

Mount Union Area High School



**Scholarship Information
and
College Planning Guide**

2022-2023

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*Scholarship deadlines are subject to change

**Scholarship applications are available through the School Counseling Office.

***NOTE: While I am actively trying to make sure that all information in this packet is as accurate as possible, there are outdated sources and not enough current information. While all of the links in this packet are updates, unfortunately not all of the information is. As new information comes into the Guidance Office, I will be updating the information in this packet and advertising it to the senior class. If you would like to meet individually with me (Ms. Masser), please stop by the Guidance Office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**

Programs for Your MU College Bound Senior

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Each year, we invite college admissions representatives to come to Mount Union to speak with our students about their school's campus and admissions policies. This is a great way for students to learn about colleges without having to visit and a great way to make connections with admissions reps. Colleges may also provide informational videos. Check in the Guidance Office for sign-up sheets for colleges visiting.

MILITARY RECRUITER VISITS

Each year, we invite military recruiters to come to Mount Union to speak with our students about how to enter the Military and to explore the benefits of each branch. This is a great way for students to see if the military is right for them, and which branch would they want to serve in. This year, we are offering both the traditional lunch visits, as well as information sessions during the school day. Check in the Guidance Office for sign-up sheets for military recruiters visiting.

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM– September 6th, 2022

Join us in the High School cafeteria as Julie Fontana, our PA Higher Education Assistance Agency representative, explains the Financial Aid process. She will cover topics such as: scholarships, loans, state and federal grant programs, federal student and parent loan programs, the FAFSA, award letters, and online resources for more information. All juniors and seniors received information about scholarships and FAFSA information. For all information that Julie presented on, please come to the Guidance Office.

FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT – October 6th, 2022 from 3-7pm

Join us in the Internet Café to get assistance filling out your FAFSA. We encourage you to come in and have a second pair of eyes look over your FAFSA to make sure you are getting the maximum aid possible. College bound seniors and parents should come to review your FAFSA information.

Be on the lookout for another FAFSA Completion Night if you are unable to attend on October 6th. Want materials before our next FAFSA Completion Night? Stop by the Guidance Office to receive materials that were distributed!

College Planning Calendar for Seniors

September

- Create a list of about 5-10 colleges. Meet with Mrs. Anderson or Ms. Masser to talk about your schools. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- Create a master list or calendar that includes:
 - tests you'll take and their fees, dates and registration deadlines
 - college application due dates
 - financial aid application forms required and their deadlines (NOTE: Some aid applications may be due before college applications)
 - other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
- If you can't afford application or test fees, a counselor can help you request a fee waiver.
- Complete your FSA ID (studentaid.gov) before you fill out the FAFSA (give about 3 days for your FSA ID to be approved)

October

- Try to finalize your college choices
- Prepare Early Decision, Early Action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible.
- Ask for counselor or teacher recommendations if you need them.
- If you're submitting essays, write first drafts and ask teachers and others to read them. If you're applying for Early Decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- Check if the schools you are applying to are test-optional, and how to submit your test scores if they are needed.
- Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible (preferably before the end of 2022)

November

- For Early Decision admission, colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates.
- Complete your application essays, proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- Counselors send transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before colleges require them.

December

- As you finish and send your applications and essays, be sure to keep copies.

January

- Complete College Applications, most applications close by February 1st!

February

- No senioritis, please! Accepting colleges do look at second-semester senior grades.
- Keep applying to scholarships!

March

- Keep active in school. If you are wait-listed, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and learned of its decision.

April

- You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. If you've not done so yet, visit your final college before accepting. As soon as you decide, notify your counselor of your choice.
- If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your counselor or call the college.

May

- May 1: Colleges cannot require a deposit or commitment to attend before May 1. By that date, you must inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid. (Questions? Talk to Ms. Masser.)
- Send your deposit to one college only.
- Wait-listed by a college? Tell the admissions director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- Work with a counselor or Ms. Masser to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.

June

- Fill out a final transcript request form in the Guidance Office.

How Colleges Make Decisions About Who Gets Admitted

Each college has its own set of criteria when it comes to choosing whether or not to accept a student to their institution. Some things however, all schools find important. Keep in mind that larger institutions (like Penn State), given the large number of students applying, put more weight on objective data like GPA and SAT scores. Smaller schools (like Juniata College) are able to look at a student's profile like teacher recommendations and their essay. The materials included in your application fall into 2 major categories – academic and personal.

ACADEMIC

- **Transcript** – includes your GPA, class rank and all the courses you have taken 9 – 12. Colleges want to see that you have challenged yourself; for example, they would rather you get a B in AP Chemistry than an A in Senior Earth Science.
- **School Profile** – includes statistics like our SAT school average, the percentage of students going onto college, courses available to students, grading scale, etc. This information gives colleges a baseline of which to compare you against.
- **Test Scores** – each school has its own standards when it comes to the scores they are looking for. Rarely are there hard-fast minimum test scores; look for a college's average scores to gauge how your own scores compare.
 - Note – there are many schools that have opted to go test-optional in their admissions process. However, more competitive programs may require test scores. Merit scholarships may also consider one's test scores. If you have any questions about whether you need test scores, ask the admissions counselors!
- **Recommendations** – these give teachers, advisors, counselors, and even coaches the opportunity to brag about you to admissions officers. Be thoughtful about who you ask to write you a letter of recommendation – chose people who have seen you at your very best academically and personally.

