



# **FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019**

**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 15, 2019.

## **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 13, 2019.

## **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 15, 2019.

## **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 20, 2019.

## **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 27, 2019.

## **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](http://www.hsf.net) and click on scholarship programs for graduating high school students for a complete listing of available scholarships and deadline dates.

## **MIKE ROWE WORK ETHIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Former "Dirty Jobs" host Mike Rowe is offering a scholarship program through his charitable foundation that will offer money for skilled jobs training, such as-plumbing, electrical work or welding. The program is looking for the next generation of aspiring workers who will work smart and hard and doesn't focus on test scores, grades, or grammar. Visit <https://www.dontwasteyourmoney.com/mike-rowe-scholarship-trade-schools-apply-now/> For complete information & to apply with a deadline of March 28, 2019.

## **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, 2019.

## **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](http://www.nfb.org/scholarships) for both national and state applications and eligibility requirements. Application deadline is March 31, 2019.

## **PA STATE EMPLOYEE CREDIT UNION 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

PSECU is offering six scholarships, each up to \$8,000, to members graduating high school. Each recipient receives up to \$2,000 per year for up to four years, providing scholarship requirements are met. Visit [PSECU.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://PSECU.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS) for complete details and to apply with a deadline date of February 28, 2019.

### **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, 2019.

### **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 22, 2019.

### **PENNSYLVANIA HEARTLAND HERB SOCIETY**

The Pennsylvania Heartland Unit of The Herb Society of America is offering two scholarships to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students active within the field of horticulture or a related study. An essay is required. Deadline to apply is March 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. Applications are to be submitted online at [www.prla.org/scholarship](http://www.prla.org/scholarship) with a deadline date of March 1, 2019.

### **PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION**

PenSPRA has announced that it will present two 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 February 27, 2019.

### **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 March 22, 2019.

### **PHI DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP**

Phi Delta Kappa is a professional organization for educators and offers both local and international scholarships for high school seniors entering into the field of education. Two cash scholarships will be given at the local level and thousands of dollars nationally in varying number and amounts. Stop by the Counseling Office for complete details on how to apply. The deadline to apply is March 22, 2019.

### **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 20, 2019.

### **SANTANDER ARENA**

Two students who are pursuing or continuing further education in the area of arts or entertainment including but not limited to music, performance art, sports management, entertainment business, music business, etc, will be awarded a scholarship for \$2000 per year for four years, if requirements are met. The criteria to apply is: student must be accepted to a 4 year program of study, a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA, and must show active participation or involvement in activities, clubs, and/or workforce directly related to program of study. Family members of SMG Reading and Berks County Convention Center Authority employees are not eligible. The deadline to apply is March 22, 2019.

### **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 10, 2019.

### **THE SPARKLING ICE FLAVORFUL FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP**

This program will be awarding 5 scholarships of \$5,000 each. Eligible applicants will be evaluated on academic achievement & the creativity of their application, which should showcase what makes them who they are and how they want to contribute their gifts through education. Visit <https://www.flavorfulfutures.com> to apply with a deadline of February 15, 2019.

### **WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF GREATER READING-ALAN MILLER**

This annual scholarship opportunity is being made available from the World Affairs Council of Greater Reading, in memory of Alan Miller, Esquire. Several scholarships will be awarded to Berks County seniors planning to major in international studies, political science, public administration, or other related global studies. Applications are available in the Counseling Office & online at <http://wacreading.org/scholarship> with a deadline of April 8, 2019.

### **WYOMISSING AREA GARDEN CLUB**

This scholarship is available for seniors who plan to further their education in Agriculture, Agronomy, Floriculture, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Botany, Biology (excluding medical), City/Rural/Urban Planning, Conservation, Environmental Concerns, Forestry, Plant Pathology, Wildlife Science, or Land Management. Application deadline is March 22, 2019.

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

## SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

### **READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A large number of scholarships are available on RACC's web page, @ <https://www.racc.edu/admissions/scholarships>. The Presidential Scholarship for Academic Achievement & the Foundation Scholarship being two that will pertain most to students here. Visit the website to view deadline dates and complete information to apply.

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, 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: April 13, 2019**

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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](http://www.fafsa.gov)***

**Additional websites for financial aid information:**

**\$ [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)**

**\$ [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)**

**\$ [www.StudentAid.gov](http://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.**