

Unionville High School Senior Awards Night Scholarships 2025



DETAILS

Every spring, Unionville High School proudly hosts the Senior Awards Program, bringing together students, teachers, parents, community members, and scholarship representatives to celebrate the achievements of our graduating seniors. This special evening honors students who have been awarded scholarships for their academic excellence and civic contributions.

At Unionville High School, we believe in the transformative power of education. These scholarships are designed to support outstanding students who are committed to making a meaningful impact through learning.

This year's Senior Awards Evening is scheduled for **May 22nd**.

If you would like to be considered for one of the scholarships presented at Senior Awards Night, please review the available opportunities and their eligibility criteria on the following pages. Application links are provided for your convenience.

We encourage all eligible students to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lauder in the Counseling Center at klauder@ucfsd.net.

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted by Friday, **March 14th**, by the end of the school day. Late applications will not be considered.

The Abby Miller Memorial Scholarship

Award Amount - \$5,000

Anyone can apply

Abby Miller was a Unionville High School student who was killed in a local car accident on June 13th, 2008. The Abby Miller Memorial Scholarship is given in her honor each year to a student who embodies her kind spirit and positive attitude - or "Abbytude".

Students must complete an essay describing how they demonstrate "Abbytude" and must also submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, friend or peer.

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The Applestone Foundation Scholarship

The Applestone Foundation Scholarship was started by a local family interested in helping students from Kennett High School and Unionville High School in their post-secondary endeavors. Students must demonstrate financial need by submitting their Student Aid Report from the FAFSA. Students must be planning to attend either a 2-year or 4-year college.

Several winners are chosen each year, and each one receives \$3,000.

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E. Kneale Dockstader Scholarship

Award Amount - \$4,000

Must plan to major in Environmental Science or Environmental Engineering or related field.

In honor of E. Kneale Dockstader's commitment to the communities in Southern Chester County and to further his goals for environmental improvement. Applicants must intend to pursue a degree in environmental science or environmental engineering or related course of study. Applicants will be evaluated on their academic record, financial need, citizenship and essay.

[Click Here for Application](#)

Emma E. Hill Memorial Scholarship

Award Amount - \$5,000

Anyone female who is involved with UHS Athletics can apply

Emma Hill was an excellent student as a sophomore at Unionville High School (UHS). She loved to swim and was a dedicated member of the UHS swim team. As a younger child and teenager, Emma excelled on the ballfield in URA softball. At the young age of 16, Emma passed away following complications from a rare type of gastric cancer. Throughout Emma's brief illness, she was strong and determined to get better, and did not let her health issues define her in any way.

The Emma E. Hill Memorial Scholarship was established to memorialize Emma by helping female athletes pursue their dreams of a college education. The scholarship award will be granted on an annual basis to a graduating UHS female athlete. Factors including financial need and academic merit during their high school career will be considered in selecting the recipients.

Emma was beautiful in every sense of the word, and was loved throughout her community and beyond. She worked hard at whatever she was trying to accomplish, but always with a cheery, exuberant attitude and lovely smile. More than anything, her absolute kindness and warm heart are what made Emma our sweet girl. To learn more about Emma, please click [here](#).

Applicant Requirements:

The recipient of this scholarship must be a graduating senior female athlete from Unionville-Chadds Ford School District. Selection is based on a student's academic and athletic record; in addition, examples of personal qualities that the student shares with those Emma exemplified in her life, including kindness, perseverance and sense of community, will be considered. Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA to apply.

Applicants will also need to submit an essay on the following prompt: Emma was a dedicated student athlete with a kind heart and enthusiastic approach to life. Describe what your experience as a UHS athlete means to you and what it has taught you to help prepare for life after high school.

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Hood's BBQ Culinary Scholarship

Award Amount - \$1,000

Must plan to major in Culinary Arts or related field.

A \$1,000 award will go to a deserving senior with proven academic ability who plans to pursue further education at a 2- or 4-year college in the area of Culinary Arts.

Requirements:

- Intent to study Culinary Arts, Culinary Management, or related field at a 2- or 4-year college
- Minimum GPA of 2.0

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The Kennett Area Democrats "Be the Change" Award

Award Amount: \$1,000

The Kennett Area Democrats is an organization dedicated to promoting and living the Democratic principles of "Freedom, Fairness and Opportunity". In promoting the ideals of an engaged electorate KAD is recognizing three seniors, one from each of our local school districts, Avon Grove, Kennett Consolidated and Unionville-Chadds Ford, who best represent the ideal of the "Be the Change" Award, someone who has demonstrated making meaningful social change during their high school years.

This will be a \$1,000 award given upon graduation to contribute to your ongoing education and will include a letter commending the contributions made. Our goal is to recognize you who have made a difference in your community.

