

POTTSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2026

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET



PREPARED BY:

THE POTTSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Dear Senior and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In this booklet you will find a list of scholarships available to the Class of 2026.

Scholarship categories: 1) Due to the Guidance Office, 2) Due online, & 3) Due via US mail.

Please read each scholarship description & criteria carefully. Be very mindful of the deadlines!! Remember if you are mailing a scholarship on your own, and it needs a transcript, you must give Guidance at least 10 days to prepare it for you, so request it early.

All scholarship applications listed in this booklet are available in Guidance. *If you are Full-Virtual and do not have access to a printer, please contact the Guidance office and we will assist you in getting the copies you need.*

Some helpful tips:

WATCH THE DEADLINES. Make a calendar or a reminder system to guide you with your deadlines.

Deadlines are not extended for any reason.

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS on each application. They are all different so read each one carefully. (If they ask for a 300 word essay, don't go over that number.)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1 – Do not ask for a letter if you don't need it or change your mind on applying for a scholarship.

Your teachers or recommenders put a great deal of effort into these letters so please do not have them do this if you are not in need or have changed your mind.

2- It is a good idea to ask someone early, however, **ONLY** do this if you are 100% sure you will be applying for that scholarship.

3- If you asked someone for a letter of recommendation for college admission, it is okay to ask them for a scholarship, please ask them to change the wording from admission to scholarship.

4- If you are asking someone for a recommendation, please always ask if they are comfortable to do a positive letter for you and provide them with a list of your activities or accomplishments (a resume if you have it is ideal) If they are extremely busy don't take it to heart, please ask someone else.

5- A counselor recommendation is an acceptable recommendation as one of your teacher recommendations.

RESUMES

Resumes are a list of your activities and accomplishments. If you have one or develop one, check to see if the scholarship application will allow you to write "see attached" where they are asking for your activities. This will save you time and look amazing!! Please visit <https://www.resume-now.com> for samples.

FAFSA - Everyone going to a post-secondary school should fill out the FAFSA. Go to www.fafsa.gov to do this. If you need help, please call either of these FAFSA experts for *free* help:

Tiffanie A. DeVan,
PHEAA- Pennsylvania School Services
Business Cell: 717.884.2200
Email: tdevan@pheaa.org
OR
Educational Opportunity Centers, Inc.
Phone: (570) 454-6161
Email:

www.eocinc.org



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

HELEN REBER HILTON SCHOLARSHIP aka SUSAN IDA FAUST REBER AND JOHN REBER SCHOLARSHIP

A. Qualifications:

1. Must live within the POTTSVILLE CITY LIMITS.
2. Must be accepted for post high school education – business, technical, trade, or nursing school, junior or community college, or 4 year college or university.
3. Must have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average through the latest fall term.
4. Applicants may be high school seniors or college students.
5. Applicants must display worthiness in character and financial need.

B. Applications:

1. The Guidance Office **WILL NOT Mail** these applications! Therefore, sealed transcripts must be requested at least **10** days prior to mailing. Applications are going to South Carolina, so give yourself plenty of time to mail it.
2. Applications are completed at www.csascholars.org/hltn **beginning February 9, 2026**
3. **DEADLINE IS MAY 6, 2026.**
4. Applicants must submit a teacher recommendation. (Form is available online).
5. Students/families are responsible to provide the following information:
 - a. A sealed recommendation form
 - b. Essay (no more than 1page detailing high school experiences and college plans)
 - c. A signed copy of the parents' Federal Tax 1040 and W-2 forms for 2024
 - d. You must request an official transcript from the Guidance Office.
 - e. All documents, including transcript, must be enclosed in one envelope.
 - f. **W9 form** – on your application you will be required to fill out this form and mail it to the scholarship company. You may feel this doesn't apply – fill it out to the best of your ability and mail with your documents.

6. Questions may be directed to:
Ellen Holder
Center for Scholarship Administration
4320-G Wade Hampton Blvd
Taylors SC 29687
(864) 268-3363 (Office)
(864) 268-7160 (Fax)

Email: ellen@csascholars.org

All documents must be enclosed in one envelope.

- B. It should be noted that you need to reapply every year that you are in a post high school program and your college transcript must be submitted annually.
- C.