PERSONAL

- **Interview** – the interview gives you a chance to really show your personality. Admissions representatives want to put a face and a personality to the admissions materials you sent in.
- **Experiences** – Colleges want to know what you are doing outside of school too! Tell them about your after-school job, your community service experiences, and even your participation in sports, clubs and church life. These experiences will show colleges the kinds of things you could contribute to their campus community.

Early Decision. Early Action. Rolling. What Does It All Mean?

If only there were such thing as one deadline to apply to college. However, there are many application deadlines available to students. I encourage your student to work with the Guidance Office to pick the plan best for them. Generally, acceptance rates are higher for students when they apply to early deadlines.

Early Decision (ED)

- The student commits to attending the school if admitted
- Binding agreement, you **MUST** attend that college if admitted!
- Application deadlines are typically in early to mid-November and students will hear a decision in early to mid-December
- If admitted, the student must cancel or withdraw all other applications
- It is possible to back out without penalty, but only with a **good reason!**
- If you apply to two schools ED, your acceptances at both schools may be rescinded.
- **EDII** – all the same rules apply except deadlines are in December or January and students receive notification in February

Early Action (EA)

- Application deadlines are typically in early November
- Students will hear a decision by mid-December
- Not binding! – Students can decline their acceptance
- Students are able to apply to more than one school under the EA deadline
- If accepted, students do not need to make a decision until May 1

Rolling Admissions

- Large window of time for students to apply
- Applicants are often notified of their acceptance within a few weeks of applying
- College accepts students as long as spaces are available
- Applying early improves an applicant's chance of being accepted
- Applying early can increase the chance of receiving scholarships and may give an applicant first choice for housing

Open Admissions

- Students are admitted without regard to conventional academic qualifications
- Often exempt from taking appropriate high school courses and standardized tests

Most common at community colleges though some programs at these schools may have stricter requirements

A (Honest) Note About Financial Aid

College is expensive, there's no doubt about that. The cost of a college education is ever increasing and families are understandably growing more and more anxious about how they will pay for it all. The average price of a private college is above \$50,000 and state school costs are on the rise as well, averaging close to \$20,000. While I recognize the importance of the price tag in your final decision, I urge you not to consider cost as a primary factor in your college search process just yet.

The Financial Aid process is a lot like learning a brand-new language and many students miss out on great opportunities because they feel overwhelmed with the whole process and miss important steps. Think of Financial Aid in its most basic definition – money awarded by federal and state governments and individual schools based on an analysis of your families' need. Need is determined by looking at total income and assets including things like: bank accounts, stocks, bonds, investments, inheritances, and trusts.

The first major step in the Financial Aid process is completing the FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. At the completion of this form, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) which is a summary of your potential for need-based federal student aid. The SAR will include a figure called the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is a calculated number indicating what you will be expected to pay towards your student's college education. The gap between your EFC and the total cost of the school can be filled with financial aid such as grants, loans, and work study.

Without getting into the nitty-gritty, I will provide an overview of this information to give you a basic understanding of the process as a whole and include frequently asked questions. The absolute key to financial aid is staying on top of deadlines!

Guidelines:

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid is required for anyone applying for financial aid. The site becomes live on October 1st of each

year and you should aim to fill out the form as soon after that date as possible. On this form, you will indicate schools you want to receive your financial information.

- **CSS Profile** – required by 19 colleges in PA and 248 colleges and scholarship organizations across the U.S. You may start filling out this form in the fall of the senior year. On this form, you will indicate schools you want to receive your financial information.
- Some schools also require you to fill out their own institutional financial aid form which is often found in their application materials or may come to you in the mail or by email after you have submitted your application.
- Consider applying to one of the Pennsylvania state schools (ex. Shippensburg, IUP, Slippery Rock) as a “financial aid safety”.
- It is perfectly acceptable to call the Financial Aid Office after you receive your award letter to ask questions, get clarification, or update any financial information that may have changed.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How can we tell if we are going to be eligible for need-based financial aid?

A: Use the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) calculator program available at sites like www.finaid.org or www.fastweb.com.

Q: I make X dollars a year, should I even bother applying for aid?

A: Yes! If you think there is any chance you could qualify for aid, you should apply. Even if you are only eligible for loans – they will be very low interest. You will never know if you are eligible for aid until you apply!

Q: Are the FAFSA and CSS forms difficult to fill out?

A: If you can fill out a tax form, you can handle these. You'll need the same financial information.

Q: How do I apply for financial aid?

A: You can apply for financial aid online. Go to studentaid.gov.

Online Resources and Scholarship Information

- **CollegeBoard.org**
 - Information and registration for the SAT
 - Pages on each college and university in the country
 - College search tool
 - Big Future – allows student to create a profile and save college information; think of this as a college search checklist and reminder guide
- **Net Price Calculator:** Calculate an estimate what it may cost to send your child to college
 - A Net Price Calculator is required to be on every college website! If it is not clearly listed, try a quick search on the website. If you are unable to find a Net Price Calculator on a college’s website, use caution when applying there!
- **College Scorecard:** View graduation rates, job placement rates, and other data to help determine quality of school
 - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
- **PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) Resources**
 - www.educationplanner.org
 - www.mysmartborrowing.org
 - State Grant application:
 - <http://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/state-grant-program/index.shtml>
 - Other state funding opportunities can be found on www.pheaa.org under the “Funding Opportunities” tab.
- **Federal Financial Aid:**
 - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
- **Scholarship Databases**

fastweb.com	chegg.com	bigfuture.collegeboard.org	scholarships.com
financialaidfinder.com	cappex.com	goingmerry.com	niche.com
unigo.com	finaid.org	petersons.com	
- **Education Tax Credit Information:**
<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/education-credits-aotc-llc>
- **Raise.me:** scholarship site grades 9-12. Earn micro-scholarships for specific colleges, good grades, sports, volunteering, leadership, honors and AP courses, etc. Depending on the school, they may or may not offer scholarships, and amounts also vary.
 - <https://www.raise.me/>

PASFAA Website Resource Guide

The Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (PASFAA), through the efforts of the Technology

Advisory and Electronic Initiatives Committee, is pleased to provide this Resource Guide to you. The purpose of this guide is to provide a list of some of the websites that are most useful not only to students, but also to those involved in helping students to achieve their educational goals. We hope you find this resource useful.

Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

www.pasfaa.org

You can also use www.pasfaa.org/student-resources/ to look at different resources regarding PASFAA partners, scholarship databases, federal office websites, financial literacy tools and more!

Frequently Requested Telephone Numbers:

General Information About Federal Aid:

1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

- FAFSA help
- Request copies of Student Aid Report

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Grant and Loan Programs:

1-800-692-7392

Mount Union Area Schools Alumni Association Scholarship

DESCRIPTION:

This scholarship program was established about 1989 by the Mount Union Area Schools Alumni Association. The main purpose of the organization is to develop in students a sense of pride in their school and community and to recognize the value of higher education. Considerable attention is given to what students have done to enhance the name of their school.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application forms are available in the Guidance Office in the spring of the year for seniors or on the school website under the alumni tab. Several short essays are required to complete the application and finalists may be required to participate in a personal interview.

AWARD AMOUNTS: \$500.00 PER YEAR (estimate) (Renewal for four years)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Scholarship

Ciampa/Harper Scholarship

Robert C. Goodman Memorial Scholarship

W. Dean & Mary McCarty Scholarship

Coralee Hicks Memorial Scholarship

Burkholder Memorial Scholarship

A. Russell Fultz Memorial Scholarship

Charles Harper Scholarship

Park's/Stanna Walters Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of general criteria, based on responses to the questions asked in the scholarship application – academics, activities, service, and contribution to enhancing pride in the Mount Union Area High School and community, etc. unless specific criteria were part of the establishment of the scholarship such as:

*The Charles Harper scholarship gives preference to those students whose intended area of study has some connection to agriculture. If no student satisfies that criterion, the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of general criteria.

*The Burkholder Memorial scholarship gives preferences in the following order: (1) to a student in a four-year program in music or foreign language; (2) to a student in a four-year program in education; and (3) to a student in the general population.

Other scholarships may be awarded if available. A portfolio of student accomplishments is **not** recommended.

Mount Union Area Education Association Scholarship

DESCRIPTION:

This scholarship program was established by the local teacher organization (M.U.A.E.A) to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession. It is designed to recognize and reward those students who possess the qualities required to be a good teacher.

CRITERIA:

Applicants will be interviewed by a committee of faculty members who will evaluate their academic record and ask questions of each applicant relative to their career goals. One (1) Senior each year will be chosen to receive the scholarship. It is a one-time only award of an estimated \$200.00.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Obtain an application from the Guidance Office and complete all parts. When it is complete, submit the application back to the Guidance Office. The application form will then be reviewed by the Mount Union Area Education Association for processing.

DEADLINE: May 1st (tentatively)

Mount Union Area Education Trust

Due Date: May 8th (tentatively)

Return completed application to your counselor.

Criteria to Obtain the Scholarship

1. Grades and Standardized Test scores.
2. Extra-Curricular activities. (Involvement in, not numbers)
3. Community Service.
4. Work Experience.
5. Special Talents or Skills.
6. Unusual experiences. (Exchange Student, Eagle Scout, Extra Courses or Conferences).
7. Recommendation from (3) three people other than family members.
8. Essay of not more than 500 words introducing self and explaining goals and why you would like to obtain more education and what school you plan to attend.
9. Personal Interview with Committee.
10. Have you applied for any other scholarship or grant?
11. Are you the beneficiary of any Trust?
12. Family Financial Statement. (Annual income, Family size and ages, Net assets, Any special hardships, loss of job, medical, etc.)

In Order to Keep the Scholarship

1. Committee will review grades and progress each year.
2. In the event that the recipient of this scholarship receives additional funds, the total monies provided by the Mount Union Area Educational Trust shall be reduced to cover actual needs.

The John S. Morrison Scholarship

DESCRIPTION:

The Morrison Scholarship is a “full academic scholarship” awarded to students who will major in Engineering, Computer Science, or Physical Science at any of the following institutions:

- (1) Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- (2) Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- (3) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), Cambridge, MA
- (4) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Troy, NY
- (5) Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ
- (6) Yale University, New Haven, CT

The John S. Morrison Scholarships were created by Oliver L. Etnier in honor of his uncle, John S. Morrison. Mr. Etnier, who was born in Mount Union, PA in 1868 and died in 1950, created a trust with Wilmington Trust Company (Wilmington, Delaware) as a trustee to provide these scholarships. The scholarships may be offered first to qualified graduates of Mount Union Area High School who have been accepted by one of the six qualifying universities. Otherwise, the scholarships will be awarded to qualified graduates of other public high schools in surrounding counties.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Seniors from Mount Union Area High School who are accepted and will enroll in one of the six eligible colleges will be given first choice for the scholarship award. Otherwise, the scholarships will be awarded to graduates of other public high schools in Huntingdon County and surrounding counties.

