive the scholarship. It is a one time only award of an estimated \$200.00.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Obtain an application from the Guidance Office and complete all parts. When it is complete, submit the application back to the Guidance Office. The application form will then be reviewed by the Mount Union Area Education Association for processing.

DEADLINE: April 15th

Mount Union Area Education Trust

Due Date: May 8th

Return completed application to your counselor.

CRITERIA TO OBTAIN SCHOLARSHIP

1. Grades and Standardized Test scores.
2. Extra Curricular activities. (Involvement in, not numbers)
3. Community Service.
4. Work Experience.
5. Special Talents or Skills.
6. Unusual experiences. (Exchange Student, Eagle Scout, Extra Courses or Conferences).
7. Recommendation from (3) three people other than family members.
8. Essay of not more than 500 words introducing self and explaining goals and why you would like to obtain more education and what school you plan to attend.
9. Personal Interview with Committee.
10. Have you applied for any other scholarship or grant?
11. Are you the beneficiary of any Trust?
12. Family Financial Statement. (Annual income, Family size and ages, Net assets, Any special hardships, loss of job, medical, etc.)

IN ORDER TO KEEP SCHOLARSHIP

1. Committee will review grades and progress each year.
2. In the event that the recipient of this scholarship receives additional funds, the total monies provided by the Mount Union Area Educational Trust shall be reduced to cover actual needs.

The John S. Morrison Scholarship

DESCRIPTION:

The Morrison Scholarship is a “full academic scholarship” awarded to students who will major in Engineering, Computer Science, or Physical Science at any of the following institutions:

- (1) Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA
- (2) Cornell University
Ithica, NY
- (3) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.)
Cambridge, MA
- (4) Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
Troy, NY
- (5) Stevens Institute of Technology
Hobokon, NJ
- (6) Yale University
New Haven, CT

The John S. Morrison Scholarships were created by Oliver L. Etnier in honor of his uncle, John S. Morrison. Mr. Etnier, who was born in Mount Union, PA in 1868 and died in 1950, created a trust with Wilmington Trust Company (Wilmington, Delaware) as a trustee to provide these scholarships.

The scholarships may be offered first to qualified graduates of Mount Union Area High School who have been accepted by one of the six qualifying universities. Otherwise, the scholarships will be awarded to qualified graduates of other public high schools in surrounding counties. Graduates may apply the following year if they applied during their senior year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Seniors from Mount Union Area High School who are accepted and will enroll in one of the six eligible colleges will be given first choice for the scholarship award. Otherwise, the scholarships will be awarded to graduates of other public high schools in Huntingdon County and surrounding counties.

HOW DO I APPLY?

In the fall of your senior year complete an application form, which is available in the Guidance Office. The Guidance Office will submit the application form for you. A copy of your college applications must accompany the Morrison Scholarship application along with any other required information. Incomplete applications will not be considered by Wilmington Trust Company, nor will you be contacted to supply missing data.

DEADLINE: December 9th of your senior year. An application must be given to your Guidance Counselor to be forwarded to Wilmington Trust Company. Copies of your college applications must be mailed with the scholarship. Print online applications or copy your paper applications. Include essays, supplements, teacher and counselor recommendations, etc.

Youth Citizenship Awards
By
The Soroptimist Foundation of Huntingdon County

**CONDITIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SOROPTIMIST
YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

The Awards

Youth Citizenship Awards are given in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by young people to home, school, community, country, and the world. They are **not** scholarships but “awards of merit” to be used at the discretion of the recipient in any manner that will best further his/her aims and purposes. The cash award is given in a single payment to each winner. If a student is unable to accept a cash award in a particular state or country, arrangements can be made to comply with local law.

Fifty-eight region-level awards are given annually--two winners in each of the 29 Soroptimist International of the Americas regions. Participating Soroptimist clubs may give individual Youth Citizenship Awards in an amount determined by each club.

One finalist is chosen from among region winners. This selection is announced in June.

Eligibility and Qualifications

To be eligible, the applicant must be in the last two years of a public or private high school, or its equivalent, in a country within the territorial limits of Soroptimist International of the Americas. The applicant must not have reached the age of 21 prior to July 1 of that year. The sponsoring Soroptimist club must receive completed applications by December 15. To qualify for the award, which is judged on the citizenship and merit of the applicant, a student must demonstrate the following:

1. **Service**--Applicant must have taken an active part in service in the home, school and community, with a high degree of cooperation, courtesy and consideration for others.
2. **Dependability**--Applicant must have executed responsibilities with honesty, loyalty and reliability.
3. **Leadership**--Applicant must have demonstrated ability to lead with self-control, dignity and responsibility.
4. **Clear Sense of Purpose**--Applicant must have pursued his/her goals and commitments with sincerity and integrity.

Other Requirements

- Applicant must complete this official Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Awards application.
- Applicant may apply for only one award from a single Soroptimist club.
- Letters of reference from two adults, representing two different sources and not related to the applicant, must be included with the official application.
- Applications and supporting information become the property of SIA, which shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to this award.
- *Soroptimists, Soroptimist employees, and the immediate families of both are ineligible. Previous winners are also ineligible.*
- Applicant may only apply for one award from one Soroptimist club.

DEADLINE: May 5, deadlines may vary from year to year.

Soroptimist International of Huntingdon Co.

Foster-Oakman Award

The Foster-Oakman Award was jointly endowed by two former members, Eleanor Foster and Kathryn Oakman. This award travels throughout the Huntingdon County School Districts of Southern Huntingdon, Mount Union, Juniata Valley, and Huntingdon Area. This year the Foster-Oakman Award will be awarded to a male or female graduating senior from the **Mount Union Senior High School**. The applicants must be furthering their education and have received a letter of acceptance from the college or technical school they are planning to attend, a copy of which must accompany their application. The recipient of this award is decided by a committee made up of members of the Soroptimist International Club of Huntingdon County.