SNAYBERGER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION GRANTS

- A. Qualifications:
 - 1. First preference is given to students whose parents or grandparents were employed at the former Walk-In Shoe Company during Mr. Snayberger's life time.
 - 2. Must file the FAFSA. Applicants must also submit a Financial Release form to the college.
 - 3. Grants are based on the student's unmet need.
- B. Applications:

When applications become available in Guidance, you will be notified via Google Classroom.
Mid-January it is available.
Megan MacConkey at Wilmington Trust/NY is in charge of this scholarship.

*******The Guidance Office will NOT mail out this application. If transcripts are required, please request your transcript 10 days prior to the date you will mail or submit your application.**

ELMER S. AND FRANCIS R. CHRIST SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Qualifications:
 - 1. Minimum grade point average of 3.0.
 - 2. Must be accepted to a college, university, or other institution of higher learning.
 - B. Selection:
 - 1. These scholarships are based on need, academic performance, community service, civic involvement, diligence, and reputation.
 - C. Applications:
 - 1. Applications will be available in Guidance.
 - 2. Completed applications must be submitted to the **Guidance Office by March 19, 2026.**
 - 3. **A COPY OF THE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE YOU RECEIVE FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**
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EVELYN FAUST SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Qualifications:
1. This scholarship is available for **FEMALE STUDENTS ONLY**.
 2. Applicant must attend a four-year baccalaureate program.
 3. Award is based on financial need in conjunction with achievement in academics and extra-curricular activities.
- B. Applications:
1. Applications will be available in Guidance.
 2. Completed applications must be returned to the **Guidance Office by March 19, 2026**.
 3. Class Rank and Highest SAT Score must be listed by applicant.
 4. **A COPY OF THE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE YOU RECEIVE FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**
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DICK L. YUENGLING, JR. CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

1. Senior must have a GPA of at least a **2.6**
 2. Senior accepted to a post-secondary institution full-time in Fall 2026
 3. Must maintain a 2.0 throughout post-secondary school for scholarship to be renewed for later semesters
 4. Must exhibit school/community service
 5. Must exhibit financial need (2024 copy of W-2 form to be provided)
 6. Essay included
 7. Applications will be available in Guidance.
 8. Official transcript from the Guidance office
 9. Must be completed and returned to the Guidance Office.
- Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026**
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SOL LIPTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sol Lipton Scholarship is awarded based on a combination of Need and Academic merit.

1. All information provided as part of this Application will be kept confidential.
2. Proof of acceptance to an accredited school should be attached to the Application
3. Two Letters of Recommendation.
 - a.) One Academic Reference and One Community Reference
4. A typed Essay no longer than one page should accompany the Application. Applicants should use their essays to reflect on what involvement in community activities mean to them.
5. Follow the Checklist procedure on last page and only use your initials as a signature.
6. All forms should be emailed to RBL4@psu.edu and the Guidance Office cstasulli@pottsville.k12.pa.us of your high school by April 25, 2025.
7. Award will be presented at Graduation.
8. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS TO ABOVE EMAIL: April 10, 2026**

NORMA LIPTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARTS & HUMANITIES

Same application as above.

To be eligible, student must be majoring in a Fine Arts related field.

Deadline is April 10, 2026.

Schuylkill Choral Society Award

The Schuylkill Choral Society is offering a \$500 award to be given to one Senior from Schuylkill County. Students who wish to be considered, must complete the attached application and meet the following criteria:

- Be a Senior graduating in 2026.
 - Be a current member of their school choral program.
 - Be a member of their school choral program for at least two years.
 - Be recommended by the high school choral director.
 - Be involved in Community Service.

A judging panel from the Schuylkill Choral Society will make the selection which will be announced at the May 2026 Anniversary Concert of the Schuylkill Choral Society.

Applications must be submitted to the **Guidance office no later than March 19, 2026** so that they may be sent to the Choral Society by their deadline.

