

Scholarships

All scholarship opportunities received in the Guidance Office will be listed in order by deadline dates. Applications received by the organization after the posted deadline date will not be considered. If there are *** beside a scholarship, our office has not received updated information on that particular scholarship. Please visit the website to determine the newest deadline.

Local, State, and National Awards and Scholarships

\$500 grants are available to those students who have parents deployed so that they can participate in sports and get the need equipment to participate. For details: www.ourmilitary.org

***Still Need updated deadline dates

October 2011:

Imagine American Scholarship

Accepting applications online: January 1, 2012-May 31, 2012. Please visit www.imagine-america.org

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship

Deadline: October 2, 2011 (no later than 5:00 P.M.)

Wendy's Restaurants have teamed up with the Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee to create the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship. The award honors both male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics and student leadership. All students who meet these criteria are encouraged to apply. The link to the online application is available at www.wendysheisman.com. All students are invited to apply!

YoungARTS, program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA)

Deadline: October 23, 2011

Audition/Portfolio Received by: October 30, 2011

Open to high school seniors with disciplines in cinematic arts, dance, jazz, classical instrumental music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. Individual cash awards are available and range from \$100-\$10,000. More information can be found at www.nfaa.org

Horatio Alger Scholarship

Application deadline: October 30, 2011

2011 Horatio Alger Scholarship seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Applicants must be a full time high school senior with plans to enter college in the fall, intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution, must have critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted income), involvement in co-curricular and community activities, a minimum 2.0 GPA, and a US citizen. Students should apply online at www.horatiaoalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

Application deadline: October 31, 2011

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will be selecting seniors who display leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement and employment. Each year the Foundation awards 250 merit-based scholarships. Fifty awards are for \$20,000 and the remaining 200 awards are for \$10,000. Please visit www.coca-colascholars.org or call 1-800-306-2653 to apply.

November 2011:

2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 1, 2011

This scholarship recognizes middle and high school students for volunteer service in their communities. Young volunteers in grades 5-12 should complete an application online at www.prudential.com/spirit using access key: spirit. You will need to print out the application and submit it to the principal. One student is chosen from each school and sent in by November 1, 2011. Please see the website for more details.

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2011-2012 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Application deadline: December 1, 2011

Must be a high school senior who possesses scholarship and leadership characteristics and has financial need. Applications must be filed with the local Elks lodge by the deadline date. Applications are available on-line at www.elks.org.

December 2011:

2012 Burger King Scholars Program

Application Deadline: November 15, 2011 - January 10, 2012

Must have a minimum 2.5 QPA, work an average of at least 15 hours/week, have financial need, and participate in community service/ co-curricular activities in order to be eligible for one of several \$1000 scholarships offered nationwide. Applications packets must include letters of recommendation. You do not have to be an employee of Burger King to apply. The application can be found at

http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html

2012 Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards

Application deadline: December 2, 2011

This is a 4-year \$4,000 scholarship to children and grandchildren of ELK members who are high school seniors, going on to college and exhibit core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community and Integrity! The application can be downloaded and completed online at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm>.

*****Toyota Community Scholars Program**

Application deadline: December 1, 2011

This scholarship is being offered to seniors with a grade point average of 3.0 or better, actively involved in a service organization or project that has a positive impact on the school and/or community, be a U.S. citizen and plan to pursue an undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. Please write a brief letter stating that you are interested in this scholarship and give to Mrs. Sadler.

*****American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Youth Activist Scholarship**

Deadline: December 5, 2011

16 High School students will be selected to receive a \$12,500 scholarship at the start of their freshmen year in college. Winners of the scholarship will have the opportunity to attend two Youth Activist Leadership Institute trainings in New York and Washington to equip them with the tools and skills they need to continue their civil liberties work on their campuses and in their communities. Applicants must be seniors going to college in the Fall of 2009, 3.0 GPA at time of graduation and demonstrate financial need. Students that are interested must be nominated by ACLU of PA so contact Sara Mullen at smullen@aclupa.org if you are interested! Scholarship winners in the past have done the following (created a civil liberties- themed documentary to be used as an educational tool in classrooms, founding a student-led coalition expand the student non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation and gender identity, expression, and appearance, and giving dozens of presentations to hs students about critical reproductive health services).

