January 22, 2026

Good afternoon! This week, you will find information on many topics including in-school activities, including information on AW Beattie applications, and Slippery Rock is offering an Instant Decision Day; several NEW scholarship opportunities; several out of school opportunities, and a resource for summer experiences.

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## In School Activities

**AW Beattie Application and Application Night**
The AW Beattie Application is now open.
AW Application Information Link as and Website
AW Beattie Website
**Important Dates:**
***Application Night*** - February 10, 2026, 6:30pm - 8:00pm - meet with a representative from AW Beattie and get assistance with your application.
***Open House*** - Thursday, March 5th - 5:30pm - 8:00pm. AW Beattie is holding an open house - come and see the many programs and opportunities available at AW Beattie - Open House Flyer
*See Dr. Maloney or Mrs. Levis with any questions.*

**Instant Decision Day - Slippery Rock University**
Date: Friday, February 12, 2026
Time: 11:00 - 11:30 - into lunch if needed
To save time, complete these items
Sign up for the event, using this link: https://forms.gle/oLc92S5o5zT4PyYf6
Go to: https://admission.sru.edu/apply/
Register a NEW Account as a First Year, First Time Student and complete the application - this takes about 15 minutes - easy application
You DO NOT need to pay the application fee, it will be waived during the instant decision day
Let Dr. Maloney know if you need assistance or have any questions.

**UPMC Sports Medicine Career Day Program**

On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, UPMC Sports Medicine will be hosting our Virtual Sports Medicine Career Day. The Career Day program is geared toward high school students interested in a career in sports medicine. The program will be approximately 2.5 hours long and will feature a variety of career opportunities supporting athletes of all types. Each speaker will give a 15-minute introduction to their career which will include information such as educational background, job opportunities, salary, future of the profession, what interested them in their career choice, and an example of a typical day. The program may vary, but anticipated presenters include an athletic trainer with both professional sports and one in the performing arts, physician assistant, sports nutritionist, physical therapist, a program director/clinical coordinator for an athletic training program and more. The finalized program will be sent to those expressing interest in attending, and students will have an opportunity to email their questions to the speakers ahead of time. This program will take place via Microsoft Teams. Students and/or high school staff can begin logging in at 8:15 am, with presentations beginning at 8:30 am, and concluding at 10:50 am.
*Students interested in participating should email Dr. Maloney for space to watch the event*
Information Link
Registration Link

## Scholarships

*Scholarships are updated in Xello under College Planning, then scholarships. Also, all GoingMerry scholarships are listed on the Avonworth High School Counseling website: https://ahs.avonworth.k12.pa.us/counseling-office*
February Going Merry Scholarship Link

**Pittsburgh Foundation Scholarships for Avonworth Students**
***Coach Dave Gray Scholarship Fund***
The Coach Dave Gray Scholarship Fund was created at The Pittsburgh Foundation to provide scholarships for students who plan on pursing post-secondary education. This scholarship fund was established by John and Shana Mackie in 2017 with funds raised through their 2017 “Party for a Purpose”, an annual party for their friends and family with the goal of raising awareness for a different worthy local ministry or cause each year. John and Shana named the fund in honor of Coach Dave Gray who has dedicated his career to working with youth in Western Pennsylvania. Through his classes, camps, training and other activities, Coach Dave impacts the lives of thousands of kids in a positive way. Dave’s programs instill confidence, self-esteem, promote a healthy, active lifestyle and are fun for kids. This scholarship fund will honor Coach Dave’s commitment to the community and help benefit students from Western Pennsylvania for years to come.

Average Award: $1,000
Award Type: Single-Year Award
Application Period Opens: 1/05/2026
Application Period Closes: 2/17/2026
Apply Now
Criteria

- Attend high school in North Allegheny County, Pine Richland, Mars, Avonworth, North Hills and Seneca Valley High Schools as a graduating senior.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to attend an accredited vocational or technical trade school OR 2- or 4-year college or university.

How to Apply

- Complete the application by clicking the blue button above.
- Complete the essay section of the application.
- Submit your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). If you have not already received your FSS, you can do so by applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Contact
The Pittsburgh Foundation: scholarships@pghfdn.org

***Comptaro, Elden, Lewis Combined Scholarship Funds***
The William C. Comptaro Educational Fund, the Laura E. Elden Educational Trust and the Frances L. Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund were created at The Pittsburgh Foundation to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are residents of Allegheny County, PA planning on pursuing post-secondary education.
Average Award: Varies
Award Type: Single-Year Award
Application Period Opens: 1/05/2026
Application Period Closes: 2/17/2026
Apply at Scholarship America
Criteria

- Attend high school in Allegheny County, PA as a graduating senior.
- Reside in Allegheny County, PA.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to attend an accredited vocational or technical trade school OR 2- or 4-year college or university.

How to Apply

Application Link

Contact
Scholarship America: pittsburghfoundation@scholarshipamerica.org

***Jacob Snively Memorial Scholarship Fund***

The Jacob Snively Memorial Scholarship Fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation to honor the memory of Jacob and his enjoyment of life. Jacob was 12 when he died in a car accident on the way to a weekend Boy Scout camping event on February 27, 2009. A sixth-grader at Avonworth Middle School, he was artistic and had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed drawing, writing, and playing the guitar. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior from Avonworth High School who shares Jacob's interests in the arts.