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Qualifications:

1. These awards are given to graduating seniors based on merit.
2. Applications are available in Guidance.
3. Class Rank and Highest SAT Score must be listed by applicant.
4. Completed applications are to be returned to the Guidance Office.
5. **A COPY OF YOUR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER MUST BE ATTACHED.**

Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026

DR. WALTER BACON MEMORIAL AWARD

A. Qualifications:

1. This award is given to a graduating senior based on merit and need.
2. Applications are available in Guidance.
3. Class Rank and Highest SAT Score must be listed by applicant.
4. Completed applications are to be returned to the Guidance Office
5. **A COPY OF YOUR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER MUST BE ATTACHED.**

Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026

WENDY NABHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A. Qualifications:

1. Student must be a Pottsville Area High School graduating senior who will continue his or her education at the college level and major in **Education, including Special Education**.
2. Graduating senior must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

B. Applications:

1. Applications are available in Guidance.
 2. Applicant must complete an application and submit an essay, 500 words or less, on One of the following topics:
 - a. Name a person in your life who has made a positive impact on you.
 - b. Name an event in your life that has impacted your life in some way.
 - c. What is the importance or changes you would like to see in educating our future students.
 3. Completed application and essay due in the Guidance Office by: **MARCH 19, 2026**
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DR. BRAUN MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Qualifications:

1. Applications are available in Guidance.
 2. This award is given to a graduating senior in the upper third of their class.
 3. First preference is given to students who matriculate in the music department of Lebanon Valley College.
 4. Second preference is given to students who matriculate in the music department of any other private accredited degree granting institution.
 5. **A COPY OF THE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER MUST BE ATTACHED.**
 6. Completed applications are to be returned to the Guidance Office. **Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026**
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CHARLES H. DAUBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Charles H. Daubert Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate, who participated in the **Pottsville Boys Biddy Basketball League** and plans to pursue higher education at a college/university, trade school or enter military service. Applicants should volunteer in their community. (Preference may be given to an applicant from the Fifth Ward of Pottsville if they meet all other criteria.) The scholarship award will be \$500.

Applications available in Guidance.

Return applications to the Guidance Office
Application Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, INC.

INA C. CALVIN MEMORIAL AWARD & EILEEN KLOTZ MEMORIAL AWARD

Ina C. Calvin Memorial Award, in memory of our dedicated employee, Ina C. Calvin and **EILEEN KLOTZ Memorial Award**, in memory of our dedicated employee, Eileen Klotz

Qualifications:

- A. Any high school graduating student, continuing with higher education may apply by downloading the application from the Child Development website: <https://childdevelopment.org/memorial-awards-2/>
- B. Student must have attended a Child Development, Inc. early education center or home base program.
- C. An unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application.

Scottie Glunz Memorial Award - The Application for the *Child Development, Inc. Award in Memory of Scottie Glunz* for Pottsville High School Seniors Only.

Deadline: March 2, 2026 by Child Development

WILLIAM J. AND DORA J. KALNOSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND -ART, ARCHITECTURE OR RELATED FIELDS- 25/26

Applications will be sent to the PAHS *in approximately February 2026* and made available for any student planning to major in **Art or Architecture**. Applications must be submitted to the trust department at First Columbia Bank in Bloomsburg **by April (TBA), 2026**. Contact: Chris Zanis @ 570-784-1660

Applications require 1 letter of recommendation, copy of acceptance letter, an essay, Transcript, and photo of art work is accepted but not required.

- **You are required to mail out this application. Transcripts are required. Please request your sealed transcript 10 days prior to the date you will mail or submit your application.**

50/50 FRANK TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

The family of Mr. Frank Schuettler, known with great admiration as 50/50 Frank, is proud to offer the **PAHS Class of 2026 "50/50 Frank" Team Spirit Award**. The entire scholarship award criteria was chosen by Frank. His family will receive applications without student names so the entire process will be fair and unbiased. Roll Tide!

Requirements:

- *Must have attended PAHS for all four years of high school.
- *Must be or have been on the Honor Roll each year.
- *Must submit an essay detailing the sport(s) they have played throughout your life and answer the following question: What does "Team Spirit" mean to you and why is it important? How have you shown team spirit during your time playing sports for Pottsville Area?
- *Applications available in Guidance

Deadline: MARCH 19, 2026

THE SCHUYLKILL COUNT QUILTERS GUILD AWARD

\$1,000.00 Award for ONE Senior from Schuylkill County who has an interest or experience in creative textiles. Interested students should submit a letter of application to the address on the application outlining their interests and/or experiences with textiles. Credentials can include but are not limited to: textiles in art class, working with costumes for a school or community play, community service involving textiles. Application details are available in Guidance.

