

Mount Union Area High School



Local Scholarship Information and Resources

2009-2010

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*Scholarship deadlines are subject to change

**Scholarship applications are available through the Senior High Guidance Office

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.

PASFAA Website Resource Guide

Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
www.pasfaa.org

College Search

College Comparisons:

www.overview.com/colleges

www.usnews.com

www.careercruising.com

*username: mountunion

*password: trojans

College Opportunities On-Line:

www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

College Search:

www.collegeconfidential.com

www.collegenet.com

www.educationplanner.com

www.gocollege.com

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.pennsylvaniamentor.org

www.petersons.com

www.review.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.princetonreview.com

www.ecampustours.com

Planning for College:

www.adventuresineducation.org

www.collegeispossible.org

www.review.com

www.knowhow2go.org

SAT/ACT Information & Tips

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.petersons.com

www.review.com

Athletics

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

www.naia.org

National Collegiate Athletic Association

www.eligibilitycenter.org

National Junior College Athletic Association

www.njcaa.org

*Each college has its own athletics webpage with more information and forms for prospective student athletes.

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.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/HOPE

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

PASFAA Website Resource Guide (continued)

Financial Aid Resources

International Education Financial Aid
www.iefaf.org

Military Service
www.military.com

- GI Bill
- ROTC
- Army: goarmy.com
- AirForce: afrotc.com
- Navy: nrotc.navy.mil
- Marines: usmc.mil

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
www.nasfaa.org
www.studentaid.org

National Student Loan Data System
www.nsls.ed.gov

Overview of Financial Aid
www.finaid.org

Pennsylvania Assistance
www.aessuccess.org (PA Loans)
www.pheaa.org (PA State Grants)

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com
www.gocollege.com
www.petersons.com
www.scholarship-page.com
www.srnexpress.com
www.collegescholarships.org
www.collegeboard.com

U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov/finaid.html
www.ifap.ed.gov
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.students.gov

Applying for Financial Aid

*Apply for a PIN number pin.ed.gov
*Federal School Codes collegeboard.com
*Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid on-line

Get this and more at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

ATTENTION: Do not use www.fafsa.com or you will have to pay to submit your application. www.fafsa.gov is free.

College Savings



College Savings
www.collegesavings.org
www.finaid.org/calculators
www.moneycentral.msn.com
www.patap.org (PA Tuition Account Program)
www.upromise.com

Budgets, Debt Management
www.1stdebtconsolidation4u.com
www.cc-bc.com
www.ccsintl.org
www.center4debtmanagment.com
www.creditreport-net.com
www.mapping-your-future.org
www.myfico.com
www.nfcc.org
www.YouCanDealWtihIt.com

Frequently Requested Telephone Numbers:

General Information About Federal Aid:
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Grant and Loan Programs
1-800-692-7392

Scholarship and Resource Web Sites

<http://www.axaonline.com>

<http://makingitcount.com>

<http://www.fastweb.com>

www.educationplanner.org

PHEAA.org

aesSuccess.org

CampusChamps.org

FuturesInNursing.com

FurtherYourEducation.com

YouCanDealWithIt.com

Collegescholarships.org

Avoiding Scholarship Scams

Scholarship scams have been around for years. According to the Federal Trade Commission, if you hear these lines from a scholarship service, you may be getting duped:

- “The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.” No one can guarantee that you’ll get a grant or a scholarship. Refund guarantees often have conditions or strings attached. Get refund policies in writing, and read the fine print.
- “You can’t get this information anywhere else.” There are thousands of scholarships you can research through free means. It’s highly doubtful that a company would have an exclusive list of scholarships that you can’t find through another source.
- “I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.” Don’t give your credit card or bank account number without getting information in writing first. You might become a victim of an unauthorized withdraw from your account.
- “We’ll do all the work.” Don’t be fooled. You must apply for scholarships or grants yourself.
- “The scholarship will cost money.” Don’t pay anyone who claims to be “holding” a scholarship or grant for you.
- “You’ve been selected” by a “national foundation” to receive a scholarship, or “You’re a finalist” in a contest you never entered. Before you reply to a scholarship offer you didn’t initiate, check it out. Make sure the foundation or program is legitimate.