HOW DO I APPLY?

In the fall of your senior year complete an application form, which is available in the Guidance Office. The Guidance Office will submit the application form for you. A copy of your college applications must accompany the Morrison Scholarship application along with any other required information. Incomplete applications will not be considered by Wilmington Trust Company, nor will you be contacted to supply missing data.

DEADLINE: December 12th of your senior year. An application must be given to your Guidance Counselor to be forwarded to Wilmington Trust Company. Copies of your college applications must be mailed with the scholarship. Print online applications or copy your paper applications. Include essays, supplements, teacher and counselor recommendations, etc.

Youth Citizenship Awards by The Soroptimist Foundation of Huntingdon County

The Awards

Youth Citizenship Awards are given in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by young people to home, school, community, country, and the world. They are **not** scholarships but “awards of merit” to be used at the discretion of the recipient in any manner that will best further his/her aims and purposes. The cash award is given in a single payment to each winner. If a student is unable to accept a cash award in a particular state or country, arrangements can be made to comply with local law. Fifty-eight region-level awards are given annually--two winners in each of the 29 Soroptimist International of the Americas regions. Participating Soroptimist clubs may give individual Youth Citizenship Awards in an amount determined by each club. One finalist is chosen from among region winners. This selection is announced in June.

Eligibility and Qualifications

To be eligible, the applicant must be in the last two years of a public or private high school, or its equivalent, in a country within the territorial limits of Soroptimist International of the Americas. The applicant must not have reached the age of 21 prior to July 1 of that year. The sponsoring Soroptimist club must receive completed applications by December 15. To qualify for the award, which is judged on the citizenship and merit of the applicant, a student must demonstrate the following:

1. **Service**--Applicant must have taken an active part in service in the home, school and community, with a high degree of cooperation, courtesy and consideration for others.
2. **Dependability**--Applicant must have executed responsibilities with honesty, loyalty and reliability.
3. **Leadership**--Applicant must have demonstrated ability to lead with self-control, dignity and responsibility.
4. **Clear Sense of Purpose**--Applicant must have pursued his/her goals and commitments with sincerity and integrity.

Other Requirements

- Applicant must complete this official Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Awards application.
- Applicant may apply for only one award from a single Soroptimist club.
- Letters of reference from two adults, representing two different sources and not related to the applicant, must be included with the official application.
- Applications and supporting information become the property of SIA, which shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to this award.
- *Soroptimists, Soroptimist employees, and the immediate families of both are ineligible. Previous winners are also ineligible.*
- Applicant may only apply for one award from one Soroptimist club.

Soroptimist International of Huntingdon Co. Foster-Oakman Award

The Foster-Oakman Award was jointly endowed by two former members, Eleanor Foster and Kathryn Oakman. This award travels throughout the Huntingdon County School Districts of Southern Huntingdon, Mount Union, Juniata Valley, and Huntingdon Area. This year the Foster-Oakman Award will be awarded to a male or female graduating senior from the **Mount Union Senior High School**. The applicants must be furthering their education and have received a letter of acceptance from the college or technical school they are planning to attend, a copy of which must accompany their application. The recipient of this award is decided by a committee made up of members of the Soroptimist International Club of Huntingdon County.

All applications are due May 1st. Please send applications to Soroptimist International of Huntingdon County at 626 7th Street, Huntingdon, PA, 16652.

The Auxiliary to JC Blair Memorial Hospital: BETTE JANE HEINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Bette Jane Heine Scholarship is for a Huntingdon County senior student who is entering a Registered Nursing (R.N.) program. The Scholarship will be awarded and the winner announced by the second week in June.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Available to any graduating senior currently enrolled in a Huntingdon County high school, home school or Christian academy program.
2. The student must be accepted into a Registered Nursing (R.N.) program.
3. The student must submit the attached application **and** be personally interviewed by the scholarship committee.
4. A copy of the student's school transcript must accompany the application.

*All interviews will take place the week of April 10 or April 17. (Dates subject to change)

CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Payment of scholarship money is made directly to the school.
2. In case of expulsion or withdrawal of the student/recipient during the award year, the Scholarship Committee will ask that the scholarship be refunded to the Auxiliary.
3. The student must maintain a passing grade average.
4. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not appealable.

All completed applications must be returned by April 1st (date subject to change).

Questions? Contact:

Jill Welsh at jrw114@hotmail.com or 814-360-9228; or Bonnie Lakso at (814) 643-4054

Leone Family Scholarship (NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 2025)

The Leone Family Scholarship honors the memory of Rick Leone, who was serving as Executive Vice President of Sales at the Bonney Forge Corporation of the time of his death. Rick Leone played a major role in the growth and development of Bonney Forge, where he cultivated friends and customer relationships throughout the United States. Rick lived in Huntingdon County for 25 years and was admired and respected for his strength of character and integrity. As a disabled person, Rick faced adversity with courage and resolve.

Rules for Consideration:

1. Huntingdon County resident
2. Accepted in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University; Petroleum Engineering and Natural Gas Major preferred
3. Balance of academics and extracurricular activities
4. Qualified need
5. First generation college student
6. In the event there are not any applicants accepted in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, above factors considered for applicants accepted to Penn State main campus.

Sons of American Legion Post 107 Scholarship

Available to a graduating senior furthering his/her education at a college, university, or trade/technical school.

