



FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 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.

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 \$500 award toward their education expenses. Applications available in the Career Resource Center with a deadline of March 4, 2015.

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 8th.

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 10th.

BERKS COUNTY SCHOOL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The BCSHA is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Berks County senior who is 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 April 17th.

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 20th.

BUICK ACHIEVERS

Multiple scholarship awards, ranging in value from \$2000 non-renewable to \$25,000 renewable for four years, are available to high school seniors who are dedicated both in and out of the classroom. If you have the passion to succeed and plan to enroll full time at a four-year college or university, majoring in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry, this opportunity is for you. All applications must be submitted online at www.buickachievers.com with a deadline of February 27th. (* Note the corrected deadline date!)

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 20, 2014.

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.

METRO BANK – CASH FOR COLLEGE

Cash for College is a community service from Metro Bank which intends to award high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional appreciation for community service with a \$2,500 cash gift to help pay for college expenses. Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vo-tech school for the upcoming 2014 fall term. Application deadline is March 6th.

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 18, 2015.

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 3rd.

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 22nd.

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 20th.

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 17th

UNITED STEELWORKERS - HUGH CARCELLA SCHOLARSHIP

High School seniors who are members in good standing, or the child or legal ward of a member of a United Steelworkers, District 10 local union, are eligible to apply for one of six, four year scholarships, each with a total value of \$4,000 (\$1000 per year). The scholarships will be available for use in an accredited college or university that the winner wishes to attend. Applications may be obtained, upon request, from participating local unions. Application deadline is March 6th to the Career Resource Center.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER READING-BERKS COUNTY

- **Key Club Scholarship:** This monetary award will be presented to selected senior members in good standing of Key Clubs sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Reading-Berks County, who will be attending a college, university, or technical/trade school in the fall of 2015.
- **Key Club Community Service Scholarship:** This scholarship is a \$1000 monetary award presented to a current Key Club or former Key Club member in good standing who will be furthering their education in the fall of 2015 at an institute of higher education (college, university, or technical/trade school located in Berks County, PA
- **Trade/Technical School Scholarship:** This \$100 award is available to graduating seniors who will be attending a trade or technical school in the fall of 2015. Membership in the Key Club is not a requirement.
Applications can be done online @ www.pkfonline.org. The deadline to apply is April 1st.

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, 2015. **A letter detailing loan amounts and disbursement will be mailed to the applicants after July 1, 2015.**

SAT Test Date: March 14, 2015
ACT Test Date: April 18, 2015

Registration Deadline: February 13, 2015
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Annual Lebanon Valley Regional College Fair
March 6, 2015 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.**