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Application deadline: February 15, 2012

This scholarship provides resources that help make college possible! More than \$1.3 million a year in scholarships on the national and local levels are available. Winners are ethnically and economically diverse and they have ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals and ability to succeed in college. Are you an AXA Achiever? If you've accomplished something special, apply for an AXA Achievement scholarship. Visit

www.axa-achievement.com for more details.

PSECU 2012 Scholarship Program

Membership Deadline: Must be a PSECU member by December 31, 2010 to be eligible.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2012

PSECU offers 6 \$6,000 scholarships to high school seniors that are also members of PSECU. Eligible seniors can be attending either a two- or four-year college or university. Application includes a 250 to 500 word essay on the following topic: "What Actions Can Individual Young People Take to Keep Our Country from Experiencing another Economic Meltdown?" Eligibility requirements and scholarship applications are available in the guidance office. Students may also locate this information by visiting the PSECU website at www.psecu.com/scholarships/.

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

Application deadline: December 31, 2011

Non-renewable \$1000 scholarships are available to high school seniors who demonstrate entrepreneurial interest and initiative. Check this out if you have work or community service experience, if you are someone who would like to start your own business, or if you participate in the

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FBLA or another business-related organization. Applications and additional information is available online at http://www.xxproxy.com/browse.php/Oi8vd3d3/Lm5maWIu/Y29tL3Rh/YmlkLzMO/Ny9EZWZh/dWx0LmFz/cHg_3D/b29/.

January 2012:

Best Buy Scholarship

Application deadline: Available January of 2012

If you are a senior who has been involved in community service activities and is in good academic standing, check out www.BestBuy.com/scholarships for a scholarship application.

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Scholarship (NWTf)

Application deadline: January 1, 2012

This is a nationwide program that provides a \$250 award to each local winner, a \$1000 award to each state winner, and a national award of \$10,000. Eligibility includes: minimum 3.0 gpa; pursuing a degree at an accredited higher education institution; have a current hunting license; school activities; leadership skills; and community involvement. The senior must be a current member of the NWTf Xtreme JAKES program. For an application and program guidelines, visit www.nwtf.org/jakes/xtreme/scholarships.html.

Pennsylvania American Legion: 2012 High School Oratorical Contest

Deadline: January 15, 2012

This scholarship is available to students in grades 9-12th who successfully performs a memorized oration on some phase of the U.S. Constitution. The 1st place winner will receive a \$7,500 scholarship, plaque and expense paid trip to the PA American Legion State Convention to present his/her winning oration. The contest will consist of 2 parts: An 8-10 minute, memorized oration will be given on some phase of the US Constitution and a 3-5 minute oration on one of the four assigned topics assigned by National Headquarters. Please see Mrs. Sadler if you are interested.

Pennsylvania JCI Senate Scholarship

Postmarked by: January 7, 2012

Two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to Pennsylvania seniors. Winner will be eligible for consideration for a \$1000 national grant. The scholarship application is available on-line at www.usjcisenate.org/pa. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted from each school district. This completed application must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2012.

2012 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Deadline: January 8, 2012

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply. All students must register online at <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Essay+Contest+for+High+School+Students/Contest+Information>. Applicants will write an original and creative essay of less than 1,000 words that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by JFK in *Profiles in Courage*. Lots of scholarship money is available for the top 7 finalists.

Pittsburgh ASM Chapter Owen M. Katz High School Scholarship

Deadline: Postmarked by January 31, 2012

This scholarship is awarded to one outstanding high school senior who will study engineering in college. This year's scholarship is worth \$1,000 and will be awarded to the high school student who best personifies a commitment to excellence based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and future promise. Please see Mrs. Sadler in the guidance office for an application.

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame

Application deadline: January 31, 2012

Five \$4000 scholarships awarded to student athletes. The senior must demonstrate high academic achievement, financial need, and athletic ability at the varsity level, and must graduate in June 2012. The NIASHF does not discriminate on the basis of sex, creed, ethnic background, national origin or physical disability. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Western PA Trial Lawyers Association

Application Deadline: January 13, 2012

High school seniors are invited to participate in this essay contest to compete for 3 \$1,000 scholarships. The essay topic will address whether school officials have violated the First Amendment rights of a student by expelling the student for content on a personal home page that lampoons teachers and school administrators. Mrs. Sadler has the registration form in the Guidance Office. You must register before January 13, 2012.