Requirements: 2 letters of recommendation
confirmation of acceptance
transcript
extracurricular activities
future goals (with an explanation)

Scholarship amount = \$ 250.00

All materials are due to the Senior High Guidance Office by May 1st (tentatively) or forward to the local American Legion.

Mount Union Baseball Booster Club Scholarship (Guidelines)

This scholarship is available to any player from the Mount Union Area School District, Southern Huntingdon Area School District and the Tussey Mountain Area School District who plans to continue their love of sports at the college level.

1. Recipient must have played in one of our leagues (Rookie, Minor, Major, Teener & Girls softball) for at least one year.
2. Scholarship is one time only.
3. Scholarship is \$1000 for each recipient.
4. Recipient must show letter of acceptance for the institution he/she will be attending.
5. Recipient must be listed on the team "roster" of the institution they will be attending.

Deadline = May 15th

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students who plan to further their education in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant, Pathology, Environmental Control, City Planning, Land Management, and Allied Subjects. Applicants must be a Pennsylvania resident and be sponsored by a Federated Garden Club. Scholarship is based on need, academic standing, and 5 points will be added to the scoring for children, grandchildren, or legal dependents of Federated Garden Club Members.

Scholarship amount = \$1,000 (if funds are available). Deadline is February 15th. Apply through the Senior High Guidance Office.

The Sheldon Leonard Memorial Academic Scholarship

This one-time scholarship is given in memory of the late Sheldon Leonard, devoted Drivers Education and English teacher at Mount Union. The scholarship is designed to recognize and reward those students who are high academic achievers and also to encourage students to pursue careers working with children and/or animals.

Special consideration will be given to students who are able to show a strong academic background as well as a high level of community involvement. Overall GPA and final course percentages in all subject matter, including both core and elective curriculums, will be considered. Pursuing a career in which the student will work with children or animals is also a plus, although not a necessity.

Any high school senior who is in good academic standing may apply for this scholarship.

Scholarship amount = varies

Contact the Guidance Office for an application.

Deadline = mid-April (check the separate application packet for details)

The Sheldon Leonard Memorial Youth Athletics Scholarship

This one-time scholarship is given in memory of the late Sheldon Leonard, devoted coach to hundreds of kids in the Mount Union area. The scholarship is designed to recognize and reward those students who were devoted to Mount Union youth sports and who have shown promise as team players/leaders.

High school seniors who possess a love of sports and who played a minimum of three years youth sports at the junior high/high school level are eligible to apply. Special consideration will be given to those players involved with youth baseball and/or youth soccer throughout their eligible high school years. Other special consideration will be given to those players who have found ways to improve athletics for future players and also to those players who may have been managed by Sheldon in the past.

Scholarship amount = varies

Contact the Guidance Office for an application

Deadline = mid-April (see scholarship packet for exact date)

Specific questions can be directed to: (for either scholarship listed above)

Mrs. Vicki Cooper

16 East Pennsylvania Avenue

Mount Union, PA 17066

(814) 542-4299

vjesjcooper@verizon.net

Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Brighter Future Scholarship Program

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must be:

- a Valley REC member or dependent of a member. (Valley REC directors and employees and their dependents are not eligible.)
- attending or planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution
- enrolled or planning to enroll full-time for the 2023-2024 academic year

Previous Brighter Future scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Application Deadline

Applications and all required information must be turned in by March 31st (tentatively). Scholarship selections will be made in May. Award recipients will be notified by the end of June. Please direct questions to memberservices@valleyrec.com, call 1-800-432-0680, or access materials at <https://www.valleyrec.com/content/scholarships> (all application materials will be available in February).

Amount: Up to (25) \$1,000.00 scholarships.

Michael S. Yelovich Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 30

Submit Application To: Andrea Christoff
14145 Christoff Avenue
Mount Union, PA 17066

This scholarship is being awarded in memory of Michael S. Yelovich, who was a local educator and avid sports enthusiast. Mr. Yelovich earned a Bachelor's degree from Lock Haven State Teacher's College (now, Lock Haven) and earned his master's degree in education at the Pennsylvania State University. While at Lock Haven, he lettered in basketball and baseball. He successfully balanced his academic pursuits with sports and other extracurricular activities. This scholarship is being awarded to a student who has been accepted to either Lock Haven or Penn State and who demonstrated the same success in terms of achieving this level of balance.

Scholarship Criteria:

- The student must be accepted to either Lock Haven or Penn State and must provide a copy of his/her letter of acceptance.
- The student should be in good academic standing in all classes and must provide a copy of his/her high school transcript.
- Strong consideration will be given to student athletes.
- The student must complete the application and return it with requested information by April 30.

This award will be presented by Mr. Yelovich's family during the annual class day awards ceremony.

NOTE: This scholarship may not be offered anymore. I'm working to verify if this scholarship will be offered again or not, along with any updated materials about it.

Lions International

The Allenport, Newton-Wayne and Shirleysburg Lions Clubs have joined together to present (2) \$300 scholarships to (2) Mount Union Area High School seniors who are involved in community service.

To qualify for this scholarship, you must:

- have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater.
- have been accepted at a post-secondary institution.
- Have a clean criminal record.

Applicants need NOT be related to a member of the Lions Club to qualify.

