



# **FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER**

## **DECEMBER 2018**



**A monthly guide listing available scholarships/grants for Seniors planning to attend post-secondary institutions, (trade/technical/business schools, two and four-year colleges and apprenticeship programs).**

**\*Also posted on Schoology/Counseling Page and on the school website\***

**Information regarding the Scholarships listed may be obtained in the Career Resource Center located in the Counseling Office.**

### **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS SPECIFICALLY FOR GRADUATING SENIORS OF CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA**

Conrad Weiser seniors who have been active with community service and exhibit a desire for continued knowledge and education are welcome to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Shown leadership ability is also a requirement. Applications will be judged on neatness and content of essays with a deadline of February 15, 2019.

#### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG VOCATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

This unique program allows graduating high school seniors with vocational interests the opportunity to spend a year in Germany living with a host family, participating in a school or training program, and getting hands-on work experience through an internship with a German company. A special scholarship opportunity, administered by Nacel Open Door, is being offered to 25 U.S. high school seniors to spend their 13<sup>th</sup> year abroad pursuing their vocational interests. Applicants do not have to be familiar with the German language. An intensive two-month training program will help with the language and the culture. Health, liability and accident insurance are paid for in addition to room, board and airfare. Visit [www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org) for additional information. Interested students should consult their counselor for nomination. Completed applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2019.

### **JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Through its Mentoring & Leadership Development Program, the JRF provides scholarships of up to \$30,000 over four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university. Applications are being accepted from November 1, 2018 through February 1, 2019. Visit [www.jackierobinson.org](http://www.jackierobinson.org) to apply.

### **MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

The 2019 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide listing various scholarships, grants and loan opportunities is now available primarily for Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren and members of the Masonic-related youth groups. Past academic performance and achievement is a major factor in determining award recipients, along with the required minimum GPA of 3.0. Further details and scholarship application can be found online at [www.pmyf.org](http://www.pmyf.org), with a deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **MENSA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Senior students enrolled in a degree program in an accredited US institution of higher learning and are willing to write an essay of not more than 550 words explaining his or her career, academic and/or vocational goals are eligible for this scholarship opportunity. Applicants need not be Mensa members. Login to [www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/](http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/) to determine eligibility and download an application. Scholarship process closes January 15, 2019.

### **PA ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING**

This one-year non-renewable award for graduating high school seniors, is intended to support a student's goal of continuing their education. Selection will be based on: academic performance in a college prep curriculum, financial need, commitment to cultural and intellectual diversity, minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of the first semester of senior year. Visit [www.pacac.org](http://www.pacac.org) to apply with a deadline of January 15, 2019.

### **PA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS**

The Hermine Solt Student Scholarship is seeking a high school senior pursuing higher education in a business-related field. Information & applications are available in the Counseling Office with a deadline of February 22, 2019.

### **PENNSYLVANIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

High School seniors who are graduating in 2019 and have been accepted in a hospitality or culinary arts program at an accredited post-secondary institution, are eligible to apply for this scholarship program. Awards range in value from \$500 to \$5,000. Essay required. Visit [www.prla.org/scholarship](http://www.prla.org/scholarship) to apply with a deadline of March 1, 2019.

### **POLONIA PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Polish-American Heritage Association will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior residing in Berks County and can provide evidence that he/she is at least of 25% Polish heritage. Student must be enrolling in either a 2 or 4 year program at an accredited post-secondary educational institution, have a 3.0 GPA, submit an essay, and a project based on Polish history, culture and/or traditions. The application and all required documentation including the project must be received in the PAHABC cultural center at the Goggleworks no later than March 3, 2019.

## **SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS - LEHIGH VALLEY SECTION**

SWE-LV will be awarding scholarships of up to \$5,000 to top prospective female students graduating from area high schools and enrolling in an engineering program at a college or university in the fall of 2019. Recipients are chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular and leadership activities, recommendations, and an essay. Visit <http://lv.swe.org/scholarships.html> for the application and information on applying, with a deadline date of February 10, 2019.

**Keep checking the following websites for free scholarship information:**  
**[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.ScholarshipExperts.com](http://www.ScholarshipExperts.com), and [www.studentscholarships.com](http://www.studentscholarships.com).**

## **SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP**

### **GETTYSBURG COLLEGE**

The Guy L. Moser Scholarship Fund is now available to seniors who currently rank in the top third of their high school class and are planning to major in Political Science, American History or Social Sciences at Gettysburg College. To apply online visit [www.csascholars.org](http://www.csascholars.org). Deadline for submission of all materials is April 30, 2019.

### **SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY**

The John P. McNulty Scholars program, a scholarship program designed specifically for young, academically talented women who are interested in the fields of science and mathematics and exhibit leadership potential, is providing four-year, full tuition scholarships to highly qualified women majoring in the fields of natural science and mathematics. Partial-tuition scholarships are also available to qualifying applicants. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2019.

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**Login to the College/University sites that you apply to in order to get the most current information on Scholarships/Grants and Financial Aid offered through that specific institution! \*\*\***

***REMEMBER... YOU MUST APPLY TO WIN!***

**FINANCIAL AID TIPS OF THE MONTH**

**CONRAD WEISER STUDENT LOAN**

Conrad Weiser seniors who plan to continue education after graduation are eligible to apply for this student loan opportunity. Loan amounts vary each year ranging from \$1500 to \$2500. This loan is not based on financial need and is renewable for all four years of your undergraduate education. No interest is calculated while you are enrolled full-time and for an additional 1-year period thereafter. The CW Student Loan is funded by private donations. No tax money is used for this loan opportunity. Applications are available from the Career Resource Center and must be submitted to Mrs. Beth Shartle in Central Administration by June 15, 2019. **A letter detailing loan amounts and disbursement will be mailed to the applicants after July 1, 2019.**

**SAT Test Date: March 9, 2019**  
**ACT Test Date: February 9, 2019**

**Registration Deadline: February 8, 2019**  
**Registration Deadline: January 12, 2018**

**Fall/Spring SAT & ACT Review Courses at Penn State Berks.**  
**On-line registration: [www.berks.psu.edu/ce/SAT-prep-courses.htm](http://www.berks.psu.edu/ce/SAT-prep-courses.htm) or call 610-396-6225**

**Additional websites for financial aid information:**

- \$ **www.pheaa.org** (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)
- \$ **www.fafsa.gov** (Free application for Federal Student Aid)
- \$ **[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)**