



FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 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

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW POST 6558

One \$500 scholarship is being offered to children/stepchildren of a military veteran who has served or is currently serving in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve). GPA and community involvement are taken into consideration. Deadline to apply is May 11, 2018.

SMALL STEPS

Seniors who plan to continue their education at a two or four-year college or university as well as a trade or vocational school, and have been proactively involved in school community, family or work-related activities are eligible for this \$500 scholarship. Not based on financial need, this scholarship recognizes those students who exhibit a thirst for continued knowledge and education and have persevered through obstacles that get in their way of furthering and bettering themselves because of their strong desire for personal growth. Application deadline is February 23rd.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

BAYER HEALTHCARE - MAKING SCIENCE MAKE SENSE

Bayer Consumer Care's manufacturing site in Myerstown is pleased to offer educational grants to high school seniors who are pursuing higher education in the science, technology, engineering, math or medical fields. Seniors are invited to complete an essay application for a chance to win a \$1,500 award toward their education expenses. Applications are available in the Career Resource Center with a deadline of March 16, 2018.

BENEFICIAL SOCIETY VICTOR EMMANUEL II

If you are of Italian descent and are planning to attend a 4-year accredited institution, you may be eligible for this \$12,000 scholarship, payable at the rate of \$3,000 per year. Applications must be received by the March 15th deadline.

BERKS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Applications are being accepted from graduating seniors who will be continuing their education with the intent of majoring in conservation, environmental science, forestry, agriculture engineering or related studies. Several scholarships are available. An essay is required. Completed applications should be submitted on or before May 16, 2018.

BERKS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

Seniors who plan to attend a two or four-year college and follow a course of study in any division of animal studies, i.e. Biology/Zoology, Animal Behavior, Veterinary Tech, etc., are encouraged to apply for this \$1000 scholarship opportunity. Essay and grade point average of "B" or better are required. Application deadline is April 11th.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT SERVICES OF BERKS COUNTY

Three \$500 scholarships, in loving memory of Dorothy Klausing Bentley, will be awarded to students in good academic standing who are directly related to a breast cancer survivor. Applicants must be planning to attend a two or four-year college/university and demonstrate financial need. Essay required. Application deadline is March 23rd.

CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY

George Mack Memorial Scholarship-This \$2,000 scholarship is being offered to a student who is planning on pursuing a career in law enforcement. A maximum 1500 word essay is required. Application deadline is March 30, 2018.

HAY CREEK VALLEY ASSOCIATION

A \$500 scholarship is available to a high school senior who has documented twenty volunteer hours or more for the Hay Creek Valley Historical Association. A 500 word essay and acceptance letter from the institution they will attend are also needed documentation. Details and applications are available at www.haycreek.org. The deadline to apply is April 15th.

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) believes that the country prospers when all Americans have access to the opportunities a college education can afford. HSF supports students' financial needs by offering scholarship opportunities for deserving Latino High School seniors in addition to various scholarships for students of all heritages. Visit www.hsf.net and click on scholarship programs for graduating high school students for a complete listing of available scholarships and deadline dates.

LATINO COLLEGE DOLLARS

Updated and available FREE online, www.LatinoCollegeDollars.org has complete information on hundreds of scholarships designed to make college more affordable for Latino students.

MERIT SHOP CONSTRUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available to students planning to enroll in a trade school, college or university program that is directly related to a construction career. Visit www.abckeystone.org for the application and all applicable materials needed. The deadline for submission is Friday March 30, 2018.

MUNLEY LAW SCHOLARSHIP

This \$5,000 scholarship is being offered as a tribute to the firm's founder, Bob Munley. Applicants must submit an essay, PowerPoint presentation or video explaining which amendment to the Constitution is the most personally meaningful and why. Visit <https://munley.com/munley-law-scholarship/> for complete details on how to apply. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2018.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

For any blind or visually impaired senior who will be a full-time college student, the National Federation of the Blind will be awarding thirty scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000. In addition, for Pennsylvania residents, the NFB of Pennsylvania grants up to two scholarships each valued at \$1,000. Visit www.nfb.org/scholarships for both national and state applications and eligibility requirements. Application deadline is March 23, 2018.

PAGODA PACERS ATHLETIC CLUB

The Pagoda Pacers Athletic Club of Reading is offering a \$750 scholarship to a senior who participated on their school's cross-country team during their senior year. Essay is required. Deadline to apply is February 21, 2018.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS

This scholarship is being offered to a high school senior planning to further their education in business administration and will be enrolling in at least a two-year post high school educational program. An essay is required. Application must be received by March 29, 2018.

PENNSYLVANIA HEARTLAND HERB SOCIETY

The Pennsylvania Heartland Unit of The Herb Society of America is offering two scholarships to 3rd and 4th year students active within the field of horticulture or a related study. An essay is required. Deadline to apply is March 23, 2018.

PENNSYLVANIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

High School seniors who are graduating in 2018 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 \$1500. Essay required. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or at www.prla.org/scholarship. Applications are due in the Counseling Office on February 23rd.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

PenSPRA has announced that it will present three one-year scholarships worth \$1000 each to worthy Pennsylvania high school students who plan to pursue a career in a communications field (i.e. journalism, English, public relations, advertising, graphic arts, etc.). Applicants should have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA, and have been accepted at or applied to a two or four-year college, vocational-technical school, or other institution of higher learning. Application deadline is March 2nd.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES & PRACTITIONERS

PASNAP is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a senior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Applications are available in the counseling office with a deadline of April 24th.

POLISH-AMERICAN BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BERKS COUNTY

Berks County seniors planning to attend college who have documented proof of at least 25% Polish heritage and have been residents of Berks County for at least four years prior to the date of application, are eligible for ten college scholarships totaling \$25,000. The deadline for applications is March 9, 2018.

SPARK ORTHODONTICS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is being offered to high school seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university in the fall, with a demonstrated record of leadership & community service. The deadline to apply is May 11, 2018.

Keep checking the following websites for free scholarship information:
www.fastweb.com, **www.scholarshipguidance.com**, **www.scholarships.com**,
www.ScholarshipExperts.com, and **www.studentscholarships.org**.

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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 as a 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, 2018. **A letter detailing loan amounts and disbursement will be mailed to the applicants after July 1, 2018.**

SAT Test Date: March 10, 2018
ACT Test Date: April 14, 2018

Registration Deadline: February 9, 2018
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Now is the time to process your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. Details are available at www.fafsa.gov

Additional websites for financial aid information:

- \$ www.pheaa.org (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)**
- \$ www.educationplanner.org**
- \$ www.StudentAid.gov is a new website that provides straightforward and easy-to-understand information about planning and paying for college. The site combines content and interactive tools from several ED websites. As a mobile-optimized website, StudentAid.gov is fully accessible on tablets and smartphones.**