



FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER JANUARY 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 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

SNYDER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established in memory of Mary Jane Snyder, a third grade teacher for 27 years in the Conrad Weiser School District. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior who plans to major in education, with a preference for elementary education. Preference will also be given to applicants who plan to attend Alvernia University or Penn State University. Visit www.bccf.org between January 15th & March 15th to apply.

WALLBURGA E. WEBER SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Mrs. Weber, a dedicated chemistry teacher for 30 years, this fund will provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Conrad Weiser who will be pursuing a degree to be a school teacher. Preference will be given to applicants who intend to teach in the field of science: biology, chemistry, or physics; but all aspiring teachers are encouraged to apply. Visit www.bccf.org between January 15th & March 15th to apply.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

The East Penn Section of this society will be awarding three \$3,000 scholarships, (the Robert Brown & Robert Donovan Memorial Scholarships), to high school seniors enrolling in a program leading to a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering or Civil & Construction Engineering Technology. The deadline to apply is February 23rd.

BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This foundation administers more than 100 scholarship funds for Berks county students. Most of the scholarships have very specific eligibility criteria. A complete list of scholarships administered by BCCF is available at www.bccf.org. With some exceptions, most countywide applications that require an on-line application will be accepted beginning January 15th and ending March 15th. View their website for a complete list of scholarships they administer and the application deadlines.

CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG VOCATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This unique program allows graduating high school seniors 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 20-25 seniors who have undertaken vocational training to spend their 13th 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 for additional information. Interested students should consult their counselor for nomination. Completed applications must be postmarked by January 31.

EASTERN REGION PSEA SCHOLARSHIP

Five, one-time, \$1,000 awards will be given to a graduating child/stepchild of a PSEA member in each of the five counties represented-Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lehigh, or Northampton-to pursue continuing education beyond high school. The parent/stepparent/guardian of the child must be a dues-paying member in their county. Applications are available in the Counseling Office with a deadline of February 12, 2018.

EPAITDM

The Eastern Pennsylvania Information Technology Data Manager's regional chapter is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors interested in pursuing a career in information technology/computer science. Any high school senior who graduates from a participating school, and who attends at least a 2 year post high school academic or vocation program is eligible. Application deadline is March 9, 2018.

HERMINE SOLT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The PA Association of Educational Office Professionals invites all qualifying students to apply for this \$500 scholarship. It will be given to an eligible senior graduating from a PA High School or Cyber Charter School to be used as either tuition assistance or as a school bookstore credit at any approved 2 or 4 year post secondary institution, college, or university majoring in the business field. Applications are available in the Counseling Office with a deadline of February 23, 2018.

PA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BANKERS

The PACB Foundation is pleased to announce that the PACB Scholarship Fund is awarding \$1,000 renewable scholarships to dependent high school seniors of full-time employees or directors of member financial institutions. Full-time, undergraduate enrollment at only colleges, universities and community colleges will be considered. Essay required. Applications outlining full details can be obtained from the Career Resource Center with a deadline of February 16, 2018.

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

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

With help from a generous grant from the National Science Foundation, Gettysburg College is offering a STEM Scholarship for students interested in: Biology, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Physics. Recipients will have full financial need met for all four years, along with other STEM related opportunities. The deadline for Regular Decision admission (using the Common Application) is January 15th & students should file both the CSS Financial Aid Profile & FAFSA by January 15th. Visit www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/provost/s-stem for more information and application.

***** 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

Registration Deadline: February 9, 2018

ACT Test Date: February 10, 2018

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 or call 610-396-6225

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.