- **Deadline: February TBD, 2026 (postmark)**
- **Mail application to: Schuylkill County Quilters Guild**
PO Box 85
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION **GRADUATION AWARD APPLICATION**

Volunteering with a fire station is vitally important to our community. First responders are not only helping their fellow citizens in a time of need but they help the station with crucial sustainability needs. We know that many of our students volunteer with various fire departments throughout Schuylkill County. Some of these departments send monetary awards to be presented during the Graduation Ceremony to the students who volunteer with their departments. If you volunteer with a local fire department, please fill out this application and have the Captain of your Fire Department sign it to verify your participation. *****Not all fire stations provide awards to the school. This application will help the graduation award committee verify those who do so that any award sent to the school are awarded as instructed by the sending company.**

Applications available in Guidance.

Deadline: Return this application to Guidance by March 19, 2026

SCOTT BEDFORD MEMORIAL AWARD

The Educational Award is presented to a deserving STC senior who exemplifies leadership, service and dedication to their school and community. The recipient will receive \$1,000 to support their future educational endeavors.

****Please attach an essay answering one of the following questions, a Senior PHOTO, your acceptance letter, and return to everything to the Guidance Office by March 19, 2026. Applications are available in Guidance.**

*****The recipient's Senior photo will be published on the scholarship committee's social media.**

1. Tell us about a contribution you've made to your school and/or community
 2. Tell us about a time when you stepped up as a leader
 3. Tell us why you deserve this scholarship
 4. Why did you pick your major and/or college?
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ST. CLAIR AREA SCHOOL BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

- A. Qualifications:
1. Must be a resident of the St. Clair Area School District.
 2. Students are judged on academic standing, attendance, financial need, character, and contributions to community and school.
- B. Applications:
1. Applications will be available in Guidance as soon as Saint Clair SD opens up the scholarship.
 2. Official Transcript required.
 3. Applications need to be returned to the Guidance Office.

Deadline is March 19, 2026.

KATHLEEN M. REIBER MEMORIAL ST. CLAIR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- A. Qualifications:
1. Applicants must have received his/her basic education (Kindergarten through eighth grade) in the St. Clair Elementary School.
 2. Students must be accepted by a two or four year post-secondary institution.
 3. Applicants should be involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrate financial need.
- B. Applications:
1. Applications are available in Guidance.
 2. Official Transcript required.
 3. Completed applications must be returned to the Guidance Office.

Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026

PETER "PETE" & EMILY KEITSOCK (Class of "55) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 1) Given to a Pottsville Area High School graduating senior for use as financial assistance in the pursuit of higher education, defined as but not limited to, college, trade school, accredited business school or technical institute.
 - 2) Participation in at least one sport all 4 years of high school.
 - 3) Selection will be made by the family of Peter "Pete" Keitsock and announced the week of graduation.
 - 4) Please see the application for criteria and details.
 - 5) Post-secondary Acceptance letter must be attached.
 - 6) Applications are available in Guidance.
 - 6) **Applications must be returned to Guidance by MARCH 19, 2026.**
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LITHUANIAN WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP of Schuylkill County PA

*APPLICATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THEY ARRIVE TO THE SCHOOL.

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a **FEMALE** attending a Schuylkill County High School
- 2) Ethnic background – family of Lithuanian ancestry
- 3) Woman must be accepted to an accredited college to receive a 4 year bachelor's degree
- 4) Please see the application for details.
- 5) All applications require a high school transcript, letter of recommendation, and essay.

Deadline to apply: TBA

PASDEA - Pottsville Area School District Education Association Graduation Award

The award is given to a graduating senior whose parent or step-parent has been an active member of PASDEA for at least four (4) years.

Please complete the attached application and return it to **Kayla Watt by March 19, 2026**. This award will be announced during at Graduation.

ALSO:

PSEA Eastern Region Scholarship Application – Available online in January

<https://www.psea.org/regions/eastern-region/>

If you have a child/stepchild graduating from high school this year and pursuing additional education, you may be interested in the scholarship link above.