What to do if you suspect an offer is a scam

Start with your school counselor. Also, the following organizations can help you decide if an offer is legitimate. They will tell you whether they have received any complaints about the company, or whether the company is currently under investigation. Look for these organizations online or call for more information:

- Better Business Bureau in the city where the scholarship service is located
- Federal Trade Commission, 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
- State bureau of consumer protection
- State attorney general’s office
- National Fraud Information Center (NFIC), www.fraud.org

For more information about scholarship scams, visit www.finaid.org.

For more information about college costs and financial aid, visit the Pay for College section at www.collegeboard.com

COLLEGE ACCESS Visit Going2college.org to learn about the college and financial aid resources available in each state.

Going2college.org is a resource provided by the nation's guaranty agencies that features comprehensive information about career planning, planning for college, finding a college and paying for college. Each state includes detailed information about the programs and services available to students and families in that state. This Web site is intended to be a resource for students, families, guidance counselors, colleges and community organizations. Below are the resources included on the Web site:

Career Planning

- Career assessment tools
- Details on different types of careers, required training and career satisfaction surveys
- State and local resources available that showcase employment opportunities

College Planning

- Detailed information for elementary, middle/junior, and high school students as well as adult learners and parents
- Information on college entrance exams

Finding a College

- Resources for national searches and for state-specific searches
- Information on available "virtual" campus tours

Paying for College

- How to apply for federal financial aid
- How to save for college
- How to calculate the costs of college
- Information on federal and state loans available

State Resources

- College resource centers
- College information and financial aid awareness events
- Access programs available (Upward Bound, Talent Search, GEAR UP, Project Grad, etc.)
- Link to state-specific access programs listed in the Pathways to College Network/National College Access Network National College Access Program Directory
- Scholarships and grants

The Web site was developed in conjunction with Mapping Your Future as part of the College Access Initiative, which was included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, and formalizes a foundational role of guaranty agencies in promoting access to postsecondary education. Guaranty agencies are state and non-profit entities that, through their administration of the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, inform students and parents of educational and financial aid opportunities. As part of their public service mission, guaranty agencies provide an extensive range of services and programs that increase awareness of the importance of higher education, the opportunities available, and the financial support offered.

If you have a program or resource you believe should be included on the site, contact your state guaranty agency or the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs at 202-822-2106.

For Parents: What is Career Cruising?

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by your son or daughter to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

Interest and Skills Assessment – a world-renowned career assessment tool to help people identify suitable career options based on their interests and skills

Career Profiles – thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and related college programs

Multimedia Interviews – Interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles

College and Financial Aid Information – comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help students find the right college and the right scholarships

Electronic Career Portfolio – available online, so students can develop their education and career plans from wherever they access Career Cruising

Resume Builder – integrated with the portfolio to help students format and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

To find out more about Career Cruising, we encourage you to login using the school's access information:

Login at: www.careercruising.com

Username: mountunion

Password: Trojans

Click on “Start Career Cruising” to begin

STUDENT AID TIMELINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Making College Happen—Financially!