To apply, you must follow these steps:

1. Complete the attached Application Form.
2. Submit a personal essay (1,000 words or less). Essay should explain how you have served your community in a lasting and meaningful way(s). Please share your involvement in volunteer service activities and areas of leadership while serving your community. (Essays should be double spaced and typed.)
3. Include an official copy of your Transcript from Mount Union Area High School.
4. Include a copy of your Acceptance Letter from your post-secondary institution.
5. Mail ALL the necessary documents including application form, essay, high school transcript, and acceptance letter to: *Allenport Lions Club, attn.: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 61, Mount Union, PA 17066.*
6. **Essays must be post marked on or by Saturday, May 16 (tentatively).** No late entries will be accepted. No exceptions.

This scholarship provides funding for:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Room & Board

Important Information

- All applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of Lions Members and School Representatives
- An incomplete application will not be accepted.
- The winner of the award will be notified during Senior Class Day presentations.
- If the recipient decides to not attend a post-secondary institution in the fall, the award will be reassigned to another student.
- The check for the award will be made out to both the recipient and the post-secondary institution.

Pennsylvania Elks State Association

Enclosed you will find an application for the Scholarship/Leadership Financial Aid Program sponsored by the National Foundation of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Exalted Rulers or Secretaries of the Elks Lodge in your respective area should be available to answer any questions you may have concerning the applications. **PHOTOCOPIES** of the white official application **ARE ACCEPTABLE**. Applications will also be available at www.elks.org or by contacting your local Elks lodge office.

Applications open August 15. The info for the Mount Union Lodge is that they are at Lawrence & Poplar Streets and their number is 542-4008. The info for the Huntingdon Lodge is that they are at 233 Penn Street and their number is 643-4250.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship is a four-year award given to two high school seniors in the state of Pennsylvania per year. Each award consists of the value of one semester of tuition at the State System of Higher Education for each of four years. Eligible educational institutions include all colleges, universities and career schools in Pennsylvania.

Eligibility criteria for this scholarship include:

- Being a graduating high school senior and legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Having plans to attend a college, university, or career school as a full-time student in Pennsylvania
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Commitment to the community and demonstrated leadership qualities
- Financial need

Children of legislators and their staff members are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications can be found online on our website, www.tfec.org.

Business Awards: (Subject to change each year)

Colonial Florist- Highest average in Accounting

First National Bank- Highest average in Business & accepted at a post-secondary Business School.

Clearfield Bank & Trust – Highest average in the Administrative Assistant curriculum

F & M Trust – Outstanding business student with concentration in computers

South Hills FBLA – Outstanding FBLA student

Hermine Solt Student Scholarship- \$500 awarded to student furthering their education in the field of business (awarded by PAEOP, see business department for guidelines)

If interested in any of these awards, please see business department for guidelines!

GRANTS

Federal Pell Grants

Pell grants provide awards up to \$6,895 for the 2022-23 award year (for the 2023-24 academic year) for students demonstrating the greatest financial need. This award is only available to students pursuing their first bachelor's degree.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The program grants a range from \$1,000 up to \$4,000 annually for students who are demonstrating exceptional need. These grants are only available to students pursuing a first-time undergraduate degree.

Pennsylvania State Grant

These grants range from \$2,193-\$4,123 are available only to Pennsylvania students who have resided in the state for more than 12 months. Students who do not live in Pennsylvania may establish residence only if they live in the state for 12 months without attending school during that time. To be considered, the FAFSA application must be received by May 1. The amount depends on the cost of the college. Visit www.pheaa.org for more information.

Pennsylvania State Grant

*The FAFSA is used to apply

❖ Deadlines:

- May 1 for all renewals, plus all new students enrolled in four-year programs or college transfer programs. It is very important for low-income students to meet the filing deadline so they don't miss out on grant funds.
- August 1 for new students at Business, Trade, and Technical Schools, two-year Nursing Schools and two-year terminal programs

❖ Maximum awards are tied to allowable variable college cost levels not to exceed:

- \$5,750 per year for full-time students
- Amounts are subject to change

❖ Eligibility requirements:

- Be enrolled at least half-time (defined as at least six semester credits but less than 12 semester credits per semester or the equivalent).
- Be enrolled in an approval program of at least two academic years in length. (i.e., meaning at least 15 months and 60 credit hours or 1800 clock hours—1500 clock hours if an associate degree program).
- Be enrolled in a school approved by PHEAA for Pennsylvania State Grant purposes.
- Not have received the maximum number of Pennsylvania State Grants permitted.
- High school graduate or GED recipient.
- Be of satisfactory character (not incarcerated).
- Be a domiciliary of Pennsylvania (i.e., Pennsylvania resident for 12 months prior to filing the FAFSA. If the student is not 18 at the time of filing, the parents must have been Pennsylvania residents for at least 12 months prior to filing).
- Be a high school graduate as stipulated in the Pennsylvania State Grant Law.
- Make academic progress as defined by PHEAA.
- Not be in default or pending default on an educational loan. This also applies to programs where awards have been converted to loans due to failure to meet all eligibility or service requirements and the loan is in a default status.
- Not have a prior bachelor's degree.

*** The maximum award is dependent upon available funding and subject to review and adjustment. ***

LOANS

Federal Perkins Loan

Freshmen and sophomores may borrow up to \$5,500-\$6,500 annually, depending on need and the availability of funds. Loan repayment begins nine months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least part-time. Interest rates may change.

Direct Loan Program

These loans come in two forms: subsidized and unsubsidized. The subsidized loan is awarded based on financial need, and no interest is charged before repayment begins or until the authorized period of deferment ends. The unsubsidized loan is not awarded on the basis of need.