The Eastern Region of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (heretofore referred to as “Eastern PSEA”) is proud to announce the continuation of the Eastern Region PSEA Scholarship Program. The graduating child/stepchild of one PSEA member in each of the five counties represented by Eastern PSEA – Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lehigh, or Northampton – will receive a one-time, one-thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarship to pursue continuing studies beyond high school. **FEBRUARY 2026 deadline date TBD.**

PAHRA

POTTSVILLE AREA HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES SCHOLARSHIP

The Pennsylvania Association of Housing & Redevelopment Agencies is making scholarship monies available to encourage higher education, develop self-sufficiency, and increase self-esteem for:

* residents of federally subsidized public housing (PH) community or RAD conversion under ownership/management of a public housing authority (LIHTC or affordable housing is not eligible)

*participants in section 8 housing choice voucher program

*persons residing in an area directly served by PAHRA member city or county redevelopment

Please check with Guidance or the PAHRA Office for an application.

Deadline to apply March TBA, 2026

MID PENN BANK ANNA WOODSIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Mid Penn Bank is seeking high school applicants for its “Anna Woodside Scholarship.” The scholarship will recognize three outstanding Central Pennsylvania high school seniors each with \$1,000 for college tuition costs. An official high school transcript, a community service list, SAT scores and an essay must also be submitted. To be eligible, applicants must reside within Central Pennsylvania.

- The “Anna Woodside Scholarship” application and complete eligibility requirements *WILL BE available online at midpennbank.com in JANUARY 2026*. Applications must be postmarked on or before **MARCH TBD, 2026**. Guidance will let you know when this application becomes available.
 - **The Guidance Office does Not Mail out this application. Transcripts are required. Please request your sealed transcript 10 days prior to the date you will mail or submit your application.**
 - <https://midpennbank.com/?s=Anna+woodside+scholarship>
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Kasper-Whelan Scholarship By Mid Penn Bank

Riverview Bank serves as Trustee of the Kasper-Whelan Education Trust, established by the Last Will and Testament of Anthony John Orlick. This Fund was established to provide scholarships up to \$1,500.00 per person for any student pursuing education after high school. The number of scholarships will vary each year.

Requirements to receive this scholarship are:

- (a) the student must be a legal resident of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania at the time of the drawing
- (b) be accepted at any institution recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or recognized national accrediting agency
- (c) be enrolled or accepted by the institution mentioned in (b) above at the time of application
- (d) family income limit under \$250,000

Only one (1) application per person may be submitted each year. Due to continuing COVID restrictions, we have attached a copy of the card that needs to be completed for the drawing. If all information is completed correctly on the attached application, it can be mailed or emailed to us, we will transfer the information to the card for the drawing. Applications are also available at MidPennBank Trust Services located at 2638 Woodglen Road, Pottsville, PA 17901.

The scholarship is a luck of the draw from your submission of a 5 by 7 index card. Index cards are available in Guidance.

Guidance will announce when this scholarship is available.

Questions can be directed to Riverview Bank Trust Services at 570-366-5300.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS JULY 1, 2026.

Hermine Solt Student Scholarship

PA Association of Educational Office Professionals (PAEOP) offers the Hermine Solt Student Scholarship which is a \$500 scholarship for a Pennsylvania High School senior who is pursuing higher education in a business-related field (office technology, accounting, secretarial, business education (including business education teaching), business management,

Complete details including criteria, guidelines, and scholarship application can be found at PAEOP's website, www.paeop.com, under Awards & Scholarships. etc.)

Deadline to email applications and required documents: March 1, 2026

HIDDEN RIVER CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

Virgil C. Scott ("Scotty") Volunteer Community Service Scholarship

As a high school teacher and coach for 37 years, Scotty motivated and inspired his students. He personally volunteered his time as a member of our Board of Directors. Scotty was a credit union advocate for well over 30 years, last serving as HRCU's Treasurer.

HRCU will award two \$1,000 scholarships for community service in 2025. All eligible students who demonstrate an enthusiasm for supporting their community are encouraged to apply.

Richard ("Dick") J. Ketz Athletic and Academic Achievement Scholarship

An educator and coach for more than 30 years, Dick encouraged students to strive for excellence. He was committed to the credit union and served as a volunteer member of our Supervisory Committee and Board of Directors. Dick advocated on behalf of the credit union for more than 40 years, last serving as a credit union Director.

HRCU will award two \$1,000 scholarships for athletic and academic achievement in 2025. All eligible students who demonstrate both athletic and academic excellence are encouraged to apply.