*****Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship**

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Application deadline: January 31, 2012

FOR JUNIORS ONLY

Juniors must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA for 9th and 10th grade, must demonstrate leadership, must be actively involved in the community, and have overcome a significant obstacle(s) in their lives. Applications and additional information available at www.discovercard.com/tribute Up to ten \$25,000 scholarships and up to 300 - \$2500 scholarships will be awarded nationally.

Access code: DISC or call 1-866-756-7932

February 2012:

Visit www.studentscholarships.org for a list of other scholarships

Allegheny Metal FCU Scholarship

Deadline: Must be postmarked by February 28, 2012

Applicants must be attending college, business, technical or trade school in the fall of 2011 to be eligible and an Allegheny-Kiski Valley Chapter affiliated credit union member in good standing. 3 scholarships will be awarded. Applications can be found in the Guidance Office.

Bernie Smith Scholarship

Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 1, 2012

This award is presented yearly to one student from Armstrong County and one student from Indiana County who has been recommended by their school district Student Assistance Program Team. The honorees shall be chosen from the graduating class of the high schools in Armstrong and Indiana County. Eligible students are those students who have been involved in activities promoting the mission of the Armstrong/Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission. The student must be furthering their education in some fashion (college, trade school, etc.). In addition to completing the attached application, the high school SAP team should submit letters supporting the student's experience and accomplishments reflecting on what the SAP team involvement has meant to the student. Applications can be found in the Guidance Office.

PA Society Land Surveyors' Foundation Scholarships

Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 15, 2012

This scholarship will be chosen based upon achievements, content of responses, grammar, presentation, and advisor's evaluation. The applicant must be enrolled in or be accepted in a 2-year Surveying Technology Program or a 4-year BS Program in Land Surveying. A transcript must be sent from the HS Guidance Office. Applications can be found at <https://www.psls.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/2011-2012-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

Waste Management Scholarships

Deadline: February of each year

This program is open to seniors graduating from public and accredited private high schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania who are planning to study an environmental field in college. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors. Selection is based on special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, academic achievement (at least a 2.0 GPA), community service, unique endeavors, financial need, and a 1-page essay on why they deserve the scholarship and their involvement with preserving the environment. For more information go to:

www.big33.org/scholarships/default.ashx

Pennsylvania American Legion: 2012 American Legion 76th Annual Essay Contest

Deadline: February 4, 2012

This scholarship is available to students in grades 9-12th who have an interest in writing. The chosen topic is, "Is the Stimulus Package Worthwhile?" The first place winner will be rewarded a \$3,500 scholarship, a trophy and a trip to the PA American Legion State Convention in Harrisburg to read the winning essay. Please see Mrs. Sadler in the guidance office if you are interested.

Blackwood Music Scholarship

Postmarked by: February 1, 2012

Sponsored by the Blackwood Theater Organ Society, this scholarship is available to students intending to pursue a college degree and a career in music performance. Five scholarships, in the amounts of \$5000, \$4500, \$4000, \$3500 and \$3000 are available. Recipients will be selected on the basis of musical talent, music teacher recommendation, academic proficiency, motivation, financial need and written essay. For additional information and an application, stop by the guidance office.

2011 KFC Colonel's Scholars Program

Deadline: online application is available from December 1, 2011 through February 10, 2012

The KFC Colonel's Scholars Program was created and dedicated to assist students with financial need who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public institution within the state of PA. Applicants must be a high school senior, have a 2.75 GPA or higher, enrolling in a public, in-state college in Fall 2012, pursuing a bachelor's degree, and a US citizen. Students complete their application online at www.kfcscholars.org.

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Traditional Big 33 Academic Scholarships

Deadline: February 13, 2012

This program is open to seniors graduating from public and accredited private high schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors. Selection is based on special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, academic achievement (at least a 2.0 GPA), community service, unique endeavors, financial need, and a 1-page essay on why the applicant deserves the scholarship. For more information go to: www.big33.org/scholarships/default.ashx

Big 33 Nursing Scholarships

Deadline: February 13, 2012

This program is open to seniors graduating from public and accredited private high schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania who are planning to attend nursing school. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors. Selection is based on special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, academic achievement (at least a 2.0 GPA), community service, unique endeavors, financial need, and a 1-page essay on why the applicant wants to become a nurse and deserves the scholarship. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors in Ohio and Pennsylvania who plan to study nursing in college. To apply, visit www.big33.org/scholarships/default.ashx.