All applications are due May 1st.

Please send applications to:
Carol Guyer
626 7th Street
Huntingdon, PA 16652

The Auxiliary to JC Blair Memorial Hospital

RE: Bette Jane Heine Scholarship

The J.C. Blair Hospital Auxiliary is please to announce the open application period for the Bette Jane Heine Scholarship. This scholarship was created, in memory of Bette Jane Heine, to financially assist a senior student who will be entering a Registered Nursing Program. The \$1000 scholarship is available to candidates who are currently enrolled in a Huntingdon County high school, home school or Christian academy program and have been accepted into an R.N. program. The scholarship is funded by private individual donations and administered by the JC Blair Hospital Auxiliary Board.

Enclosed is a scholarship application, which outlines the requirements and deadlines. We are requesting that each school submit, for consideration, their "best" candidate. The interested student should complete the enclosed questionnaire and return to me by April 30. A copy of the school transcripts should accompany the application.

The applicant and his/her school will be notified before the second week in June if he/she is the recipient of the scholarship.

Should you have any questions regarding the Bette Jane Heine Scholarship, please call me at my home number, 643-4054

Bonnie L. Lakso
Chairman
Auxiliary Scholarship Committee

BETTE JANE HEINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Bette Jane Heine Scholarship is for a Huntingdon County senior student who is entering a Registered Nursing (R.N.) program. The Scholarship will be awarded and the winner announced by the second week in June.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Available to any graduating senior currently enrolled in a Huntingdon County high school, home school or Christian academy program.
2. The student must be accepted into a Registered Nursing (R.N.) program.
3. The student must submit the attached application **and** be personally interviewed by the scholarship committee.
4. A copy of the student's school transcript must accompany the application.

*All interviews will take place the week of April 10 or April 17. (dates subject to change)

CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Payment of scholarship money is made directly to the school.
2. In case of expulsion or withdrawal of the student/recipient during the award year, the Scholarship Committee will ask that the scholarship be refunded to the Auxiliary.
3. The student must maintain a passing grade average.
4. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not appealable.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Bonnie Lakso at 643-4054. All completed applications must be returned by March 31 (date subject to change) to:

**Bonnie Lakso
2339 Miller Avenue
Huntingdon, PA 16652**

Leone Family Scholarship

The Leone Family Scholarship honors the memory of Rick Leone, who was serving as Executive Vice President of Sales at the Bonney Forge Corporation of the time of his death. Rick Leone played a major role in the growth and development of Bonney Forge, where he cultivated friends and customer relationships throughout the United States. Rick lived in Huntingdon County for 25 years and was admired and respected for his strength of character and integrity. As a disabled person, Rick faced adversity with courage and resolve.

Rules for Consideration:

1. Huntingdon County resident
2. Accepted in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University; Petroleum Engineering and Natural Gas Major preferred
3. Balance of academics and extracurricular activities
4. Qualified need
5. First generation college student
6. In the event there are not any applicants accepted in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, above factors considered for applicants accepted to Penn State main campus.

Application Deadline: June 2

Forward applications to Huntingdon County Foundation at 500 Allegheny Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania 16652 on or before June 2.

*Applications are available in the Guidance Office

Sons of American Legion Post 107 Scholarship

Available to a graduating senior furthering his/her education at a college, university, or trade/technical school.

Requirements: 2 letters of recommendation
confirmation of acceptance
transcript
extracurricular activities
future goals (with an explanation)

Scholarship amount = \$ 250.00

All materials are due to the Senior High Guidance Office by May 1st or forward to the local American Legion.

American Legion “Need A Lift?” Scholarship

There are several American Legion National and State scholarships available. These are described in more detail in the “Need A Lift?” College Financial Aid Handbook.

This booklet lists scholarships, grants, and loans for which students may qualify.
Extensive scholarships for veteran’s dependents are available.

Amount of each scholarship - varies depending on scholarship.

The Sheldon Leonard Memorial Academic Scholarship

Available for the 2016-2017 school term, the one-time scholarship is given in memory of the late Sheldon Leonard, devoted Drivers Education and English teacher at Mount Union. The scholarship is designed to recognize and reward those students who are high academic achievers and also to encourage students to pursue careers working with children and/or animals.

Special consideration will be given to students who are able to show a strong academic background as well as a high level of community involvement. Overall GPA and final course percentages in all subject matter, including both core and elective curriculums, will be considered. Pursuing a career in which the student will work with children or animals is also a plus, although not a necessity.

Any high school senior who is in good academic standing may apply for this scholarship.

Scholarship amount = varies

Contact the Guidance Office for an application.

Deadline = April 21

The Sheldon Leonard Memorial Youth Athletics Scholarship

Available for the 2016-2017 school term, the one-time scholarship is given in memory of the late Sheldon Leonard, devoted coach to hundreds of kids in the Mount Union area. The scholarship is designed to recognize and reward those students who were devoted to Mount Union youth sports and who have shown promise as team players/leaders.

High school seniors who possess a love of sports and who played a minimum of three years youth sports at the junior high/high school level are eligible to apply. Special consideration will be given to those players involved with youth baseball and/or youth soccer throughout their eligible high school years. Other special consideration will be given to those players who have found ways to improve athletics for future players and also to those players who may have been managed by Sheldon in the past.

Scholarship amount = varies

Contact the Guidance Office for an application

Deadline = April 21

Specific questions can be directed to: (for either scholarship listed above)

Mrs. Vicki Cooper
16 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Mount Union, PA 17066
(814) 542-4299
vjesjcooper@verizon.net

Mount Union Baseball Booster Club Scholarship (Guidelines)

This scholarship is available to any player from the Mount Union Area School District, Southern Huntingdon Area School District and the Tussey Mountain Area School District who plans to continue their love of sports at the college level.

