

PSBA Scholarship Criteria

- Must be planning to attend a 2 or 4-year college/university after graduation
- Must submit the following items: essay, cover letter, resume, unofficial high school transcript, two letters of recommendation
- Must also get a joint nomination letter from district superintendent and school board president (students are responsible to contact them on their own!)
- Please email Mrs. Storms (gregory.payton@pybears.org) if you have any questions!

Please include a 300- to 400-word essay discussing what it means to be a leader today and how you plan on growing your leadership skills beyond high school.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements are fulfilled by the deadline, or your application can not be considered. All submissions are due by Friday, March 14, 2025 at 5PM. Each award is a one-time scholarship. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Questions about the scholarship process and requirements should be submitted to scholarship@psbatrust.org.

PSBA Trust Scholarship #1

The Frerichs Scholarship

\$2,500 or \$5,000

Deadline: March 14, 2025

Seniors planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in education at a Pennsylvania State System School



2024 Winners

The PSBA Trust's Frerichs Scholarship was awarded to senior Delmont Hollis from Everett Area School District. As National Honor Society chapter president, as well as a tutor and community service volunteer, Del has excelled academically and in leadership. He has participated in numerous extracurricular activities and service projects. As a participant in the Senior Challenge Program, Del spends part of the school day with the Life Skills Class, assisting teachers with lesson plans and students with classwork. As a Life Skills Support Summer Camp leader, he worked with students with severe disabilities, helping teach and coordinate activities and trips. These experiences have reinforced his interest in pursuing a degree in special education, which he plans to do this fall at Shippensburg University.



Lauren Lafferty, a senior in Bedford Area School District, has been awarded the PSBA Trust's Frerichs Scholarship. As class valedictorian, Laney has excelled academically and as a leader during her high school tenure. She has mentored and tutored young students in an afterschool program, worked part time, and shadowed a licensed educator to learn teaching skills, all while completing her studies. She also has exhibited livestock as part of the 4-H program as well as participated in other extracurricular and community service activities. In the fall, she plans to attend Shippensburg University to pursue a degree in early childhood education with a minor in counseling, in preparation to become a teacher. In her application statement, Laney said she looked forward to having her own class of students because it would give her "more opportunities to be a positive role model and leader."

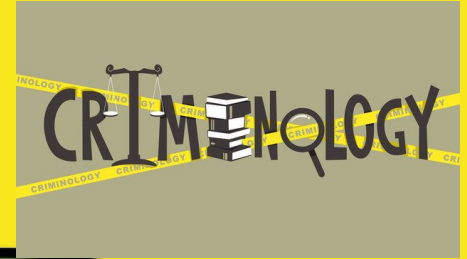


PSBA Trust Scholarship #2

The Marcus Scholarship
\$2,500 or \$5,000

Deadline: March 14, 2025

Seniors planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in public safety, criminology, forensics, or other law-enforcement/safety majors



2024 Winner

The PSBA Trust's Marcus Scholarship was presented to senior Carson Hajec from Northwestern School District. Throughout his high school tenure, Carson has proven to be a dedicated student and leader. A member of the National Honor Society, he is a team leader for the school's state qualifying Mock Trial Team, and a recent state qualifier for the Future Business Leaders of America. In addition, he has participated in numerous extracurricular activities while working part time, and recently organized a volunteer opportunity for students at a local food bank. He plans to pursue a double major in criminal intelligence analysis and political science, intelligence and national security studies at the University of Akron this fall.



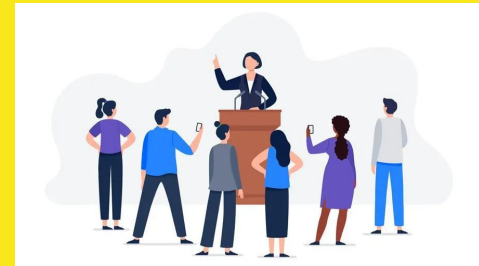
PSBA Trust Scholarship #3

The H.H. Quimby Scholarship

\$2,500 or \$5,000

Deadline: March 14, 2025

Seniors who have served as a student representative to their local school board during their high school academic career and are planning to pursue a degree focused on policy, political science, advocacy, or non-profit management



2024 Winner

The PSBA Trust's Quimby Scholarship was presented to senior Lauren Livengood from Lampeter-Strasburg School District. Lauren is a clear leader, achieving academically and representing her fellow classmates to the school board, as well as serving as Senior Class president and as co-president of the local chapter of the National Honor Society. She has also served on the executive committee for Mini-THON, and has participated in multiple extracurricular activities while working part time. On her application for this scholarship, she voiced her goal to “act as a positive force in the world” and cited her many leadership positions as having helped her develop communication skills, humility and an open mind. After graduation, Lauren plans to major in political science with minors in educational studies and public policy.



PSBA Trust Scholarship #4

The Swope Scholarship
\$2,500 or \$5,000

Deadline: March 14, 2025

Seniors who are planning to pursue
a bachelor's degree in the arts



2024 Winners

Caelyn Storms, a senior from Antietam School District, has been awarded the PSBA Trust's Swope Scholarship. Not only is Cae an outstanding student academically as a member of the National Honor Society, she also excels as an award-winning artist in a variety of forms. As president of the Antietam Art Club, she manages the group's activities and enjoys encouraging younger artists to develop their skills. She also participates in ARTietam, a community service public art team. A competitive figure skater, she coaches younger students as part of the U.S. Figure Skating Learn-to-Skate program. On her application for this scholarship, Cae expressed her desire to "be a person that others can turn to in times of uncertainty" and who "empowers others to do, be and give their best." Cae has been accepted to the prestigious Savannah College of Art and Design, where she will be pursuing a degree in the fall.



Wilson School District senior Meghan Cramer was a recipient of the PSBA Trust's Swope Scholarship. Over her high school tenure, Meghan has excelled as a leader both academically and artistically. As a percussion section leader for the high school marching band, vice president of concert choir, and a student instructional aide in an elementary school music classroom, she has honed her ability to lead peers and younger students, which helped her identify a passion for teaching. She has been a part of numerous extracurricular activities and music ensembles, both vocal and instrumental, and is a National Honor Society member. In her recommendation letters, her teachers praised her intuitive leadership skills, musical ability and attentiveness to the individual needs of students she has worked with as a student aide. After graduation, she will attend West Chester University to pursue a degree in music education and plans to grow her skills in the many musical ensembles available there.



Link to Apply



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