Katherine L. Reiger Scholarship

Deadline: February 15, 2012

This program is open to Pennsylvania residents who are sponsored by a Federated Garden Club. Special consideration is given to children, grandchildren, or legal dependents of club members. Applicants may be high school seniors or currently-enrolled college students who are working on a degree in horticulture, floriculture, landscape architecture, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental control, city planning, land management, or allied fields. They must be able to demonstrate financial need and a GPA of 3.0 or higher. For more information go to: www.pagardenclubs.org/scholarshipinfor.html

Monsanto 2012 Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship

Postmarked by: February 15, 2012

One hundred \$1500 awards will be offered to seniors who have a family member who is actively engaged in production agriculture. The recipient must be planning to pursue a career in any agriculture-related field. For more information and an application visit <http://www.monsanto.com/responsibility/youth/scholarship.asp>. or www.nafb.com.

Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers (PACB) Foundation

Postmarked by: Postmarked by February 20, 2012

Up to four \$1000 renewable scholarships are being offered to seniors who are children of bank employees. Applications and scholarship guidelines are available in the guidance office. Please visit www.PACB.org for more information.

PSECU 2012 Scholarship Program

Membership Deadline: Must be a PSECU member by December 24, 2011 to be eligible.

Application Deadline: February 26, 2012

PSECU offers 6 \$6,000 scholarships to high school seniors that are also members of PSECU. Eligible seniors can be attending either a two- or four-year college or university. Application includes a 250 to 500 word essay on the following topic: "What Actions Can Individual Young People Take to Keep Our Country From Experiencing Another Economic Meltdown?" Eligibility requirements and scholarship applications are available in the guidance office. Students may also locate this information by visiting the PSECU website at www.psecu.com/scholarships/.

2012 Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Award Program

Application deadline: Postmarked by February 28, 2012

Girls Going Places is Guardian Life Insurance Company's annual initiative designed to reward enterprising and community-minded girls ages 12-18. Cash prizes are available ranging from \$1,000-10,000. Visit www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com for application and more information!

Allegheny-Kiski Valley Chapter Scholarship Contest

Application Deadline: Postmarked by February 28th, 2012

Applicant must be attending college, business, technical or trade school in the fall of 2010 to be eligible and an Allegheny-Kiski Valley Chapter affiliated credit union member in good standing. The application is available in the guidance office.

March 2012:

Visit www.supercollege.com for a chance to complete additional scholarships for high school students!

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Pittsburgh Italian Scholarship Fund

Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 31, 2012

This scholarship is for students of Italian heritage, who demonstrate financial need to pursue higher education, with annual scholarship funds. Applications can be found in the Guidance Office. This scholarship is a \$3,000 per year for 4 years provided the student maintains a 3.0 QPA.

National Federation of the Blind Scholarships

Application Deadline: March, 2012

If you are a legally blind person who will be a full-time student during 2010-2011 school year, you are encouraged to apply for both the national and state scholarships awarded by the NFB. The national scholarship can be downloaded at www.nfb.org/scholarships and the state application can be found there as well as in the guidance office.

Frank J. and Cecilia Walker Fund Scholarship

Application deadline: TBA

Local Scholarship offered to seniors who reside in the Alle-Kiski Valley area. You must plan on attending a college, technical or trade school in the United States, maintain a "B" grade point average, and demonstrate financial need to be eligible. The award can be up to 25% of the recipient's total annual educational expenses. Applications are available in the guidance office.

First Commonwealth "Time to Be First" Athletic Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 2, 2012

This scholarship is for any high school senior graduating in 2011 that has participated on an athletic team or club. Applicants are asked to write a brief (500 words or less) essay describing why it is their time to be first- first at college, first in the community, first in athletics. Applicants will be entered to win one of 20 \$1,000 scholarships. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

Edgar Snyder & Associates: Words to Be Heard Scholarship

Deadline: Postmarked by March 30, 2012

Three grand prize winners from the Pittsburgh area will receive \$2,500. One second place winner from the Pittsburgh area will receive \$1,000, and three runners-up will receive \$500. Interested candidates must submit a 1,000 word proposal for a school-based program that would effectively teach pre-teens and teenagers about alcohol-related consequences. The application is available in the guidance office or at www.edgarsnyder.com.

*****Center for Organ Recovery & Education Essay Scholarship**

Application Deadline: March 1, 2012

Applicant must be a high school student in the 9-12th grade. The student essay topic is, "How Can I Save a Life? The Plight of Donation in the Multicultural Community". Download the entry form and open in MS Word at www.core.org.