1. Recipient must have played in one of our leagues (Rookie, Minor, Major, Teener & girls softball) for at least one year.
2. Scholarship is one time only.
3. Scholarship is \$1000 for each recipient.
4. Recipient must show letter of acceptance for the institution he/she will be attending.
5. Recipient must be listed on the team "roster" of the institution they will be attending.

Deadline = May 15th

Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Brighter Future Scholarship Program

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must be:

- a Valley REC member or dependent of a member. (Valley REC directors and employees and their dependents are not eligible.)
- attending or planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution
- enrolled or planning to enroll full-time for the 2017-2018 academic year

Previous Brighter Future scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Application Deadline

Applications and all required information must be mailed to Valley Rural Electric Cooperative and **postmarked by April 15**

Scholarship selections will be made in May. Award recipients will be notified by the end of June.

Please direct questions to memberservices@valleyrec.com or call 1-800-432-0680.

Amount: Up to (25) \$1,000.00 scholarships.

Lions International

The Allenport, Newton-Wayne and Shirleysburg Lions Clubs have joined together to present (2) \$300 scholarships to (2) Mount Union Area High School seniors who are involved in community service.

To qualify for this scholarship, you must:

- have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater.
- have been accepted at a post-secondary institution.
- Have a clean criminal record.

Applicants need NOT be related to a member of the Lions Club to qualify.

To apply, you must follow these steps:

1. Complete the attached Application Form.
2. Submit a personal essay (1,000 words or less). Essay should explain how you have served your community in a lasting and meaningful way(s). Please share your involvement in volunteer service activities and areas of leadership while serving your community. (Essays should be double spaced and typed.)
3. Include an official copy of your Transcript from Mount Union Area High School.
4. Include a copy of your Acceptance Letter from your post-secondary institution.
5. Mail ALL the necessary documents including application form, essay, high school transcript, and acceptance letter to: *Allenport Lions Club, attn.: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 61, Mount Union, PA 17066.*
6. **Essays must be post marked on or by Saturday, May 16.** No late entries will be accepted. No exceptions.

This scholarship provides funding for:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Room & Board

Important Information

- All applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of Lions Members and School Representatives
- An incomplete application will not be accepted.
- The winner of the award will be notified during Senior Class Day presentations.
- If the recipient decides to not attend a post-secondary institution in the fall, the award will be reassigned to another student.
- The check for the award will be made out to both the recipient and the post-secondary institution.

Michael S. Yelovich Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 30, 2017

Submit Application To: Andrea Christoff
14145 Christoff Avenue
Mount Union, PA 17066

This scholarship is being awarded in memory of Michael S. Yelovich, who was a local educator and avid sports enthusiast. Mr. Yelovich earned a Bachelor's degree from Lock Haven State Teacher's College (now, Lock Haven) and earned his master's degree in education at the Pennsylvania State University. While at Lock Haven, he lettered in basketball and baseball. He successfully balanced his academic pursuits with sports and other extracurricular activities. This scholarship is being awarded to a student who has been accepted to either Lock Haven or Penn State and who demonstrated the same success in terms of achieving this level of balance.

Scholarship Criteria:

- The student must be accepted to either Lock Haven or Penn State and must provide a copy of his/her letter of acceptance.
- The student should be in good academic standing in all classes and must provide a copy of his/her high school transcript.
- Strong consideration will be given to student athletes.
- The student must complete the application and return it with requested information by April 30, 2017.

This award will be presented by Mr. Yelovich's family during the annual class day awards ceremony.

Edgar Snyder & Associates "Words to be Heard" Scholarship

This year Edgar Snyder & Associates will offer a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior through our "Words to be Heard" scholarship contest. Three runners-up will also receive \$500 toward their college educations.

We are asking seniors to write a 1,500 to 2,000 word essay. See essay topic online at:

EdgarSnyder.com/Scholarship

Edgar Snyder & Associates believes that no one knows the answer to this question better than teenagers themselves who may have already experienced a similar situation in their lives. Hopefully this contest will give valuable insight on ways to prevent underage drinking locally.

Students interested in the "Words to be Heard" scholarship contest must complete the application form and submit their 1,500 to 2,000 word essay on or before March 28th to be eligible.

If you have any questions, contact the Senior High Guidance Office.

Pennsylvania Elks State Association

Subject: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
2016-2017 Academic Year Scholarship/Leadership “Most Valuable Student”
Program

Enclosed you will find an application for the Scholarship/Leadership Financial Aid Program sponsored by the National Foundation of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Exalted Rulers or Secretaries of the Elks Lodge in your respective area should be available to answer any questions you may have concerning the applications. **PHOTOCOPIES** of the white official application for 2016-2017 **ARE ACCEPTABLE**. Applications will also be available at www.elks.org or by contacting your local Elks lodge office.

Page 5 sets forth the guidelines for filing an application. Please encourage your applicants to read the instructions carefully and follow them precisely. Any deviation or incomplete application will disqualify the applicant.

The contest is open to students in the high school graduating class of 2017 (or its equivalent) and is for the academic year 2016-2017. Past experience indicates that students who qualify for final consideration usually have a scholarship rating of 90% or better and stand in the upper 10% of their classes.

The scholarships are for one year only with the exception of the top 250 boys and 250 girls nationally, who will be eligible for the Special Four-Year Awards. The ELKS sincerely request that you encourage those qualified students to apply for these scholarships.

All applications must be filed with the ELKS LODGE having jurisdiction in the area in which the student has legal residence, and must be filed not later than ***JANUARY 10.*** The date **CANNOT** be changed. This is not a mailing date, but the date the application must be in the hands of the respective, responsible parties.