Requirements to apply:

1. Submit an 800 word essay that describes what you have done to make a difference. Describe the positive social changes made by your project, initiative, or actions. Provide specific examples of your accomplishments and how these accomplishments impacted the community. The exact nature of your Be The Change initiative is broadly defined, more than anything, your actions should demonstrate how you changed the lives of the people in that community. Finally, include how you will carry on with your endeavors to Be The Change in your future.
2. A list or resume that demonstrates a commitment to your community, such as other community service activities and involvement.
3. Include a copy of your acceptance from the school or program that you will be attending. Or, alternatively, if you plan a 'gap year', you should provide specific information about how you plan to advance your path forward.

NOTE 1: We are looking for a commitment more compelling than a building project, true change agents will leave something behind that carries on a spirit or cause.

NOTE 2: Please note that the winners essay will be read by members of Kennett Area Democrats, and elements of the winning essay may be used in the awards night presentation speech.

Requirements if Awarded:

1. Within a week of receiving the BTC Award recipient must Contact Eric Matuszak (ericm146@yahoo.com) to arrange to attend one of our KAD meetings to meet the donors.
2. KAD would like a photo and a letter describing in brief what the award means to you.

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Kennett Lodge No. 475 Scholarship

Award Amount - \$500

Anyone can Apply

Kennett Lodge No. 475 has been meeting ever since July 7, 1870. Over that span, it has established a tradition of supporting and initiating funding for civic projects such as scholarships to local students. To continue that tradition, Kennett Lodge No. 475 will again offer scholarships to one student at both Kennett High School and Unionville High School.

This year the successful recipients of the Kennett Lodge No. 475 High School Scholarship Award will be the graduating student who has been active as a volunteer in their community and shown a strong commitment to continuing their education. Clear goals are important to success and may be demonstrated with strong communication skills.

Candidates are required to compose an essay of not more than 500 words relating their high school achievements, volunteerism, plans for post-graduation education, and relatives, if any, in their family history who have been affiliated with the worldwide organization known as the Freemasons.

The successful recipient of the Kennett Lodge No. 475 High School Scholarship Award is expected to make a sincere attempt to be available for a presentation and photos in the Lodge to be scheduled prior to leaving to continue their education. This event is both a celebration to which recipients' families are invited, but also for the benefit of the Members of Kennett Lodge No. 475, historical documentation, and public announcement to the community.

[Click Here for Application](#)

U-CF Education Foundation "Most Improved Senior" Scholarship

Award Amount - \$1,000

Anyone can Apply

Every year the Unionville-Chadds Ford Education Foundation (UCFEF) awards a \$1,000 scholarship for the "Most Improved Senior." The counseling office, along with the Unionville High School Administration reads the essays and determines the senior most deserving of the scholarship.

Improvement may be in:

- Academics
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Personal Life
- Social Life and/or
- Career Aspirations

[Click Here for Application](#)

U-CF Education Foundation "Technical Trade" Scholarship

Award Amount - \$1,000

Must be attending a Technical or Trade School to apply.

Unionville-Chadds Ford Education Foundation (UCFEF) will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a student that wishes to attend a two-year or four-year vocational or trade school. The counseling office, along with the Unionville High School Administration reads the essays and determines the senior most deserving of the scholarship.

Applicants must provide:

- 2.0 G.P.A. -Guideline – not a requirement
- One letter of recommendation from a technical school teacher (either TCHS or UHS) or from your personal choice (teacher, mentor, employer- not a family member)

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Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Community Scholarship

Amount: Varies (*typical average is between \$1,000 and \$1,400 per winner*)

Multiple winners selected

Anyone can apply

The UCFSD Community Scholarship is a community and PTO-funded grant that celebrates and rewards students who demonstrate the characteristics of the [UHS Portrait of a Graduate](#), the attributes that each graduate strives to embody as they leave UCFSD and move on to other endeavors.

The three equally-weighted criteria for selecting recipients are:

- 1) Academic achievement as exhibited through the achieved GPA (weighted, as in PowerSchool) at the close of the applicant's junior year
- 2) Community impact as exhibited through on and off-campus involvement and activities
- 3) Embodiment of the UCFSD Portrait of a Graduate: Be Inspired to Learn, Succeed in Life, Contribute to Society, Take Care of Yourself, Build Your Character, as explained in the application essay

The grant is for the first year of post-secondary work only and will be applied directly towards associated costs (e.g., tuition, room, board). As many grants will be made annually as the treasury of the Community Scholarship can support.

Best of luck and thank you to all applicants for your contributions to the UCFSD community.

[Click Here for Application](#)