USA Today/ Got Milk 2012 SAMMY Award Program

Application deadline: March 19, 2012

Program will recognize 25 outstanding scholar athletes nationwide. Winners will receive a \$7,500 scholarship. Judging will be based on academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership, and community service. For more information visit www.bodybymilk.com.

Ralph B. Canterbury Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 31, 2012

High School seniors should apply for one of the 10 \$1,250 scholarships. Applicants must be a member of the Clearview Federal Credit Union. It's easy and there is no cost to open an account. Visit www.clearviewfcu.org for more details.

Pennsylvania School Public Relations Scholarship (PenSPRA):

Application deadline: March 12, 2012

Three \$500 scholarships to be awarded to Pennsylvania residents. The student must have a 3.0 GPA, and plan on attending a post-secondary institution to major in a communications field. Visit www.penspra.org for an application and more information.

Armstrong County Community Foundation

All materials must be received by: March 15, 2012

The Armstrong County Community Foundation has several local/county-wide/ regional scholarship opportunities available. Applications and information on the following scholarships and required essays are available in the guidance office or on-line at www.accfound.org.

*****The Pennsylvania Burglar and Fire Alarm Association**

Application deadline: March 15, 2012

Scholarship awards based on three levels (regional, state and national) are available to children of full-time, active duty police and fire personnel, including volunteer fire department personnel. Available to seniors who are graduating in 2012 who will be attending an accredited

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college or university in the fall of 2012. Judging criteria is based on GPA, SAT scores, written essay, and extracurricular activities. A copy of the application is available by calling the PBFAA State Office (1-800-458-8512) or by sending an email with complete address to INFO@PBFAA.com Subject: Scholarship Program or you can obtain a copy in your high school guidance office.

*****Veteran's Leadership Program of Western PA Scholarship**

Application deadline: March 17, 2012

Two \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to a student who develops the best 500-word speech on a topic specified by the organization. Posters outlining eligibility criteria, topic for the speech, and program guidelines are posted in the guidance office and English/Social Studies classrooms. Student must be the descendant of a veteran. This is a regional scholarship offered to residents of Armstrong and surrounding counties. The scholarship must be used within one year of the award date, and will be issued directly to the post secondary institution. Visit www.vlpwpa.org for more information.

Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central PA

Application deadline: March 30, 2012

Five \$1000 scholarships to be awarded to seniors who have an epilepsy/ seizure condition who plan on attending a post-secondary academic or vocational program. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund

Deadline: March 31, 2012

Mrs. Janice Marie Scott was a victim of the attacks by terrorists on September 11, 2001. She was among the 125 individuals that were killed in the Pentagon when terrorists commandeered and crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into that building. As a result, the family members of Mrs. Scott created the Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor her legacy. Six \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this school year to high school seniors who meet the criteria. Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and planning to attend a 4-year college in the Fall. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

The Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers (PAMS)

Deadline: March 23, 2012

Will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student who has overcome physical challenges with the help of home medical equipment and supplies. The applicant must be a resident of PA or Delaware, a high school senior and the award must be used toward a post-high school education program.

Audubon Society 2012 Beulah Frey Environmental Scholarship

Postmarked by: March 31, 2012

\$1000 awards available to seniors applying to a college or university to major in an environmental-related field. Regional award offered to students in Armstrong and surrounding counties. Applications are available at www.aswp.org.

April 2012:

ASM Materials Education Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2012

Several scholarships available to seniors who are pursuing a career in the material science and/or engineering field. Applications can be found at www.asmfoundation.org.

Indiana/Armstrong Patriots, Inc. United States Constitution Essay Contest

Deadline: Postmarked by April 4, 2012

This scholarship is available to a high school senior residing in Indiana or Armstrong County. An essay topic and guidelines can be located in the Guidance Office. 7 scholarship awards will be given for this scholarship. See Mrs. Sadler for the application details.

The ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: The application period begins March 1, 2012 and ends on April 2, 2012

The ASPIRE program was founded over 15 years ago by Equitable Resources (now EQT) as a mentoring program for high school students. Junior Achievement has been a partner since the beginning and I'd encourage any high school sophomore to visit the website for more information. Each year ASPIRE awards four \$10,000 scholarships to graduating seniors for college, and JA adds a \$4,000 scholarship as well. More information is available at their website (www.aspireprogram.org). Apply by clicking the "APPLY for ASPIRE's 2010-2011 Program" link.

