



FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016



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

CONRAD WEISER COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Conrad Weiser seniors who plan to attend college in the fall. Applicants must have accumulated at least 100 hours of community service from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. This is one time that service learning hours may be added to community service hours. One credit equals 90 hours and one-half credit equals 45 hours. Interns, such as TLA and Social Studies, who have accumulated credits with a non-profit organization, may also count their hours. Application deadline is May 4th.

CONRAD WEISER MUSIC ASSOCIATION

In order to be eligible for these scholarship opportunities, applicants must have at least one year participation in an instrumental component (Symphonic Concert Band, Jazz Band, etc.) in addition to one year participation in a vocal component (Mixed Chorus, etc.) during grades 9-12. Scholarship values range from a maximum of \$500 for future music majors or minors to \$250 for all other applicants. Application deadline is April 22, 2016.

CONRAD WEISER RENAISSANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

If you have been a Renaissance Card holder each year while in High School, you may apply for this scholarship. Please stop by the Library starting April 1st to pick up the application. Finished applications are due back in the Library by 3:00 pm on Friday April 15th.

DONALD ZERBE SCHOLARSHIP – WOMELSDORF ROD AND GUN CLUB

A minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships are available to CW seniors who plan to further their education at an accredited college or university. Applicants do not have to live in Womelsdorf to be eligible. College acceptance letter and essay required. Application deadline is April 25th.

HEATH HASSLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of a 2004 Conrad Weiser graduate, this scholarship opportunity is available to students who have overcome or are presently dealing with a medical challenge or hardship. Application deadline is April 15th.

ROBESONIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Conrad Weiser seniors who live in Robesonia and are currently participating in the Berks Career and Technology Center program or pursuing the Military are eligible for a \$500 scholarship through the Robesonia Community Association. If there are no qualified candidates, from the Career and Tech Center/Military consideration will then be given to any senior with a Robesonia mailing address seeking higher education, preferably in a trade-related field. **Deadline is April 15th.**

SCOUTS BASEBALL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF TERRY W. REBER

The CW Baseball Alumni Association is pleased to award this scholarship to a senior player on the baseball team who represents the CW community positively by exhibiting good character and leadership abilities and has been accepted at a college or university for the Fall 2016 semester. Applications can be obtained from Coach Tranquillo. Deadline to submit applications is April 29th.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WERNERSVILLE

The Woman's Club of Wernersville will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a Conrad Weiser senior who will continue his/her education at a two or four-year college or university or technical school. The student must be in the top third of the senior class but not one of the top ten individuals. Essay required. Additional information and application available from the Career Resource Center. Deadline to apply is April 13th.

WERNERSVILLE FAIR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

If you have demonstrated a strong commitment to the community through your volunteer efforts, you are eligible to apply for one of two \$500 awards. This opportunity is available to all graduating seniors whether your plans are to further your education at a 2 or 4-year college or technical school, enter the workforce or join a branch of the US Military. Application deadline is May 13th.

WOMELSDORF AREA WOMEN OF TODAY

Conrad Weiser seniors residing in Womelsdorf who have shown leadership ability in school in addition to community involvement outside of school exceeding the required minimum or twenty hours, are eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited school, emphasis being placed on students pursuing a medical career. Application deadline is April 11, 2016.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

BIG SUN ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP

This \$500 scholarship is being offered to all senior student athletes regardless of which sport they are participating in. Details are available at athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com. Essay required. Deadline to apply is June 17, 2016.

HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION

This association is announcing the first national scholarship program for students seeking to pursue career or technical education in a post-secondary environment. Ten awards will be given in each state with a maximum amount of \$2,500 depending on the length of the program. Scholarship criteria includes: high school completion by the spring of 2016, commitment to pursue & complete a career or technical certificate/degree and US citizenship. Applications are being accepted online March 15-June 1, 2016 at application.horatioalger.org.

JOHN G. BERNHEISER EDUCATIONAL AWARD

In tribute to John's memory, Riverfront Credit Union is selecting ten students to receive a grant of \$750 toward an undergraduate study program at a qualifying institution. To be eligible for this award you must have an active savings account, if not you may open one by May 31, 2016. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, a "B" or 80% is also required. Application deadline is June 6, 2016.

2016 PAT GANTER

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a Berks County High School senior who is active in substance abuse prevention in their school or community. Students must be planning to pursue an education in one of the following areas: human services, behavioral health, social work, addictions studies, criminal justice, or psychology. Essay required. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

READING HOT STOVERS

The Reading Hot Stovers will be awarding \$2000 in scholarships to high school seniors who have been accepted into a 4-year accredited college/university, have played at least two years of baseball or softball at the high school level and be in the top 50% of the graduating class with at least a 2.5 GPA. Applications are available from your coaches and also the Counseling Office, with a deadline to return completed materials by June 8, 2016.

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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, 2016. **A letter detailing loan amounts and disbursement will be mailed to the applicants after July 1, 2016.**

SAT Test Date: June 4, 2016
ACT Test Date: June 11, 2016

Registration deadline: May 5, 2016
Registration deadline: May 6, 2016

Financial Aid information websites

\$ www.pheaa.org

\$ www.fafsa.gov

\$ www.educationplanner.org

Attention Juniors (and Seniors who have not completed their FAFSA): NOW is the time to start your financial aid process! Join the High School Counseling Group (on Schoology) for more information. Use this access code to join...G72PX-P5C59

PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE APPROPRIATE DEADLINE DATES.

REMEMBER...YOU MUST APPLY TO WIN!