Direct Parent Plus Loans for Undergraduate Students

These loans enable parents to borrow money to pay for the education of a child who is a dependent undergraduate student. To be eligible, parents must pass a credit check. The yearly limit on a PLUS Loan is equal to the cost of attendance minus any financial aid the student may receive. Repayment of this loan begins 60 days after the final loan disbursement for the academic year.

OTHER SOURCES

Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)

Jobs are provided to students on campus through this federal program. Students earn minimum wage, and work long enough to earn a designated amount of money. Generally, students work an average of five hours per week.

*** For a complete PA Student Aid Guide visit: PHEAA.org ***

Institutional Scholarships:

Always check for institutional scholarships on any college website! This will show you if there are any scholarship programs, or if participating in a club or organization could get you free money just for being a member!

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Presidential Scholarship

CRITERIA

- Be a high school senior eligible for graduation with a cumulative overall grade point average of at least 3.5.
- Be recognized as a good citizen of the high school community by being involved and demonstrating leadership in at least three extra-curricular activities.
- Complete the admissions process and be accepted to Pennsylvania Highlands.
- Complete and submit a Scholarship Application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Qualify for college-ready status in writing, reading, and math through the College's Placement Testing Policy and Waiver Guidelines.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to complete and submit the application to:
PENNHIGHLANDS.AWARDSRING.COM

Apply today! <https://pennhighlands.awardspring.com/Home/ScholarshipDetails/224858>

Completed applications are due to the Penn Highlands Admissions Office by November 30, 2022.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Scholarships

***Scholarship availability and amounts are subject to change. Please visit websites as listed!**

Central Pennsylvania College -One \$1,000 Scholarship towards first three terms for full-time study
-More information here: <https://www.centralpenn.edu/scholarships/>

Johnson and Wales University – Available to any incoming accepted student who was or currently is a member of FBLA. Is renewable for up to 4 years, and students must participate in FBLA activities. Awards range from \$1,000 up to full tuition.

-More Information here: <https://www.jwu.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/scholarships-and-grants.html>

Pennsylvania College of Technology – Scholarship for those enrolled in any Accounting & Business Administration or Baking & Culinary or Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology major

- More Information here: <https://www.pct.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/penn-college-scholarships/fbla-future-business-leaders>

Check with the colleges you are applying to if they have a FBLA scholarship!

Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide

Scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities primarily for Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren and members of the Masonic-related youth groups.

Produced and distributed by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

The complete text of this booklet and an application for the PMYF Scholarship can be found on the internet at https://pmyf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/MSRG2023_1.pdf.

Please note: If you are part of a Masonic organization that has a scholarship program for which Pennsylvania youth are eligible, please send us the details and we will help to promote your program through this Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide.

F.N.B. Wealth Management Paul Edward Mitchell and Joseph Raymond Mitchell Memorial Trust

Scholarship funds from the above account are available to graduating seniors from Huntingdon County High Schools. First preference should be given to high school students from Huntingdon County that desire to enroll in a pre-medical course of study at any accredited college or university.

Completed applications and all pertinent information must be returned to our office by May 1. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

Pennsylvania JCI Senate Scholarship Program

The Pennsylvania JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senate is an organization affiliated with the Pennsylvania Jaycees and the United States JCI Senate. Together, we promote leadership training through community involvement and believe “that service to humanity is the best work of life.” Our commitment to working with our communities and serving others is the basis for our scholarship program.

The Pennsylvania JCI Senate sponsors a scholarship for senior students who are residents of Pennsylvania. We will be awarding **two \$500 scholarships** this year. The applications of these two recipients will then be forwarded to the United States JCI Senate Foundation for consideration to receive an additional national grant of \$1000. In the last seventeen years, sixteen Pennsylvania students have also received one of these \$1000 national grants.

The scholarship application is available on the U.S. JCI website. Go to www.usjcisenate.org and click on “Scholarship Program” in the top header for the link to the application.

Each student needs to submit only one copy of the completed application and appropriate attachments to Jeri Stoehr (via postal mail) for judging. If chosen as a Pennsylvania recipient, that application will be submitted to the United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Committee (the same application is used for both PA and US judging.)

The completed application, with all appropriate attachments, must be return postmarked by January 15.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5754 Essay Contest

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5754 Mt. Union will be having an essay contest for college tuition money as the prize. This essay contest requirements are as follows:

- Students must be a child or grandchild of a veteran (proof of a DD 214 if not a post member of 5754 Mt. Union, PA)
- Or student enrolled in the military
- Plan on attending college or trade school

This essay must state the following:

- 300 words minimum
- Why they deserve it/how it would help them
- The importance of Veterans or why they enrolled in the military
- What their major is in or going to be
- What they plan on doing with their degree

Deadline will be May 2nd. Please drop them off at your guidance office. College students can email me or drop it off at VFW Post 5754 Mt. Union. I'll make the arrangements to pick them up. Winners will be announced on May 9. There will be 3 winners. Each winner will receive \$400.00 towards their college tuition.

I look forward to reading the essays. Please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns.

Contact local post 542-9909

B.P.O.E. (Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks) "Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship"

DESCRIPTION:

This scholarship is an award of approximately \$800 (2 scholarships) which is sponsored by the Past Exalted Rulers Lodge #976 of the B.P.O.E. Applications will be accepted from high school seniors who are residents of Huntingdon County who are interested in furthering their education by attendance at college.