Each application must be approved by the Lodge with which it is filed. It is the goal of the ELKS to have at least one application submitted from each high school within Pennsylvania.

Lloyd G. Epler, Jr., Chairman
Scholarship/Leadership Committee—PESA
www.elks.org/enf/default.cfm

Due to your local ELKS Lodge by January 10
Mount Union Lodge, Lawrence & Poplar Streets 542-4008
Huntingdon Lodge, 233 Penn Street 643-4250

GRANTS

Federal Pell Grants

Pell grants provide awards up to \$5,815 annually for students demonstrating the greatest financial need. This award is only available to students pursuing their first bachelor's degree.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The program grants a range from \$1,000 up to \$4,000 annually for students who are demonstrating exceptional need. These grants are only available to students pursuing a first-time undergraduate degree.

Pennsylvania State Grant

These grants range from \$2,329-\$4,378 are available only to Pennsylvania students who have resided in the state for more than 12 months. Students who do not live in Pennsylvania may establish residence only if they live in the state for 12 months without attending school during that time. To be considered, the FAFSA application must be received by May 1. Visit www.pheaa.org for more information.

OTHER SOURCES

Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)

Jobs are provided to students on campus through this federal program. Students earn minimum wage, and work long enough to earn a designated amount of money. Generally, students work an average of five hours per week.

*** For a complete PA Student Aid Guide visit: PHEAA.org ***

LOANS

Federal Perkins Loan

Freshmen and sophomores may borrow up to \$5,500 annually, depending on need and the availability of funds. Loan repayment begins nine months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least part-time. Interest rates may change.

Direct Loan Program

These loans come in two forms: subsidized and unsubsidized. The subsidized loan is awarded based on financial need, and no interest is charged before repayment begins or until the authorized period of deferment ends. The unsubsidized loan is not awarded on the basis of need.

Direct Parent Plus Loans for Undergraduate Students

These loans enable parents to borrow money to pay for the education of a child who is a dependent undergraduate student. To be eligible, parents must pass a credit check. The yearly limit on a PLUS Loan is equal to the cost of attendance minus any financial aid the student may receive. Repayment of this loan begins 60 days after the final loan disbursement for the academic year.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship is a four-year award given to two high school seniors in the state of Pennsylvania per year. Each award consists of the value of one semester of tuition at the State System of Higher Education for each of four years. Eligible educational institutions include all colleges, universities and career schools in Pennsylvania.

Eligibility criteria for this scholarship include:

- Being a graduating high school senior and legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Having plans to attend a college, university, or career school as a full-time student in Pennsylvania
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Commitment to the community and demonstrated leadership qualities
- Financial need

Children of legislators and their staff members are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications can be found online on our website, www.tfec.org.

Pennsylvania State Grant

*the FAFSA is used to apply

- ❖ Deadlines:
 - May 1 for all renewals, plus all new students enrolled in four-year programs or college transfer programs. **It is very important for low-income students to meet the filing deadline so they don't miss out on grant funds.**
 - August 1 for new students at Business, Trade, and Technical Schools, two-year Nursing Schools and two-year terminal programs
- ❖ Maximum awards for 2016-2017 are tied to allowable variable college cost levels not to exceed:
 - \$4,378 per year for full-time students
 - Amounts are subject to change
- ❖ Eligibility requirements:
 - Be enrolled at least half-time (defined as at least six semester credits but less than 12 semester credits per semester or the equivalent).
 - Be enrolled in an approval program of at least two academic years in length. (i.e. meaning at least 15 months and 60 credit hours or 1800 clock hours—1500 clock hours if an associate degree program).
 - Be enrolled in a school approved by PHEAA for Pennsylvania State Grant purposes.
 - Not have received the maximum number of Pennsylvania State Grants permitted.
 - High school graduate or GED recipient.
 - Be of satisfactory character (not incarcerated).
 - Be a domiciliary of Pennsylvania (i.e. Pennsylvania resident for 12 months prior to filing the FAFSA. If the student is not 18 at the time of filing, the parents must have been Pennsylvania residents for at least 12 months prior to filing).
 - Be a high school graduate as stipulated in the Pennsylvania State Grant Law.
 - Make academic progress as defined by PHEAA.
 - Not be in default or pending default on an educational loan. This also applies to programs where awards have been converted to loans due to failure to meet all eligibility or service requirements and the loan is in a default status.
 - Not have a prior bachelor's degree.

*** The maximum award is dependent upon available funding and subject to review and adjustment. ***

Jonathan D. Martin Foundation Scholarship

Deadline:

May 1

Return Essay to Counselor For Mailing:

**Jonathan D. Martin Foundation
C/O Dominique Martin Andrade
447 E. 33rd Street
Patterson, NJ 07504
201-519-5833
Or email essay to
jonathandmartinscholarship@gmail.com**

Jonathan D. Martin Foundation Scholarship Criteria:

- Presented by Jonathan's family to a senior student at the Mount Union Area High School (MUAHS) that will be attending an institute of higher education or enlisting in the U.S. military.
- Student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Foundation must receive essay no later than May 1
 - **In no less than 500 words, please write an essay on the growing importance of family, school, and community involvement in small towns. Also include ways you believe your school, family, and the community can better work together in promoting the health, well-being, and learning of all students in Mount Union.**
- Amount of award will vary. There will be one scholarship presented and the amount will be between \$250 and \$1,000.
- Student must be accepted at an institute of higher education (can also be a vocational or technical school) or enlisted in the U.S. military. Verification of higher education attendance or military enlistment must be included with essay.
- Considerations will be given for students who exhibit a great attitude, have a strong work ethic, demonstrate ability to overcome adversity, demonstrate compassion for others, and have a financial need.