For Eligibility criteria and application please visit their website at: <https://www.hdriver.org/eservices/scholarship/>

- A sealed official transcript is required.
- The Guidance Office **does Not Mail out** this application. Transcripts are required. Please request your sealed transcript 10 days prior to the date you will mail or submit your application.
- Applications can be dropped off at the Hidden River Bank in-person.

Deadline: APRIL 30, 2026

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY CAPTAIN JASON JONES **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Deadline May, 2026

A \$1,000.00 annual award will be granted to a distinguished graduate of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania who aspires to serve our country through military service. Preference will be given to a graduate who has been accepted to a Service Academy, or who will serve with the military in connection with a pursuit of higher education through an ROTC or similar program. Applicants must exhibit the strong moral character of a Green Beret. The selection will also be based on a commitment to the military, grade point average, leadership qualities, adaptability, and empathy towards others. [Scholarship Applications | captjasonjones \(captainjasonjones.com\)](https://captjasonjones.com)
(***the scholarship has not been updated yet online)

Lee M. Hammel Memorial Scholarship

The Pennsylvania State University Scholarship

The Lee M. Hammel Memorial Scholarship was established by Victor, Robert, and Steve Hammel in honor of their late brother, Lee M. Hammel. Lee was a proud graduate of Pottsville Area High School and a long-time reporter for the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* in Worcester, Massachusetts. Lee was an exceptional person, and the purpose of this scholarship is to keep his memory alive.

Eligible scholarship recipients are graduates of Pottsville Area High School who are full-time undergraduate students enrolled or planning to attend **any Penn State** campus and who have demonstrated financial need for funds to meet their college expenses.

The Office for Student Aid (OSA) **at Penn State** will identify one eligible student each year who meets the criteria above and who also meets one of these preferences in this order:

Preference 1: Students majoring in or planning to major in journalism in Penn State's Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications

Preference 2: Students within any major in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications

Preference 3: Students in other majors if there are no journalism or communications candidates.

There is no application for this scholarship (see the selection process above).

Office of Student Aid will contact the scholarship recipient by email shortly after the selection process.

- ❖ If the selected recipient is an incoming, first-year student at Penn State, OSA will contact them prior to the fall bill date in August of each year. Although, they often continue awarding funds into the fall semester.
- ❖ If the selected recipient is a current student who was previously selected and remains eligible, OSA will continue student aid awarding in mid-June of each year for the upcoming academic year.

Recipients are encouraged to write a thank-you note to the Hammel family to show their appreciation and share their student experience. The Hammel family looks forward to future generations of Penn State students sharing Lee's values of journalism and reporting integrity.

Penn State University Wylonis Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to one Schuylkill County resident a year that is studying a STEM major with a 3.2 GPA or higher and covers one-half of in-state tuition. The application is a simple on-line form that students can complete by March 1st, 2026. Apply here: <https://schuylkill.psu.edu> Contact the Financial Aid Office at PSU for more information 570-385-6000.

Wylonis and Wylonis STEM scholarships at Penn State Schuylkill. **These scholarship awards are equivalent to approximately one half of the cost of in-state tuition.** The purpose of these scholarships are to provide recognition and financial assistance to incoming freshman undergraduate students at Penn State Schuylkill who meet the following criteria:

- Plans to major in a STEM-related degree (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Holds a high school grade point average of at least 3.2 (on a scale of 4.0)
- Demonstrates leadership or entrepreneurship
- Graduates from a high school in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania (Applies only to the Wylonis Scholarship)
- Graduated from a high school in Schuylkill, Lehigh, Luzerne, Carbon, or Berks County Pennsylvania. (Applies only to the Wylonis STEM scholarship)
- Demonstrates financial need

In order to be reviewed for the Wylonis and Wylonis STEM scholarships, students must:

1. File an online Wylonis application online, when it becomes available.
2. File a 2026/2027 FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) - Required

Other Penn State University scholarships that range from \$500 to \$6000.00 – that do not have an application are: <https://schuylkill.psu.edu/tuition-financial-aid/student-scholar-scholarships>

WOMEN WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Rewards young people for getting involved in a positive way in their schools and communities.

This is a COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP!!!

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Full time high school senior.
2. Maintain at least a B average GPA.
3. Show a strong commitment and involvement in community service.
4. Plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school.