CRITERIA:

Selection will be made from applications submitted based on:

1. Academic achievement
2. Participation in extra-curricular activities
3. Demonstrated good citizenship
4. Financial need
5. Two letters of recommendation

All other criteria being equal, preference will be shown to students who are children of active members of B.P.O.E.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Seniors may obtain applications from the Guidance Office. Submit the application directly to Mrs. Deb Goodman, Huntingdon Lodge #976, 233 Penn Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

DEADLINE: April 1

SELECT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

NAME: Scholarships for Military Children

DESCRIPTION: Open to unmarried, dependent children of all military statuses: active duty, reserve, retired, etc.

DEADLINE: Varies as there are multiple scholarships offered.

LEARN MORE: <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/>

NAME: AMVETS National Service Foundation scholarships for high school seniors

DESCRIPTION: Awards scholarships to sons, daughters, and grandchildren of veterans, active military, or deceased veterans. Six \$4000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors:

\$1000 per year of a four-year undergrad program or an accredited technical program leading to a certificate or degree.

REQUIREMENTS: Awards based on academic excellence and financial need. Students must plan to attend a four-year undergrad program or accredited technical program leading to a certificate or degree.

LEARN MORE: <https://amvetsnsf.org/scholarships/>

NAME: Tillman Military Scholarship for Dependents of Service members

DESCRIPTION: Provides funds for tuition, fees, books, room, board, and child care to dependents or survivors of veteran or active-duty servicemen and servicewomen. These dependents may be pursuing degrees or certificates from vocational, 2-year, or 4-year colleges.

REQUIREMENTS: Transcript, essay, demonstration of community service, personal achievement, and educational and career goals, etc.

LEARN MORE: <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/>

NAME: AFCEA Scholarships

DESCRIPTION: Offers multiple military related scholarships to a variety of different students (high school seniors and current undergraduates).

DEADLINE: March 1

LEARN MORE: <https://www.afcea.org/afcea-educational-foundation/scholarships>

NAME: Postsecondary Education Gratuity Program (NOT JUST MILITARY)

DESCRIPTION: Provides waiver of tuition, fees, and room and board charges for children of individuals who have lost their lives after January 1, 1976 protecting PA citizens in the line of duty as the following: police officer, firefighter, rescue or ambulance squad members, corrections facility employees, and national guard members AND children of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, national guard, and other federal or state active military duty personnel who died in the line of duty after September 11, 2001.

REQUIREMENTS: Must have already applied for other available scholarships and grants. Must be enrolled at a Pennsylvania community college, state-owned college, or state-related institution (such as Penn State or Penn Tech) as a full-time student pursuing undergrad studies that will lead to an Associate or Bachelor's degree.

Learn more on PHEAA's website by searching for PEGP.

Pennsylvania Colleges

STATE-OWNED

Commonwealth University
 Bloomsburg Campus
 Lock Haven Campus
 Mansfield Campus
Cheyney Univ. of PA
East Stroudsburg Univ. of PA
Indiana Univ. of PA
Kutztown Univ. of PA
Millersville Univ. of PA
Pennsylvania Western Univ.
 California Campus
 Clarion Campus
 Edinboro Campus
Shippensburg Univ. of PA
Slippery Rock Univ. of PA
West Chester Univ. of PA

STATE-RELATED

Lincoln University
Temple University
Univ. of Pittsburgh (*Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Titusville*)
Penn State University
(*Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Shenango, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Worthington-Scranton, York*)
Penn College of Technology

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CC of Allegheny County
CC of Beaver County
Bucks County CC
Butler County CC
Delaware County CC
Harrisburg Area CC
Lehigh Carbon CC
Luzerne County CC
Montgomery County CC
Northampton County Area CC
Pennsylvania Highlands CC
CC of Philadelphia
Reading Area CC
Westmoreland County CC

OTHER TWO-YEAR

Harcum College
Johnson College
Lackawanna College
Lancaster General Col. of Nursing/Health Sci.
Lehigh Valley College
Manor College
McCann School of Bus/Tech
New Castle School of Trades
Pennsylvania Culinary Institute
Pitt. Inst. Mortuary Science
Penn. Institute of Technology
South Hills School of Business/Tech
Thaddeus Stevens Col. of Tech
Triangle Tech
Valley Forge Mil. Acad/Col.

PRIVATE FOUR-YEAR

Albright College
Allegheny College
Alvernia University
The American College
Arcadia University
Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Baptist Bible Col. & Seminary
Bryn Athyn College
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Cabrini College
Carlow University
Carnegie Mellon University
Cedar Crest College
Central Pennsylvania College
Chatham University
Chestnut Hill College
Curtis Institute of Music
Delaware Valley College
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eastern University
Elizabethtown College
Franklin & Marshall College
Gannon University
Geneva College
Gettysburg College
Gratz College
Grove City College
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Harrisburg Univ of Sci/Techn.
Haverford College
Holy Family University
Hussian School of Art
Immaculata University
Juniata College

Keystone College
King's College
Lafayette College
La Roche College
Lancaster Bible College
LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lycoming College
Marywood University
Mercyhurst College
Messiah College
Misericordia University
Moore Col. of Art and Design
Moravian College
Mount Aloysius College
Muhlenberg College Neumann University
Peirce College
Penn Col. of Art and Design
Philadelphia Biblical Univ.
Philadelphia University
Point Park University
Robert Morris University
Rosemont College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Vincent College
Seton Hill University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Thiel College
Thomas Jefferson University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Scranton
University of the Arts
Ursinus College
Valley Forge Christian College
Villanova University
Washington & Jefferson Col.
Waynesburg University
Westminster College
Widener University
Wilkes University
Wilson College
York College of PA