Mary Grace Wible Scholarship

The Mary Grace Wible Art Education Scholarship is awarded through:
Undergraduate Art Education
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Minimum of \$6,500 or more a year

For an application and more information on the scholarship go to:
<https://sites.google.com/site/marygracewible/> Or go to <http://www2.kutztown.edu/Scholarships/> to
view a full listing of KU's scholarships College of Visual and Performing Arts/Mary Grace Wible
Scholarship

Questions contact: email kutztownpa@kutztown.edu

Deadline = March 1st

Clearfield Bank and Trust Company

Clearfield Bank & Trust Company will be awarding six \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors. Winners will be selected from a pool of applicants from the area high schools. Clearfield Bank & Trust Company encourages loyalty, school spirit, leadership and a dedication to excellence. The applicant is expected to maintain a minimum “B” average and play an active role in school and/or community activities. The essay below will be judged on length, content and grammar. In not more than 500 typed words, using 12 point, double spacing, answer the essay to the best of your ability and return to the address below by **April 9**. The following essay may require outside research. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated; any student found plagiarizing will be automatically disqualified from the selection process.

Discuss the following in detail:

How to avoid bad credit and how will it affect your future?

Please send completed application and essay to:
Clearfield Bank & Trust Company
c/o Sandra Nelson
11 North Second St.
P.O. Box 171
Clearfield, PA 16830

Neither employees of Clearfield Bank & Trust nor their families are eligible for the Clearfield Bank & Trust Academic Scholarship.

Mifflin County Education and Scholarship Foundation

MCIDC Plaza
6395 SR103N
Building 50
Lewistown, PA 17044
717-242-0393

Prospective recipients must be a resident of Mifflin County for at least 2 school years and have a clear and definitive career path in mind.

Along with a career path, the Committee will consider high school records, references and financial need.

Scholarships will be issued for students entering two year associate or technical degrees and 4 year degrees. Scholarships may range from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

DEADLINE: **May 1**
Please log on to: **www.MCESF.org**
 Select “Forms” to complete application online.
 Print and give to your counselor for submission.

Devon Healthcare Scholarship

Scholarship is offered to 3 seniors interested in a career in the health care industry.

Download applications at www.devonhealth.com under the “What’s New Section.”
If you have questions, contact Darren Behuniak at dbehuniak@devonhealth.com.

Deadline is April 1

Scholarship amounts:

1st place = \$2,500

2nd place = \$1,000

3rd place = \$500

Essay requirement for this scholarship: Student must use less than 1,000 words but more than 800 words on the topic:

Why are you interested in pursuing a career in health-related studies?

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students who plan to further their education in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant, Pathology, Environmental Control, City Planning, Land Management, and Allied Subjects.

Applicants must be a Pennsylvania resident and be sponsored by a Federated Garden Club.

Scholarship is based on need, academic standing, and 5 points will be added to the scoring for children, grandchildren, or legal dependents of Federated Garden Club Members.

Scholarship amount = \$1,000 (if funds are available)

Deadline Feb 15th

Apply through the Senior High Guidance Office.

Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania

Available to a senior graduating in western Pennsylvania. The student must have been accepted to a post-secondary nursing or allied health training program in Pennsylvania.

Students must be nominated by a school official.

Criteria: Volunteer activities
Academics
Extracurricular clubs & activities
Nomination letters

Nomination Deadline: May 1

Scholarship amount = \$1,000

Business Awards: *(Subject to change each year)*

Colonial Florist- highest average in Accounting

Community State Bank- highest average in Business & completed Accounting and Computer classes; must be continuing in post-secondary education.

First National Bank- highest average in Business & accepted at a post-secondary Business School.

Clearfield Bank & Trust – highest average in the Administrative Assistant curriculum

F & M Trust – outstanding business student with concentration in computers

South Hills FBLA – outstanding FBLA student

Hermine Solt Student Scholarship- \$500 awarded to student furthering their education in the field of business (awarded by PAEOP, see business department for guidelines)

If interested in any of these awards, please see business department for guidelines!

Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Scholarships

*Scholarship availability and amounts are subject to change. Please visit websites as listed!

Alvernia College -	One \$1,000 Renewable Scholarship for full-time study www.alvernia.edu
Bloomsburg University -	One \$1,500 Non-renewable Scholarship for incoming freshman in the College of Business cob.bloomu.edu
Bradford School -	One One-Half Tuition Scholarship www.bradfordpittsburgh.edu
Cambria-Rowe Business College -	Two \$3,600 (\$600 for Each of Six Terms) Scholarships for full-time study www.crbcc.net
Central Pennsylvania College -	One \$1,000 Scholarship towards first three terms for full-time study www.centralpenn.edu
Douglas Education Center -	One 25% of Tuition Scholarship www.douglas-school.com
Goldey-Beacom College -	Two \$1,500 Non-Renewable scholarships for full-time study www.gbc.edu
Indiana University of Pennsylvania -	One \$500 scholarship for incoming freshman in Eberly College of Business and Information Technology www.eberly.iup.edu
Johnson and Wales University -	One \$1,500 Renewable scholarship One \$1,200 Renewable scholarship One \$1,000 Renewable scholarship www.jwu.edu
Laurel Business Institute -	Two One-Half tuition scholarships for full-time study www.laurel.edu
Mount Aloysius College -	Four \$1,000 Renewable scholarships www.mtaloy.edu

