



FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015



**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

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 12, 2016.

ELLA M. ECKERT SCHOLARSHIP

This memorial scholarship is being awarded to a senior, each year for four years, provided they major in the field of education. Mrs. Eckert was an elementary teacher at Conrad Weiser for 14 years, and also taught at Bethany for 17 years. She established this award to enable a worthy student to attend college. The deadline to apply is March 23, 2016.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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. Six scholarships will be awarded with the top scholarship amount being \$4,000. An essay is required. Completed applications should be submitted on or before January 4, 2016.

BIG 33 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Big 33 scholarships provide financial assistance to high school seniors who exhibit excellence in a well rounded educational and extracurricular program. Any current high school senior who has attained at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA and is planning to continue education in an accredited institution of higher learning or technical school is eligible. Scholarship applications are available online at www.big33.org starting January 4, 2016 thru February 29, 2016.

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2016 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.

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/ to determine eligibility and download an application. Scholarship process closes January 15, 2016.

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

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP

CLARENCE SCHOCK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors applying for admission as a full-time Freshman to either Kutztown University, Millersville University, Shippensburg University or West Chester University are eligible to apply for this \$6,600 scholarship that is awarded in incremental amounts for up to four years. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on scholastic record and financial need in addition to special talents and contributions to the community. Applications are to be made directly to the participating Universities prior to February 26, 2016. Application details can be found at the participating university's website.

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. Deadline for submission of all materials is 5:00 pm on January 25, 2016.

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

**SAT Test Date: January 23, 2016
ACT Test Date: February 6, 2016**

**Registration Deadline: December 28, 2015
Registration Deadline: January 8, 2016**

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

**Financial Aid Night
High School Auditorium
Monday January 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

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**

The Financial Aid newsletter is available on Schoology. Follow the High School Counseling on Schoology (Access Code G72PX-P5C59) and get Financial Aid information as soon as it becomes available.