Junior Year

- ❖ Begin looking for outside scholarship opportunities
 - Visit your high school guidance office
 - Counselors often have information and applications for local scholarships. They may also be able to provide you with access to scholarship search software and scholarship guides.
 - Explore the internet, including the PASFAA website at www.pasfaa.org, to find free scholarship search information.
 - Read scholarship search books.
 - You can typically find these guides in libraries and bookstores, as well as your high school guidance office.
 - Find out if your church, parents' employers, or any other organization with which your family is affiliated offers scholarships.
- ❖ Visit the web sites or call/visit the Financial Aid Offices of the colleges you are considering attending. Try to get answers to these questions:
 - What institutional scholarships are available for new students?
 - What is the criteria for receiving these awards? How do students apply? Is there an admission deadline or application deadline to be considered for these scholarships? Are they renewable for more than one academic year? If so, what is the criteria for renewal? Are there a limited number of scholarships?
 - What types of need-based student aid (such as grants and loans) does the institution offer?
 - What student aid applications and documentation does the institution require and when are their deadlines?
 - When can you expect to receive a student aid package from the institution?
 - How will outside sources of student aid, such as outside scholarships, affect the aid the institution might award you?
- ❖ Keep studying and continue working hard to get good grades.
 - This should be a priority throughout high school—it may mean the difference between winning a scholarship or not.
 - If your parents or other family members will be involved in paying for your education, talk seriously with them about how much they plan to contribute, the student aid application process, etc. Make sure everyone understand his or her role.

Senior Year – Fall

- ❖ Student and parents should each apply for a federal pin number at www.pin.ed.gov to use as their electronic signature on the FAFSA and to make corrections to it.
- ❖ Ask the colleges to which you have applied if they can provide you with an early estimate of the types of student aid you may be eligible to receive.
- ❖ Apply for outside scholarships (deadlines will vary throughout your senior year).
- ❖ Attend a financial aid workshop offered by your high school or community.
- ❖ If you have not already done so, attend open houses at the colleges you are considering—be sure to attend any financial aid sessions that are offered.
- ❖ Complete the CSS Profile if you are applying to schools that require this form as part of their student aid application process. Obtain the CSS Profile from your guidance office or register and complete the form on-line at www.collegeboard.com.

**More than 500,000
Pennsylvania students
receive student aid to help
pay for their education.**

YOU could be one of them!

Online Student Aid Resources

AESSuccess.org
CampusChamps.org
EducationPlanner.org
EducacionSuperior.org
PASFAA.org
PHEAA.org

Senior Year – Winter

- ❖ Complete tax returns as soon as possible (keep copies).
 - Both parents and student should take care of this task as soon as they are able. This is critical since this income information is needed to complete student aid applications.
- ❖ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) anytime after January 1.
 - This application is used to determine student eligibility for federal and, in Pennsylvania, state student aid. Colleges and universities may also use the information reported on this form in determining eligibility for institutional student aid.
 - If you do not receive one in the mail in December, obtain one from your guidance counselor or a financial aid office. This form may be submitted via mail or may be completed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - Make a copy of the FAFSA (and any other student aid form you complete) before submitting it.
 - Each school has different deadlines for submitting the FAFSA. Be sure to meet them (some are as early as February 1). The deadline for consideration for Pennsylvania State Grant aid is May 1.
 - List on the FAFSA each college to which you are applying and from which you would like to receive a student aid package. Up to six schools can be listed, initially. Additional schools can be added by calling 1-800-4FEDAID, via the Internet or on the Student Aid Report.
- ❖ Submit all other required applications and paperwork to each of the colleges to which you are applying—be sure to make copies and meet deadlines.
- ❖ Complete outside scholarship applications.

Senior Year – Spring

- ❖ Receive and compare actual student aid packages
 - After completing the student aid application requirements for a given school, you will receive an award letter detailing aid you are eligible to receive if you attend that institution.
 - As you receive these letters, remember to compare the total aid and type of aid (loans, grants, etc.), you will receive to the total cost of the school (include books and transportation costs)—what is left for you to pay out-of-pocket?
- ❖ Develop a plan for how you are going to pay for any out-of-pocket expense.
 - Are you (or your parents or other family members who are going to assist you) prepared to pay this amount?
 - Does the college you plan to attend offer a monthly payment plan?
 - If you need additional assistance, talk with the financial aid office at the college about other options. For example, there are alternative education loans that you may choose to utilize.
 - Decide which college you will attend.
 - Most schools have a May 1 deadline for submitting an enrollment deposit.
 - Inform other schools to which you were accepted that you will be enrolling elsewhere.