Federal Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

Deadline: must be received by April 1, 2012

The purpose of this scholarship is to reward academic excellence in high school and encourage additional progress. The scholarship is for \$1,500 per year, and can be renewed based on continued eligibility. To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must be a high school senior with a class rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class, have a grade point average equal to a 3.50 or above, and have an SAT

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score of 1150 or above (critical reading and math scores only) and/or an ACT composite score of 25 or above. The application is available in the guidance office.

Allegheny Valley Association of Churches: A-K Valley Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 16, 2012

This scholarship is to assist the student in meeting expenses for higher education (college, nursing, business or technical school). Applicants must submit their views of Dr. King and his Human Rights Philosophy (you may submit a drawing as well). Scholarship award is based on financial need, scholastic ability and extra-curricular activities. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

Kid's Chance of PA Scholarship

Application deadline: April 15, 2012

PSBA Insurance Trust offers grants to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work related accident that resulted in a financial need. Awards vary depending on the needs and expenses of the applicant. A Financial Aid Award Letter is required as part of the application packet. Additional information is available in the guidance office, as well as on line at www.kidschanceofpa.org. Applications can be downloaded from the website.

Freddie Fu Sports Medicine Scholarship

Application deadline: April 21, 2012

One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to a current junior (will be a senior in September 2009) who demonstrates an interest in sports medicine upon completion of a six-week summer internship at the Center for Sports Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Applicants must also demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, community involvement and financial need. The recipient must have transportation to the clinic during the summer internship, which is 40 hours per week for six consecutive weeks, with a negotiable start date. Additional information on the internship and applications can be obtained in the guidance office.

Fiesta Italiana di Vandergrift, Inc.

Vince Putignano Memorial Merit Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2012

This scholarship is for seniors who reside in the 15690 zip code or have a Parent who has lived in the 15690 zip code for at least one year. The applicants must have at least 1 parent of Italian descent and that parent must have lived in the 15690 zip code for a period of excess of one year. The scholarship is \$2,000. Please see Mrs. Sadler for an application.

May 2012:

Evangelical Methodist Women's Scholarship

Application deadline: May 1, 2012

The Evangelical Methodist Women of the Community Church of Pine Run is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who meets the following criteria: Must be a Christian who can provide a letter of recommendation from a pastor, youth pastor or Church Board member; have a minimum "B" (3.0) average; and plans on attending any post secondary educational institution (2 or 4 year college/university, business, technical, etc.). This scholarship is offered to students enrolled at Apollo Ridge, Kiski, Leechburg, Cherish Christian Academy, Orchard Hills Christian Academy, and any senior from neighboring school districts who are attending Community Church of Pine Run. The application is available in the guidance office.

*****The New Kensington Civic Theatre**

Deadline: May 1, 2012

The New Kensington Civic Theatre will award 2 scholarships to designated students who have demonstrated an active interest in theatre, in either their school or community. This award will be presented at the school's annual awards ceremony. See Mrs. Sadler for an application!

*****The Armstrong County Herb and Garden Group Scholarship**

Deadline: May 4, 2012

The Armstrong County Herb and Garden Group is pleased to be offering to high school seniors of Armstrong County the opportunity to apply for a \$500 scholarship. It is to be used by a student who plans to attend a school of higher learning in the field of agriculture, environmental science, food service, forestry or horticulture programs. Applicants must be accepted into an associate, bachelor or technical program to be considered for a scholarship. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

Allegheny-Kiski Health Foundation- NURSING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST PROGRAM

Deadline: May 11, 2012 (submit earlier if possible)

These scholarships are available to interested first-time students entering an RN or BSN program at an accredited nursing school for the fall 2012 term. The scholarships are provided through the Helen Rakowski Bole Trust and the Adolph Rzotkewicz Trust, of which the Allegheny-Kiski Health Foundation acts a trustee. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

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The Continental Building Systems Charities Fund Scholarship of The Columbus Foundation

Deadline: Postmarked no later than May 31

Continental Building Systems is a full service general contractor headquartered in Columbus, OH with an office in Pittsburgh, PA. Applicants must be seniors, 3.0 GPA or higher, and enrolled at a 4-year, post-secondary school. Recipients will be chosen based on financial need, academics and character. This scholarship is renewable as long as a 3.0 GPA is maintained. See Mrs. Sadler for the application.