Average Award: $2,000
Award Type: Single-Year Award
Application Period Opens: 1/05/2026
Application Period Closes: 2/17/2026
Apply Now
Criteria

- Attend Avonworth High School as a graduating senior.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university, or an accredited vocational or technical trade school in the United States.
- Be someone with an appreciation of the arts (e.g. visual arts, creative writing, music, dance, etc.) and/or humanities. A student is not required to major in an art-related field in his/her undergraduate studies.

How to Apply

- Complete the application by clicking the blue button above.
- Complete the essay section of the application.
- Submit a letter of reference from someone unrelated, speaking to the applicant's personal character and merit (optional).
- Submit your unofficial transcripts.

Contact
The Pittsburgh Foundation: scholarships@pghfdn.org

***Lightbown Family Scholarship Fund***

The Lightbown Family Scholarship Fund was created at The Pittsburgh Foundation to provide scholarships for students from Allegheny County pursuing a career in education. Corinne Elsie Lightbown passed away peacefully on Jan. 7, 2017 at the age of 86 having lived a full and rewarding life. Connie, as she was known to friends, loved life, people, friends and family as well as traveling and discussing movies, political issues and literature. She was an English teacher for 34 years with the Mt. Lebanon

High School and taught in London, England, and Japan. A firm believer in the value of a good education, she established this scholarship fund in her name to support students in their academic studies. She never married so had no children of her own, yet her many students became a part of her extended family through the years. Many remained in touch with her and considered her as a mentor and friend. It was her wish that this scholarship would continue beyond her life in this same spirit.
Award varies
Award Type: Single Year. Previous recipients are encouraged to re-apply in consecutive years.
Application Period Opens: 1/05/2026
Application Period Closes: 2/17/2026
Apply at Scholarship America
Criteria

- Attend high school as a graduating senior or an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student.
- Reside in Allegheny County, PA.
- Pursue a degree or studies in education.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have faced social, economic, or educational barriers due to systemic gender inequity.

How to Apply

Application Link

Contact
Scholarship America: pittsburghfoundation@scholarshipamerica.org

***Louise Salinger Academy of Fashion Fund***

The Louise Salinger Academy of Fashion Fund was created at The Pittsburgh Foundation to provide scholarships to high school seniors in Allegheny County who wish to pursue a career in fashion design.
Award varies
Award Type: Single-Year Award
Application Period Opens: 1/05/2026
Application Period Closes: 2/17/2026
Apply at Scholarship America
Criteria

- Attend high school as a graduating senior.
- Reside in Allegheny County, PA.
- Pursue a degree or studies in fashion design.

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to attend an accredited vocational or technical trade school OR 2- or 4-year college or university.

How to Apply

Application Link

Contact

Scholarship America: pittsburghfoundation@scholarshipamerica.org

***Patrick Munn Memorial Scholarship Fund***

The Patrick Munn Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at The Pittsburgh Foundation in memory of Patrick Munn who passed away unexpectedly on November 5, 2022. Patrick's passion for education will endure through this scholarship fund for college/university students who share his kind spirit and his enthusiasm for band.

Average Award: Varies

Award Type: Single-Year Award. (Recipients may not re-apply in successive years.)

Application Period Opens: 1/05/2026

Application Period Closes: 2/17/2026

Apply Now

Criteria

- Attend one of the following high schools as a graduating senior: Aliquippa, Ambridge, Avonworth, Beaver, Central Valley, Freedom, Hopewell, Keystone Oaks, New Castle, Quaker Valley.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to attend a four-year college or university.
- Be a member of the school marching band.
- Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need and who have exhibited kindness and compassion in their daily lives.

How to Apply

- Complete the application by clicking the blue button above.
- Complete the essay section of the application.
- Submit your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). If you have not already received your FSS, you can do so by applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Submit one letter of reference from someone unrelated to you.
- Submit your unofficial transcripts.

Contact

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**MALCOLM M. PRINE WESTERN PA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In 1976, the Western Pennsylvania Football Officials Association established a scholarship fund, the Malcolm M. Prine Western PA Football Officials Fund, which is dedicated to providing financial assistance to football student/athletes who attend the high schools for which our association officiates. Malcolm Prine was my father, and was a dedicated high school and college football official for over 30 years.

This is the 50th anniversary of the Fund. Since its inception, financial support has been provided to nearly 200 high school varsity football student-athletes. These scholarships are awarded to varsity high school football players at the schools where we have the privilege of officiating. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic scholarship, and citizenship.

For the 2026 awards, we will award scholarships in the amount of $14,000 each, payable to the school of the recipient's choice, at $3,500 per semester for the student's first four (4) semesters (commencing with the Fall 2026 semester). The funds are available for any accredited post-high school formal education program the recipient elects to pursue. Please note that the applicant must have played varsity football in high school, but does NOT have to plan to play football in college.