Summer After Senior Year

- ❖ Inform the Financial Aid Office of any outside awards you've received.
- ❖ Inquire about the availability of campus jobs at the college you are attending.
- ❖ Complete any remaining paperwork required to finalize the student aid application process.
 - Students borrowing federal student loans for the first time must complete "entrance counseling".
 - Loan borrowers will also need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN).
 - Check with the school to be sure all obligations are fulfilled.

PASFAA

Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

PASFAA is a dynamic organization representing more than 300 Pennsylvania schools, lenders, and other organizations involved with higher education.

AES

American Education Services

American Education Services
1200 North Seventh St.
Harrisburg, PA 17102-1444

PHEAA

Creating Access to Education

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. 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 Scholarship

A. Russell Fultz Memorial Scholarship
Robert Goodman Memorial Scholarship
Park's/Stanna Walters Scholarship
The Dwozan-Gerlock Scholarship
Charles Harper Scholarship (2)
Burkholder Memorial Scholarship
McCarty Scholarship

*The Alumni, A. Russell Fultz, Dwozan-Gerlock, and McCarty scholarships will be awarded on the basis of general criteria, based on responses to the questions asked in the scholarship application—academics, activities, service, contribution to enhancing pride in the Mount Union Area High School and community, etc.

*There is no stated criteria for the Robert Goodman Memorial Scholarship, although traits to be looked at include community service, leadership, devotion to the Mount Union area schools, and musicianship.

*The Park's/Stanna Walters scholarship is intended for the student with the highest GPA in mathematics.

*The Charles Harper scholarships give 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 preference 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

In addition, the Shirley Prough Davenport Memorial scholarship is a \$500 scholarship for one year for a young woman in the Senior Class. The scholarship recipient is selected by MUAHS and the scholarship is administered by the Mount Union Area Schools Alumni Association.

Other scholarships may be awarded if available.

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

Paul Prough Photography of Raystown Country Photo

Seniors Only: Cumulative averages for grades 9-12

Highest average in math = \$500

Highest average in science = \$500

Community service = \$350

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 one 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 11 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.

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.

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, 2010. 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

Enclosure

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, 2010 to:

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

The Daily News-Biddle Scholarship

The scholarship will be available for the 2009-20010 school term. Given in memory of the late Joseph F. Biddle, founder of the Daily News and the late John H. Biddle, publisher.

High school seniors who plan to continue their education in college and are currently carriers of the Daily News and/or School New Page reporters are eligible to apply. Also, any qualifying senior who will major in journalism and who lives in the Daily News circulation area is also eligible to apply.

Scholarship amount = \$1,000, which may be renewed.

Contact the Guidance Office for an application.

Application must be postmarked before 5/31/10

Knights of Columbus

Teachers will nominate a senior boy or girl.

Criteria: Community involvement
Church Activities
Academic Promise

Amount of Scholarship = \$500 (amount may vary)

For more information, contact the Senior High Guidance Office, Mr. Dayton Shugarts, or Mr. Steve Renninger (542-3111).

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 (to be forwarded to the local American Legion).

Pepsi Student Athlete Award

Given to an outstanding female and male senior athlete

Amount: \$500.00 each

Criteria: Outstanding athlete who is continuing in post-secondary education.

Nomination: By teachers, athletic department and administration.

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. (152 pages). Extensive scholarships for veteran’s dependents are available.

Amount of each scholarship - varies depending on scholarship.

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.

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

Carriage House Insurance Agency- highest average in Office Procedures

Chamber of Commerce Award- excellence in business

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

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

DESCRIPTION:

Who is Eligible?