It is **EXTREMELY** important that you document what you do for community service, where you do it, how many hours per week or your total hours performed. Remember community service is helping ANYONE in need. Not just a formal organization, helping your grandparents, neighbors, your church, the SPCA, your school, your clubs, it ALL counts!!!

Deadline is MARCH 19, 2026

Guidance will notify students when the application becomes available.

SCHUYLKILL AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SACF) SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED BELOW:

www.sacfoundation.com

This user friendly website has valuable information on the availability of financial opportunities for the students and their families. ***For a listing of all Scholarships& Awards*** available to Pottsville Area High School students through the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation, please go to www.sacfoundation.com Scholarships online will be opened ***December 15, 2026.***

SACF will be at Pottsville Area HS on January 9, 2026 to help students set up their accounts.

DON'T FORGET TO ALSO CLICK ON "**Other Educational Scholarships**" for more scholarships than those listed under Pottsville!!!

Applications will be available beginning - TBA

<https://goapply2.akoyago.com/schuylkill/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/schuylkill>

Deadlines: MOST March 1, 2026

WATCH YOUR DEADLINES!!! EACH SCHOLARSHIP HAS IT'S OWN DEADLINE AND IF YOU NEED PAHS TO MAIL IT, YOU MUST GIVE US AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR

- **The Cepheus Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides a scholarship to graduating high school seniors of Schuylkill Haven High School and/or Pottsville Area High School, who plan on attending an institution of higher education. Preference shall be given first to seniors who are currently or in the past were in the Schuylkill County Foster Care System, and second to seniors who participated in his or her school's soccer program during their high school career.

- **John Rich Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to qualifying graduates of Schuylkill County's public, private, and

parochial high schools who meet established criteria.
Application will be coming soon.

- **FARM Youth Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to high school graduates for post-secondary education. Students must have shown an interest in animals at the Schuylkill Co. Fair be a member of the 4-H or FFA.

- **Alice E. Kear Music Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to a member of the graduating class of Minersville Area High School and Pottsville Area High School who will major in the study of music.

- **Ralph W. Morgan Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides a scholarship to a high school graduate from a Schuylkill County secondary school who completed a program of study at the Schuylkill Technology Center and plans to pursue a technical career at a post-secondary accredited institution.

- **Marie Bossler Phi Delta Kappa Kutztown Chapter Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors of any Schuylkill County and Berks County high schools who are pursuing post-secondary education and majoring in Education.

- **Philadelphia General Hospital Blockley School of Nursing Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to eligible students of any Schuylkill County high school who plans to attend or is attending an accredited institution of higher education majoring in the nursing field, including but not limited to Certified Nursing Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse, and Registered Nurse.

- **Pottsville Lions Charities, Inc. Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to high school graduates who reside in the Pottsville Area School District who are pursuing further education in either the health care industry or the automotive industry.

- **The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides annual scholarships to qualified Schuylkill Co. high school seniors planning to further their education. Students must exhibit a commitment to education, citizenship, and community.

- **Schuylkill Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships to one or more individuals who are enrolled in a post-secondary educational program, course, or course of study which focuses on the physical, psychological or financial protection and wellbeing of the elderly. Eligibility limited.

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFORMATION:

1. Your School Counselor information is: A to G = Mr. Kyle Roeder
kroeder@pottsville.k12.pa.us, H to O = Mrs. Cindy Stasulli cstasulli@pottsville.k12.pa.us ,
P to Z = Mrs. Kayla Dean kdean@pottsville.k12.pa.us
570-621-2964 Pottsville Area High School, 16th Street & Elk Avenue, Pottsville PA 17901.
2. **Most applications are available in Guidance.** Some you complete online.
3. SAT scores. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SCORE, DON'T WORRY YOU ARE NOT EXCLUDED!
4. FAFSA uses 2024 tax information and can be filed as early as October 1st but no later than May 1st for College and no later than August 1st for Trade schools. www.fafsa.gov
5. It is highly recommended that you complete your FAFSA early to meet college financial aid office deadlines.
6. Most scholarships ask for **2025** tax information, so please ask your parents/guardians to get their/your taxes done as early as possible this year if they file.
7. The Schuylkill Area Community Foundation scholarship deadlines will be EARLIER than PAHS deadlines! March 1, 2026.
8. If you need a letter of recommendation, ask your teachers early. If they did a letter for you for College, then you may use the same letter for scholarship – please ask them if they would change the wording from “admission” to “scholarship”.
9. Remember to read all scholarship directions and follow each perfectly. If you omit something or misrepresent yourself, you could be disqualified by the committee.
10. If you have questions or need help, please ask Guidance. We are here to help.
11. Fill out all applications in pen or type.
12. If you make a mistake on an application: Check your Guidance Google Classroom for another copy.
13. Stay organized; with so many scholarships due on the same day, it can get confusing.
14. Watch the deadlines. Late applications will NOT be accepted for any reason. Don't wait until the last minute. Scholarships are due by **2:45** pm on the date listed. NO EXCEPTIONS!
15. When you complete an application that is due to Guidance, turn it in to the Guidance Office. If you are to mail it on your own, but need help, see Guidance to discuss.