**Due: March 16, 2026**

Information Link

Application Form

**Sallie Mae Scholarships**

Introducing Scholly Easy Apply Scholarships, an easy and quick way for students to unlock scholarships!

- One easy application connects students to multiple scholarships: more scholarships = more ways to lower tuition.
- It takes 2 minutes or less to complete the application: no essays and no extra steps.
- The application is completely free: no signup traps or subscriptions needed.
- Every scholarship is vetted and real: no scams,
- All scholarships included in the application are exclusive to our Scholly database.

**UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program**

We are excited to announce the launch of the 2026 UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program™. **This year's application deadline is March 15, 2026.**

We ask for your help to raise awareness about this program for students whom you believe would be a good fit. Potential applicants may obtain program information and apply online by creating an account at www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com.

Since 2005, UCB, Inc. has awarded over $3.5 million to more than 680 deserving individuals, including people with epilepsy, their immediate family members, and caregivers, who have applied their awards to undergraduate and graduate studies.
In 2026, we will be awarding 33 one-time scholarships to students who are studying to receive a post-high school degree. Thirty scholarships of up to $5,000 each and three scholarships of up to $10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic and personal achievement.
In addition to the program poster, you may click on the Where Are They Now? (WATN) tab on the scholarship program website to view stories from sixteen former scholarship recipients. The Where Are They Now? campaign was created to highlight, uplift, and showcase the phenomenal talents, strengths, resilience, and perseverance of our UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program winners.
You may contact a UCB scholarship representative at 1-866-825-1920 or via email at ucbepilepsyscholarship@summitmedcomm.com with any questions.
Deadline: March 15, 2026
Scholarship Poster

## Out of School Activities

**High School Engineering Day - University of Pittsburgh - TOMORROW!**
We're excited to invite your students to the High School Engineering Day with the University of Pittsburgh's section of SWE (Society of Women Engineers). During this event, we're aiming to introduce high school students to some of our favorite things about engineering with Pitt! We will be having tours, activities, panelists, and more for your students to be as thrilled as we are about engineering. Your students will get the opportunity to hear from some of our different engineering clubs, with focuses in space, biomedical technology, infrastructure (including a concrete canoe), and more! We hope to assist your students in learning more about different kinds of engineering and in feeling confident in their futures in STEM!
We also know how valuable it is for parents to learn about engineering for their students. So, we will be hosting an informational parent program happening in conjunction with the transition from high school to college, and how it relates to engineering, which will include a tour and presentation about the first year engineering program.
This event will be held on January 24th, from 9 am to noon in Benedum Hall, 3700 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.
Please see the attached Eventbrite for more details and the opportunity to have your students register!
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-engineering-day-spring-2026-tickets-1979471529631?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

**School of Dental Medicine - University of Pittsburgh**
Embark on an exciting journey into dental care and kickstart your career in as little as 9 months, with Pitt Dental Medicine's Dental Assistant Training Program. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to enter the thriving field of dental care and make a difference in the lives of others.
School of Dental - Medicine Dental Training Program Information
School of Dental - Flyer

**University of Dayton - Engineering Experiences**
Saturday, Feb. 28, for junior and sophomore students who are interested in learning more about engineering, engineering technology, computer science and physics. Parent programming will also be offered.
Explore Engineering is a FREE event where your students can learn about a career in engineering, engineering technology, computer science or physics and what makes a University of Dayton degree unique. They'll participate in hands-on activities in our labs, meet our faculty and current students, and tour our campus and facilities.
In addition, the Women Engineering Program and the Multi-Ethnic Engineers Program are hosting WEP/MEP Connect — a special event where your students can grab lunch on campus or bring their own, then engage with students in the programs to hear how they're making connections, finding community, and getting involved in the School of Engineering and beyond. This session is open to any and all Explore Engineering participants and their families.
Our spring Explore Engineering event is geared toward high school juniors and sophomores. We encourage seniors who are accepted to UD to attend an admitted student event, as the activities are geared toward their next steps.
**Explore Engineering Details**
Saturday, Feb. 28
11 a.m.: Optional campus tour
Noon: Lunch on your own or optional WEP/MEP Connect session
1 to 5 p.m.: Explore Engineering program
Space is limited and registration is required. Registration will close on Friday, Feb. 20, or when full. Please encourage your students to register today to secure their spots! You can also download this flyer to share with your students.
For more information or if you have any questions, please contact 937-229-3296 or udengineering@udayton.edu.

**Women in the Trades Day - Rosedale Technical Institute**

Women in the Trades Day are designed to provide an opportunity to learn more about, observe and better understand the impact women have across multiple trades. These events are open to any interested individual, regardless of gender.
Informational Flyer

## Summer Activities

**Summer Matchpoint**
Summer is more than just a break from school—it's a chance to explore new interests, build skills, and make meaningful connections. At College MatchPoint, we've curated a range of opportunities to help high school students discover their passions and grow in ways that align with their personal and academic goals. Whether you're looking to gain hands-on experience, dive deeper into an area of interest, or simply try something new, this resource is here to guide you.
Information Link

Have a great weekend and let's go Lopes!

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