To be considered for a Byrd Scholarship a student must:

1. Be a high school graduate during the same academic year in which the scholarship is awarded;
2. Be a resident of Pennsylvania;
3. Be a U.S. citizen or national or be able to provide evidence of permanent residency;
4. Be in your first full-time enrollment following high school graduation at an eligible institution of higher education located in the continental United States;
5. Submit a letter of acceptance from the school or college with your application. It does not have to be from the institution of your final choice;
6. Must meet all of the following three educational standards (except GED recipients; see *NOTE):
 - Rank in the top 5 percent of your graduating class or hold a ranking of 1, 2 or 3 in classes of 60 students or less;
 - Grade point average of 3.50 or above on a 4.00 (unweighted) scale;
 - SAT = 1150 combined verbal and math; or
 - ACT = composite score of 25 or above;
 - TOEFL = not accepted.

*NOTE: GED score must be 355 or higher. Student must also have 1150 SAT (combined verbal & math only) score or 25 ACT score.

Eligible Institutions

Eligible institutions include proprietary institutions of higher education and postsecondary vocational institutions as well as public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education.

NOTE: Scholarship may not be used to attend a foreign school. New and renewal awards for this program are contingent upon federal funding.

How much is the scholarship?

\$1,500 per year for a period of not less than 1 or more than 4 years during the first 4 years of undergraduate study at any eligible institution of higher education. Scholarship renewal is based on continued eligibility.

DEADLINE: Received by April 1st to Pa Dept. of Education

NOTE: Awards are contingent upon funding by the federal government.

Pennsylvania Elks State Association

Subject: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
2009-2010 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 2009-2010 **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 2009-2010 (or its equivalent) and is for the academic year 2009-2010. 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, 2010.*** 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, 2010
Mount Union Lodge, Lawrence & Poplar Streets 542-4008
Huntingdon Lodge, 233 Penn Street 643-4250

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

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives 2010 Scholarship Application Form

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Scholarship Program enhances educational opportunities for eligible students who reside in Pennsylvania.

I. Scholarship Description

The program provides four-year scholarships to two high school seniors 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 nearly all colleges, universities, and career schools in Pennsylvania. Half of each annual award will be paid in the fall semester, and half in the spring semester. Students must maintain eligibility criteria in all four years in order to receive ongoing awards (see section IV).

II. Matching Award Opportunities

AES/PHEAA's PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched up to a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program. PHEAA will grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who demonstrate unmet financial need, and who receive a Pennsylvania State Grant and a Federal Student Loan (\$100 minimum).

III. Selection Criteria

Scholarship applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Legal residency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2. Attendance at a Pennsylvania college, university, or career school as a full-time student
3. Academic achievement (minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA in high school)
4. Commitment to community and demonstrated leadership qualities
5. Extracurricular activities
6. Personal essay (300 words maximum)
7. Financial need

IV. Continuing Eligibility Criteria

In order to receive ongoing awards in years two through four, the student must:

1. Remain a legal resident of Pennsylvania
2. Remain enrolled as a full-time student at a Pennsylvania school
3. Maintain a grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) of:
 - a. 2.5 in the first year
 - b. 3.0 in each subsequent year (years 2-4)

V. Application Requirements

Please submit the following:

- Completed Information Sheets
- High School Transcript
- FAFSA Student Aid Report
- Completed Personal Essay
- Three (3) Personal Reference Letters
- \$10 processing fee made payable to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

Please return your completed application to the Senior High Guidance Office, which will then forward to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

Your completed application must be postmarked on or before April 14. The Foundation for Enhancing Communities will evaluate all applications and may choose to interview the finalists. Applicants will be notified after May 30 regarding selection results.

New Economy Technology Scholarship (NETS) Program

Purpose – To create a sustained pool of highly trained technology workers, improve the State’s capacity to attract and support new companies and curb the migration of Pennsylvania’s best-trained workers to other states.