Additional Scholarships/Aid

PHEAA: New Economy Technology Scholarship program

Application deadline: December 31, 2011

These scholarships will be available to high school graduates once enrolled in a post secondary degree program. Two different scholarships - SciTech Scholarship and Technology Scholarship to be awarded. SciTech is offered to students pursuing a bachelor's degree, providing up to \$3000/ year. Technology scholarships provide up to \$1000 per year to students enrolled in programs that are less than four years in length. Fourteen new Allied Health programs have recently been added to the approved list for the Technology Scholarship. For more information on these scholarships, including an application, log on to www.pheaa.org. Brochures are also available in the guidance office.

PEF Grant

Deadline: Each local chapter sets its own deadline. Students who submit their application to the state PEF office must do so by April of each year. This program is open to graduating seniors at high schools in Pennsylvania. Applicants must be planning to enroll in an engineering program at an ABET-accredited college or university in the state. They must have a GPA of 3.6 or higher and minimum scores of 700 on SAT mathematics and 600 on SAT verbal. U.S. citizenship is required. Interviews are included in the selection process. For more information go to: www.pspe.org/scholarships.shtml

www.meritAid.com (Billions of dollars in merit-based scholarships from colleges are made available to students through this website! Students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher often qualify! Scholarships are available based on student interest, intended majors, leadership and community service!)

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes

Application deadline: beginning September 17, 2011 - May 13, 2012

High school seniors can win a \$1,000 scholarship for their first year expenses at an accredited college or private career school. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 29, 2011 through May 13, 2012. The scholarship check will be payable to the winner's school of attendance, and the \$100 gift card will be sent directly to the student. For complete details, visit www.offtocollege.info or www.suntruseducation.com

Hightower Scholars, Inc: 2011-2012 Scholarship Programs

Application Deadline: Various deadlines

The scholarship season for Hightower Scholars has officially begun. The scholarships are for graduating minority seniors unless otherwise noted. The scholarships available this year include:

- The Clarence James Memorial Scholarship- Deadline: March 1, 2012
- The James Hightower Jr. Steel Scholar Award - April 1, 2012
- The Marsili Award
- The George and Barbara Hubbard Award
- The George and Barbara Hubbard Golf Scholarship
- The New Kensington Lions Club Scholarship
- The Ross G. Walker Leadership Cup
- The Hightower Early Success Scholarship for middle school students- Deadline: February 2, 2012
- The Mittie B. Hightower Memorial Scholarship for nursing students attending Penn State New Kensington

Please call (724) 335-4027 or visit the website at www.hscolars.org for more information.

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A LOCAL Scholarship packet can be picked up in the Guidance Office at this time. Please don't forget to pick this up! There are several local scholarships available to seniors at this time!

The Dr. Samuel R. and Twila Black Medical Arts Scholarship Fund

Deadline: March 15th, 2012

The scholarship, a nonrenewable one-time gift of \$750, is available to graduates of Armstrong County High Schools including Lenape Tech who wish to pursue a career in the Medical Arts. The scholarship criterion includes students who are interested in veterinary medicine. Student must be a resident of Armstrong County who is planning to major in the medical arts at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, nursing school, medical school, vocational school, or veterinary school in the United States. Applicant should use the scholarship application form available at www.accfound.org.

Armstrong County Technical School Scholarship Fund

Deadline: March 15th, 2012

This renewable scholarship, which is based on 3.0 GPA and instructor recommendation, is for students in Armstrong and surrounding counties, who are pursuing a course of study in the trade arts at an accredited career school, vocational technical school or community college located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Applicant should use the scholarship application form available at www.accfound.org.

Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: March 15th, 2012

A renewable \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to one or two qualified recipients who are graduating seniors from Armstrong County high schools and are planning to study engineering. Applicant should use the scholarship application form available at www.accfound.org.

Michael Petronchek Musical Scholarship Fund

Deadline: March 15th, 2012

Preference for this nonrenewable gift of \$500 will be given to be a graduating senior from Ford City High School; however, *students from any Armstrong County high school may apply*. The applicant must be accepted at a college, university, or vocational school in the United States as a full-time student with a declared major in music. Applicant should use the scholarship application form available at www.accfound.org.

The Quality Life Services Healthcare Career Scholarship Fund

Deadline: March 15th, 2012

The amount is variable, depending upon amount available. To be eligible to apply, the student must be a high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA, whose parent or grandparent is currently employed by a Quality Life Services Company. The student must also be accepted full-time at an accredited two or four year college, university, nursing or vocational school in the United States with a declared major in a healthcare field employed by Quality Life Services. Applicant should use the scholarship application form available at www.accfound.org.