Newport Business Institute – (Lower Burrell)	Two One-Half tuition scholarships www.nbi.edu
Newport Business Institute - (Williamsport)	One One-Half tuition scholarship www.newportbusiness.com
PACE Institute -	Up to Three One-Half tuition scholarships www.paceinstitute.com
Penn Commercial Business/ Technical School -	Two 30% of tuition scholarships www.penncommercial.net
Pennsylvania College of Technology -	Two \$500 scholarships for incoming freshman in School of Business and Computer Technologies www.pct.edu
Pittsburgh Technical Institute -	One Renewable One-Half tuition scholarship www.pti.edu
South Hills School of Business and Technology -	One \$500 Renewable scholarship for full-time study www.southhills.edu
Temple University -	Two \$500 scholarships for incoming freshman in Fox School of Business and Management www.fox.temple.edu
West Virginia Career Institute -	Two One-Half tuition scholarships www.wvjcmorgantown.edu
YTI Career Institute -	Two One-Half tuition scholarships for Business Administration, Computer Systems Specialists or Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management Programs www.yti.edu
PA FBLA William Selden Scholarships:	Ten scholarships: One \$1,500; One \$1,000; One \$750; Seven \$500 for any major at any college, three entries per chapter www.pafbلا.org

Visit the Pennsylvania FBLA website (www.pafbلا.org) for additional scholarship details and application requirements.

Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide

Scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities primarily for Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren and members of the Masonic-related youth groups.

Produced and distributed by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

The complete text of this booklet and an application for the PMYF Scholarship can be found on the internet at www.pmyf.org.

Please note: If you are part of a Masonic organization that has a scholarship program for which Pennsylvania youth are eligible, please send us the details and we will help to promote your program through this Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide.

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

Students from your high school have the opportunity to receive this scholarship . . . AND IT COULD BE YOU! Our Board Academic Scholarship is an exceptional opportunity for up to 9 outstanding seniors from area schools. Imagine having the cost of tuition completely covered while you graduate with an associate's degree. Afterwards, move on to receive a bachelor's degree or join the workforce . . . it's your choice!

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

- The scholarship commences at the beginning of the fall semester following high school graduation
- The scholarship is renewable until a degree is earned, up to a maximum total award of five semesters, provided the student maintains a 3.25 grade point average and is enrolled full time
- The student must successfully complete at least 27 college credits and 10 hours of College service during the first academic year at Pennsylvania Highlands
- The recipient must work with an assigned scholarship mentor throughout the award period

CRITERIA

- Be a high school senior eligible for graduation with a cumulative overall grade point average of at least 3.5
- Be recognized as a good citizen of the high school community by being involved and demonstrating leadership in **at least three extra-curricular activities**
- Complete the admissions process and **be admitted to Pennsylvania Highlands**
- Complete and submit a Board of Trustees Academic Scholarship Application and the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
- Compose **an essay of at least 200 words** explaining why he or she should be chosen as a scholarship recipient
- Complete the College's placement testing and **score college-ready** in all sections and submit SAT scores of at least 500 in reading, writing, & math

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to complete and submit the Board Academic Scholarship to:
PENNHIGHLANDS.AWARDSRING.COM

Scholarship decisions are made by the Penn Highlands Scholarship Committee and recipients will be notified in April.

Apply today! PENNHIGHLANDS.AWARDSRING.COM

Completed applications are due to the Penn Highlands Admissions Office by **January 31, 2017**.

F.N.B. Wealth Management
Paul Edward Mitchell and Joseph Raymond Mitchell Memorial Trust

Scholarship funds from the above account are available to graduating seniors from Huntingdon County High Schools. First preference should be given to high school students from Huntingdon County that desire to enroll in a pre-medical course of study at any accredited college or university.

Completed applications and all pertinent information must be returned to our office by May 1, 2017. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 814-643-5911 and return forms to:

First National Trust Company
PO Box 381
Attn: Jean A. Teeters
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5754 Essay Contest

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5754 Mt. Union will be having an essay contest for college tuition money as the prize. This essay contest requirements are as follows:

- Students must be a child or grandchild of a veteran (proof of a DD 214 if not a post member of 5754 Mt. Union, PA)
- Or student enrolled in the military
- Plan on attending college or trade school

This essay must state the following:

- 300 words minimum
- Why they deserve it/how it would help them
- The importance of Veterans or why they enrolled in the military
- What their major is in or going to be
- What they plan on doing with their degree

Deadline will be May 2nd, 2017. Please drop them off at your guidance office. College students can email me or drop it off at VFW Post 5754 Mt. Union. I'll make the arrangements to pick them up. Winners will be announced on May 9. There will be 3 winners. Each winner will receive \$400.00 towards their college tuition.

I look forward to reading the essays. Please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns. My email address is Angelina.scavone@gmail.com or call 717-377-3552.

R. Angelina Scavone

B.P.O.E. (Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks) “Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship”

DESCRIPTION:

This scholarship is an award of approximately \$800 (2 scholarships) which is sponsored by the Past Exalted Rulers Lodge #976 of the B.P.O.E. Applications will be accepted from high school seniors who are residents of Huntingdon County who are interested in furthering their education by attendance at college.

CRITERIA:

Selection will be made from applications submitted based on:

1. Academic achievement
2. Participation in extra-curricular activities
3. Demonstrated good citizenship
4. Financial need
5. Two letters of recommendation

All other criteria being equal, preference will be shown to students who are children of active members of B.P.O.E.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Seniors may obtain applications from the Guidance Office. Submit the application directly to Mr. Bob Goodman, Huntingdon Lodge #976, 233 Penn Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

DEADLINE: April 1

Pennsylvania JCI Senate Scholarship Program

The Pennsylvania JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senate is an organization affiliated with the Pennsylvania Jaycees and the United States JCI Senate. Together, we promote leadership training through community involvement and believe “that service to humanity is the best work of life.” Our commitment to working with our communities and serving others is the basis for our scholarship program.