Two components – SciTech Scholarship and Technology Scholarship

❖ General eligibility requirements that apply to each component:

- Pennsylvania resident
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Enrolled at a PHEAA-approved Pennsylvania postsecondary institution
- Enrolled in an approved science or technology program
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in college
- Apply for Pell and Pennsylvania State Grants
- Agree to be employed in Pennsylvania in a related program field one year for each year of scholarship funds received—if the program requirements are not fulfilled, the scholarship funds will be converted to a loan

❖ Additional eligibility requirements for SciTech award:

- Must be enrolled **full-time** in a baccalaureate degree program
- Must be at least a sophomore, but can apply as a freshman—this means high school counselors are not likely to be involved in the application process
- Cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or higher at the time of application
- Must complete an internship or work experience prior to graduation

❖ Additional eligibility requirements for the Technology Scholarship:

- May be enrolled full-time or part-time
- Must be enrolled in a program less than four years in length
- May apply for the freshman year, meaning counselors are likely to be involved in the application process for students entering two-year programs

❖ Maximum award amounts

- SciTech Scholarship \$3,000 per year for up to three years
- Technology Scholarship \$1,000 per year for up to two years

❖ Administration:

- This program is administered by PHEAA in consultation with the PDE and the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Fields of study approved for the program are designated by PDE in consultation with the Pennsylvania WIB.
- The application for the NETS Program and a listing of Approved Programs of Study are available on the PHEAA website at pheaa.org or by calling 1-800-692-7392.

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 2009-10 are tied to allowable variable college cost levels not to exceed:

- \$4,120 per year for full-time students
- \$2,060 per year for part-time students

Limited out-of-state usage:

- \$600 maximum in CT, DE, MA, ME, OH, RI, VT, WV, DC.
- \$400 maximum in all other states, except NY, NJ and MD.
- \$0 in NY, NJ, and MD (with some exceptions for specially approved programs of study).
- \$800 maximum for veterans in all states other than NY, NJ, and MD.

❖ 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.

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, 2010**. 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 Industrial Development Corporation

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

Essay required

Contact your Guidance Counselor for the application

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 Jamila Grant at 1-800-431-2273 or jgrant@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 Minimum

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

Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Scholarships

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.crbc.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
DuBois Business College -	Two \$3,000 scholarships at each campus for full-time study www.dbcollege.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.

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 answering the following question:

A friend of yours was killed in a car crash following a party where alcohol was being served. Their blood-alcohol level was .10. What could you, as a friend, have done to prevent this accident? What can be done as a community to get the message out to your peers that underage drinking and driving is dangerous?

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 January 31, 2010 to be eligible.

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

“Words to be Heard” Scholarship Contest:

Are you a High School Senior?
Could you use \$2,500 toward your college education?

If you answered “Yes” to these questions, ask your Guidance Counselor about participating in this contest!

All you have to do is:

- 1. Complete an application form.**
- 2. Answer the essay question in 1,500 to 2,000 words.**
- 3. Send application and essay by January 31, 2010.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY (PAGE 1)

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, 2010

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, 2010

LEARN MORE: <http://www.evliving.com/2009/01/tillman-military-scholarship/>

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY (PAGE 2)

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, 2010

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

Sherry Jo's Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline: Friday, April 9, 2010

Return Application to: Ms. Susan Hendricks, Guidance Counselor

Sherry Jo's Memorial Scholarship Criteria

- Presented by Sherry Jo's family to a senior student at the Mount Union Area High School that will be attending an institute of higher education.
- Contact: Michele Huntsman 814-643-7280 or sjleonardmemorial@verizon.net.
- Student must complete the application and return by Friday, April 9, 2010 (See Guidance Office for application)
- Amount of award will vary. There will be one or two scholarships presented and the amount will be between \$250 and \$500.
- Student must be accepted at an institute of higher education **and provide verification of the acceptance.**
- Student should exhibit a great attitude, have a strong work ethic, and demonstrate ability to overcome adversity.
- Consideration will be given to students that have demonstrated compassion for others.

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