16. The Guidance Office cannot accept faxed or emailed applications.
17. Check the Guidance Google Classroom, weekly for updates and new scholarships and contests.
18. Use search engines to look for all kinds of scholarships that you may be eligible for. When you find something that you want to apply for, please check the criteria and let us know how we can help.
19. If you do not have your financial aid package from your 1st choice of college, then you must bring it to Guidance as soon as you get it. In the meantime, you may add a copy of your FAFSA to your scholarship application as a hold over until your financial aid package is posted on your school portal or mailed to your home.

March 19th, 2026 Scholarship Day will arrive before you know it!!

March 20th is the deadline to submit many local scholarships that are listed on the Guidance Google Classroom. If you have any questions please email, call or stop by Guidance anytime. The deadline for those listed for March 19, 2026 is 2:45 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Here are a few helpful tips:

Transcripts: **1** – If you are turning in the scholarship application to the Guidance office, you do not need to copy a transcript for each application! The Guidance Office will copy your transcript and attach it for you. **2** – If you are sending the application to an outside organization, then ask Guidance for a SEALED transcript and we will provide this for you. You will then take this and mail it to the scholarship organization or bank by the stated deadline. **3** – If you need to upload the transcript to your application, let Guidance know and we will email you the official transcript in a PDF file so you can easily add this to your application.

We are here to help make the process as easy as possible!!

College Acceptance letter: If you have not heard from your college that you have been accepted yet OR if you have been Waitlisted: **1**- Call or email the admission office to inquire when you will hear from them. **2** – Attach a note to your applications stating this is your situation and print out a copy of that college's financial aid information (tuition, room & board, and fees if applicable. You can get their on their website.) **3** -Then when you get your acceptance letter bring it to Guidance immediately to be copied and added to your applications.

Financial Aid Package Information: **1** - Call or email your college's financial aid office to see when you will be getting this information. **2** - If you have NOT heard from your college how much financial aid you are getting from them, FAFSA, and your student loans, then you need to make a note of this on your scholarship applications and attach a copy of your FAFSA application that you should already have submitted. **3** - When you get financial aid information from your college, then print it and bring it to Guidance to be added to your application immediately.

Family Tax Information: Some applications ask for 2025 Income Tax Information -

1 - If your family does not file their taxes until after March 20th, or they sent them to an Accountant and have not received a copy of the return by the 19th, please put a note on your application and include a copy of their 2025 tax information. You must bring the 2025 tax information to Guidance as soon as you receive them.

2 - If your family does not file income tax, please note this on your applications.

3- It is okay to black out social security numbers on these returns.

Letters of Recommendation: Some applications need them.

1 -The Yuengling is the ONLY one with a check box form. When you ask a teacher for a letter, please explain to them, they may do a letter on letterhead, AND for the Yuengling only, they may do the check box and attach the letter they wrote you.

2 - Please ask the teacher if you may use their letter for each of your applications.

3 - Most teachers send their letter directly to the Guidance Office, however, you should ASK them if they will do that or if they want you to stop by to pick it up.

4 - On your applications, put a note stating which teacher's letter you want attached to this application and the Guidance Office will make the copies and attach them for you!!

5 - Remember to always thank them for writing this letter for you!!

One last note - DO NOT ask for a letter of recommendation IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION!

Remember to keep checking your Guidance Google Classroom for updated and New scholarships that may not be listed in the scholarship booklet. Also, WATCH your deadlines! Some have different deadlines so please mark your calendars and follow their directions!!

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