The Pennsylvania JCI Senate sponsors a scholarship for senior students who are residents of Pennsylvania. We will be awarding **two \$500 scholarships** this year. The applications of these two recipients will then be forwarded to the United States JCI Senate Foundation for consideration to receive an additional national grant of \$1000. In the last seventeen years, sixteen Pennsylvania students have also received one of these \$1000 national grants.

The scholarship application is available on the U.S. JCI website. Go to www.usjcisenate.org and click on “Scholarship Program” in the top header for the link to the application.

Each student needs to submit only one copy of the completed application and appropriate attachments to Jeri Stoehr (via postal mail) for judging. If chosen as a Pennsylvania recipient, that application will be submitted to the United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Committee (the same application is used for both PA and US judging.)

The completed application, with all appropriate attachments, must be return postmarked by January 15, 2017.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

These are just a few of the national and state scholarships out there for military family members. These are not branch-specific, but such scholarships also exist. Continue your research through www.fastweb.com, your college's Financial Aid office, a Google search, or the Scholarships books in the guidance office.

NAME: Scholarships for Military Children

DESCRIPTION: Open to unmarried, dependent children of all military statuses: active duty, reserve, retired, etc. Pick up your application from your local commissary. Seeks to award minimum of one \$1500 scholarship per commissary area

REQUIREMENTS: 3.0 GPA, transcript, application, and 500-word maximum essay (prompt: "You can travel back in time, however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?") Must be applying to a 4-year college program OR a community college with the intention of finishing school from a 4-year program.

DEADLINE: February 17

LEARN MORE:

<http://www.militaryscholar.org/apply/apply.shtml>

NAME: AMVETS National Service Foundation scholarships for high school seniors

DESCRIPTION: Awards scholarships to sons, daughters, and grandchildren of veterans, active military, or deceased veterans. Six \$4000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors:

\$1000 per year of a four-year undergrad program or an accredited technical program leading to a certificate or degree.

REQUIREMENTS: Awards based on academic excellence and financial need. Students must plan to attend a four-year undergrad program or accredited technical program leading to a certificate or degree.

LEARN MORE:

http://www.amvets.org/programs/programs_scholarships.html AND

http://www.amvets.org/pdfs/programs_pdfs/programs_scholarship_application_freshman.pdf

NAME: Tillman Military Scholarship for Dependents of Service members

DESCRIPTION: Provides funds for tuition, fees, books, room, board, and child care to dependents or survivors of veteran or active duty servicemen and servicewomen.

These dependents may be pursuing degrees or certificates from vocational, 2-year, or 4-year colleges.

REQUIREMENTS: Transcript, essay, demonstration of community service, personal achievement, and educational and career goals, etc.

DEADLINE: May 14

LEARN MORE:

<http://www.eviving.com/2009/01/tillman-military-scholarship/>

NAME: Educational Gratuity Program

DESCRIPTION: For children of veterans who served during a war or were honorably discharged. This veteran must have a 100% service-connected disability. May receive up to \$500 per semester and cannot receive an award for more than four years.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be between ages 16 and 23 years. Must have lived in PA for the last five years and attend a college in PA.

LEARN MORE:

<http://www.milvet.state.pa.us/DMV/201.htm>

NAME: AFCEA General Emmett Paige Scholarship

DESCRIPTION: \$2000 for dependents of veterans or active-duty military, enrolled in 4-year degree programs. *This scholarship cannot be used for first year of college unless you are a veteran.*

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a 3.0 GPA and be majoring in one of the following at a 4-year college:

Electrical, computer, chemical, or aerospace engineering, computer science, technology management, physics, or math. Must have two letters of recommendation from professors.

DEADLINE: March 1

LEARN MORE:

<http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/genemm.asp>

NAME: Postsecondary Education Gratuity Program (NOT JUST MILITARY)

DESCRIPTION: Provides waiver of tuition, fees, and room and board charges for children of individuals who have lost their lives after January 1, 1976 protecting PA citizens in the line of duty as the following: police officer, firefighter, rescue or ambulance squad members, corrections facility employees, and national guard members AND children of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, national guard, and other federal or state active military duty personnel who died in the line of duty after September 11, 2001.

REQUIREMENTS: Must have already applied for other available scholarships and grants. Must be enrolled at a Pennsylvania community college, state-owned college, or state-related institution (such as Penn State or Penn Tech) as a full-time student pursuing undergrad studies that will lead to an Associate or Bachelor's degree.

LEARN MORE:

http://www.pheaa.org/specialprograms/Postsecondary_Educational_Gratuity.shtml

Pennsylvania Colleges

STATE-OWNED

Bloomsburg Univ. of PA
California Univ. of PA
Cheyney Univ. of PA
Clarion Univ. of PA
East Stroudsburg Univ. of PA
Edinboro Univ. of PA
Indiana Univ. of PA
Kutztown Univ. of PA
Lock Haven Univ. of PA
Mansfield Univ. of PA
Millersville Univ. of PA
Shippensburg Univ. of PA
Slippery Rock Univ. of PA
West Chester Univ. of PA

STATE-RELATED

Lincoln University
Temple University
Univ. of Pittsburgh (*Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Titusville*)
Penn State University (*Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandwine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Shenango, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Worthington-Scranton, York*)
Penn College of Technology

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CC of Allegheny County
CC of Beaver County
Bucks County CC
Butler County CC
Delaware County CC
Harrisburg Area CC
Lehigh Carbon CC
Luzerne County CC
Montgomery County CC
Northampton CC
Pennsylvania Highlands CC
CC of Philadelphia
Reading Area CC
Westmoreland County CC

OTHER TWO-YEAR

CHI Institute
Harcum College
Johnson College
Lackawanna College
Lancaster General Col. of Nursing/Health Sci.
Lehigh Valley College
Manor College
McCann School of Bus/Tech
New Castle School of Trades
Pennsylvania Culinary Institute
Pitt. Inst. Mortuary Science
Penns. Institute of Technology
South Hills School of Business/Tech
Thaddeus Stevens Col. of Tech
Triangle Tech
Valley Forge Mil. Acad/Col.

