



FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 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.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ANGEL DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP

This \$500 scholarship opportunity is available to graduating high school seniors who have lost one or both parents and plan to attend a four-year college or university, majoring in any area. Essay and minimum GPA of 2.7, SAT 1100, ACT 15 Composite/14 Writing is required. Online applications will be accepted at www.angeldolphinscholarship.org with a **deadline of March 21st.**

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 \$1,000 award toward their education expenses. Applications available in the Career Resource Center with a deadline of March 24, 2016.

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.

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 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.

BERKS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE, INC.

Graduating seniors who are residents of Berks County and are preparing to enter the Medical or Allied Health Field and planning to attend a training program or college located in Berks County are eligible to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Award recipients will be based on financial need and academic capability. Deadline to apply is April 20th.

BERKS COUNTY SCHOOL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The BCSHA is offering a \$500 scholarship to two Berks County seniors who are pursuing an education in nursing. Applicant must be entering an NLN or CCNE accredited nursing program and supply a copy of a required letter of acceptance. Application deadline is March 23rd.

CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY

George Mack Memorial Scholarship-This \$1,000 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 28, 2016.

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

This Foundation was organized to promote patriotism and to seek out and nurture the adventurous spirit of young Americans. A 500-word (or less) essay based on an interview with someone who lived during the WW II era is required. SAT scores, class rank and school/community activities are also part of the selection process. This scholarship will award \$1,500 - first place, \$1,000 - second place and \$500- third place. Applications deadline is March 6th.

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.

HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

Multiple scholarships, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$5,000, are available to graduating seniors of Greek descent and also to students who are declared majors in Greek studies, regardless of their heritage. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants with outstanding academic qualifications and financial need who are enrolled full-time at an accredited four-year college or university. Scholarship information and applications can be found online at www.hucphila.org with a deadline of April 2.

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.

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 24th.

PAGODA PACERS ATHLETIC CLUB

The Pagoda Pacers Athletic Club of Reading is offering a \$500 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 22, 2016.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

PenSPRA has announced that it will present six one-year scholarships worth \$500 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 16th.

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 25th.

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. Four cash scholarships will be awarded to seniors in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. Stop by the Counseling Office for more information. Deadline is February 23rd.

SANTANDER ARENA

A maximum of two \$1000 scholarships are being awarded by the Santander Arena Greater Reading Arts & Entertainment to a Greater Reading area high school graduate who is pursuing or continuing further education in the area of arts or entertainment including but not limited to music, performance art, sports management, entertainment business, and music business. 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 24th.

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

SAT Test Date: March 5, 2016
ACT Test Date: April 9, 2016

Registration Deadline: February 5, 2016
Registration Deadline: March 4, 2016

Annual Lebanon Valley Regional College Fair **March 4, 2016 6-7:30 PM @ Lebanon Valley College**

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.**



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Attn: District Counseling Department | Scholarship Department

Below you will find a list of 9 Scholarship Programs that will give out more than 1.5 Million dollars to students in 2016. Students from Pennsylvania school districts are eligible for all of the awards below. To download this newsletter in a PDF, please visit the link below.

* Newsletter is available for Download here:

www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php

1) **ExploraVision Awards** - \$10,000 – 40 Awards (Deadline: February 1, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) All entrants must be United States or Canadian citizens or legal residents, living within the United States, U.S. Territories or Canada and enrolled full-time in a public, private or home school

B) Students must be no older than 21 years of age

C) National Science Teachers Association employees are not eligible for the scholarship.

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9625/exploravision_awards_scholarship.php

2) **Davidson Fellows Scholarships** - \$50,000 – 20 Awards (Deadline: February 10, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Be 18 or younger as of Oct. 1, 2016 and be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States, or a Permanent Resident, or be stationed overseas due to active U. S. military duty. The Davidson Institute is looking for exceptional students with in-depth knowledge of a particular subject.

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8804/davidson_fellows_scholarships_scholarship.php

3) **You Deserve it Scholarship** - \$1,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: February 15, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Apply between 12:00 am on Nov 15th, 2015 and February 15, 2016 Eastern Standard Time and be a resident of any of the 50 United States, District of Columbia or US Territories

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12809/you_deserve_it_scholarship_scholarship.php



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4) Shell Oil Company Technical Scholarship - \$2,500 – 20 Awards (Deadline: March 3, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Be a graduating high school seniors enrolling in engineering or geosciences. Upon successful completion of first year studies and other criteria established by Shell, the recipient may be eligible to apply to receive a four-year renewable award of \$5,000 annually.

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10151/shell_oil_company_technical_scholarship_scholarship.php

5) American Foreign Service Association Scholarship - \$5,000 – 77 Awards (Deadline: March 6, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Be a high school senior (or in their last year of high school) graduating in 2016.

B) Be a child of a Foreign Service employee.

C) Maintain a satisfactory academic record (cumulative 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale).

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8860/afsa_scholarship_program_scholarship.php

6) Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: March 30, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on March 30th, 2016

B) Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the March 30th, 2016 deadline.

C) Have at least one full year of post secondary studies remaining at the time of the award.

D) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9919/odenza_marketing_group_scholarship_scholarship.php



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7) Signet Classics Student Scholarship - \$1,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: April 14, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Be a student in 11th or 12th grade and be a full-time matriculated student who is attending a high school located in the fifty United States and the District of Columbia.

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8875/signet_classics_student_scholarship_essay_contest_scholarship.php

8) Global Lift Equipment Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: June 15, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Be currently attending or planning on attending a post-secondary institution in Canada or the US by no later than the Fall of 2016.

B) Submit a short story. Detailed instructions can be found on the application page.

C) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

Applications can be found by going to:

<http://www.usedforkliftspennsylvania.com/>

9) SP Scholarship - \$10,000 – 10 Awards (Deadline: June 15, 2016)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) At least 13 years old and enrolled or will enroll in a college or university in the US.

B) A legal resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico.

Edvisors has given away more than \$650,000 to students through this scholarship program.

Applications can be found by going to:

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13400/sp_scholarship_scholarship.php

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