PRIVATE FOUR-YEAR

Albright College
Allegheny College
Alvernia University
The American College
Arcadia University
Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Baptist Bible Col. & Seminary
Bryn Athyn College
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Cabrini College
Carlow University
Carnegie Mellon University
Cedar Crest College
Central Pennsylvania College
Chatham University
Chestnut Hill College
Curtis Institute of Music
Delaware Valley College
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eastern University
Elizabethtown College
Franklin & Marshall College
Gannon University
Geneva College
Gettysburg College
Gratz College

Grove City College
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Harrisburg Univ. of Sci/Techn.
Haverford College
Holy Family University
Hussian School of Art
Immaculata University
Juniata College
Keystone College
King's College
Lafayette College
La Roche College
Lancaster Bible College
LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lycoming College
Marywood University
Mercyhurst College
Messiah College
Misericordia University
Moore Col. of Art and Design
Moravian College
Mount Aloysius College
Muhlenberg College Neumann University
Peirce College
Penn Col. of Art and Design
Philadelphia Biblical Univ.
Philadelphia University
Point Park University
Robert Morris University
Rosemont College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Vincent College
Seton Hill University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Thiel College
Thomas Jefferson University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Scranton
University of the Arts
Univ of the Sciences (Philly)
Ursinus College
Valley Forge Christian College
Villanova University
Washington & Jefferson Col.
Waynesburg University
Westminster College
Widener University
Wilkes University
Wilson College
York College of PA

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

STUDENT AID REFERENCE SHEET

STAFFORD LOANS

Interest Rate

- Unsubsidized Stafford Loans: The interest rate is calculated each year based on the 10-year Treasury Bill rate plus 2.05 percent (Undergraduate students) or 3.6 percent (Graduate/Professional students) and is capped at 8.25 percent for Undergraduate students and 9.25% for Graduate and Professional students. For loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/16 and before 7/1/17, the interest rate is 3.76% for Undergraduate students and 5.31% for Graduate and Professional students.
- Subsidized Stafford Loans: The interest rate is calculated each year based on the 10-year Treasury Bill rate plus 2.05 percent and is capped at 8.25%. For loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/16 and before 7/1/17, the interest rate is 3.76%.

Annual Subsidized Limits

- 1st year Undergraduates = \$3,500
- 2nd year Undergraduates = \$4,500
- Remaining Undergraduate years = \$5,500
- Preparatory coursework needed to enroll as Undergraduate = \$2,625
- Preparatory coursework needed to enroll in Graduate/Professional Program if student has a Baccalaureate = \$5,500
- Teacher Certification if student has a Baccalaureate = \$5,500

Annual Unsubsidized Limits

- Dependent undergraduates whose parents can borrow PLUS = \$2,000
- 1st and 2nd year undergraduate dependent students whose parents cannot borrow PLUS and independent students = \$6,000
- Remaining undergraduate years for dependent students whose parents cannot borrow PLUS and independent students = \$7,000
- Preparatory coursework needed to enroll as Undergraduate = \$6,000
- Preparatory coursework needed to enroll as Undergraduate = \$6,000
- Preparatory coursework needed to enroll in Graduate/Professional Program if student has a Baccalaureate = \$7,000
- Teacher Certification if student has a Baccalaureate = \$7,000
- Graduate/Professional students = \$20,500

Aggregate Limits

- Undergraduate
 - Dependent students = \$31,000 (up to \$23,000 may be subsidized)
 - Independent students and dependent students whose parents cannot borrow PLUS = \$57,500 (up to \$23,000 may be subsidized)
- Graduate students
 - Subsidized = \$65,000 (includes Undergraduate borrowing)
 - Unsubsidized = Defined by the U.S. Department of Education

Pell Grant

Annual Minimum Award = \$590

Annual Maximum Award = \$5,815

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

2016-17: Annual Maximum Award = \$5,815*

2015-16: Annual Maximum Award = \$5,775 less the 6.8% sequestration reduction, or \$5,382.30 for awards first disbursed on or after 10/1/15 and before October 1, 2016.

PLUS Loans

The interest rate is calculated each year based on the 10-year Treasury Bill rate plus 4.6% and is capped at 10.5%. For loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/16 and before 7/1/17, the interest rate 6.31%.

Annual maximum depends on cost of attendance and other financial aid received.

Federal Perkins Loans

Interest Rate = 5%

Annual Limits

- Undergraduate = \$5,500
- Graduate = \$8,000

Aggregate Limits

- Undergraduate
 - \$11,000 for students who have not completed 2 years
 - \$27,500 for all other students
- Graduate
 - \$60,000 (includes loans borrowed at Undergraduate level)

Study Abroad

- Annual and aggregate limits can be 20% or higher

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

Annual Limit

- All students = \$4,000 less the 6.8% sequestration reduction, or \$3,728 for awards first disbursed on or after 10/1/15 and before October 1, 2016.*

Aggregate Maximums

- Undergraduate = \$16,000
- Graduate = \$8,000

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.25 GPA or qualifying score on admissions test
- Agree to teach full-time at least 4 years at a school with a high percentage of low-income students within 8 years of graduation
- Agree to teach a specific subject

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Annual Minimum Award

- \$100

Annual Maximum Award

- \$4,000

Aggregate Limit

- None

Study Abroad

- \$4,400 annually for students in approved programs

*At the time of publication, the sequestration reductions for fiscal year 2017 (i.e., awards first disbursed on or after October 1, 2016 and before October 1, 2017) were not available.