*****Allegheny Valley Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship**

Application deadline: TBA

A \$1000 scholarship will be offered to a senior who has worked at least one year in the Gift and Coffee Shop where they earned a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service. Additional information on the scholarship is available by calling (724) 226-7370.

Central Blood Bank - Blood Drive Scholarship

Application deadline: March 30, 2012

Scholarships will be awarded to seniors who meet the following criteria: must be planning to attend an accredited post secondary institution (2-4 year college/ university, nursing school, etc.) in the upcoming Fall semester; must have a minimum 3.0 GPA; must have participated in community and/or school activities. Any senior who plans to attend an institution of higher education should apply. However, students interested in pursuing a degree in nursing or a related medical field are strongly encouraged to apply, as preference will be given to anyone entering a medical field.

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Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Foundation

Application deadline: May 4, 2012

Applicant must be a resident of a borough that is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (includes Armstrong county). He/she must have been accepted to an accredited 2 or 4-year college/university. A scholarship in the amount of \$1000 will be sent directly to the post secondary institution. Applications and additional guidelines are available in the guidance office.

Elmer A. and Annabelle C. Snyder Educational Trust Scholarship

Application deadline: April 25, 2012

Selected students must have the desire to pursue a course of study in a college, university, or other similar institution of higher learning and be residents of Armstrong County. Consideration will be given to the student's academic record, social aptitude, and economic need.

Dr. H.W. Fraley Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: March 22, 2012

One \$500 scholarship will be offered to a senior who will be attending any type of post secondary training. The student must demonstrate leadership skills and/or either community activism or concern for the environment.

Strongland Chamber of Commerce Motivational Scholarship

Application deadline: April 4, 2012

Three awards - one \$1500, one \$1000 and one \$500 - will be awarded to seniors of local school districts participating in the motivational program. You must be a senior who received a Strongland Chamber of Commerce Motivational reward card during your school career and be planning to attend any type of post secondary education. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Marconi Auxiliary

Application deadline: March 30, 2012

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a senior who plans on attending a four-year program at an accredited college or university. Preference will be given to a child, or grandchild of members. Should none apply, eligibility will be extended to include all students.

John Perrone Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: March 16, 2012

One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who plans on attending a four-year collegiate program at an accredited college or university. Financial need will be taken into consideration. Award will be given over a four-year period.

American Hungarian Citizens Association

Application deadline: March 22, 2012

One \$500 scholarship awarded to a student who plans on attending a post secondary institution.

The Monday Evening Club of Leechburg Scholarship

Application deadline: March 21, 2012

Award will be offered to a senior who plans on attending any type post secondary education to study nursing or some other major in the medical field.

Leechburg BPOE Lodge #377 Scholarship- Book Supplies Scholarship

Application deadline: April 6, 2012

One \$200 scholarship will be awarded to a senior who will be pursuing post-secondary education. Applications can be found in the Guidance Office.

Leechburg Mothers' Club

Application deadline: April 10, 2012

An award, in an amount to be announced, will be offered to a senior planning to attend any type of post secondary education/training.

Leechburg Education Association

Application deadline: April 4, 2012

Seniors must be planning to attend a post secondary educational institution; demonstrate financial need; be in the upper half of the class in academic rank; demonstrate leadership and enthusiasm in school, good character, and respect for people in the educational community. Preference will be given to students who plan to enter an education-related field; however, students considering other majors are also encouraged to apply.

Rotary Scholarship for Community Service

Application deadline: March 31, 2012

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Scholarships will be awarded, with the opportunity for matching funds to be awarded from the Presidential Freedom Scholarship. The recipient should be the student most exemplifying the spirit of Rotary and community volunteerism by way of their involvement, leadership and accomplishments in community projects throughout their high school career.

Leechburg Lions Club: Madeline Nichols Memorial Scholarship and Harry V. Miller Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: April 8, 2012

Three \$500 awards will be offered to seniors who plan to attend any type of post-secondary training that awards a degree or qualifies the student to apply for a professional license or professional certification.

Leechburg Area School Band Boosters

Application deadline: April 2, 2012

Offered to a senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary education/training. The student must have participated in the band program, and should list all other band-related programs attended (district, county, etc. for all 4 years).

Dzvonik Family Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: March 28, 2012

Two \$500 awards will be offered to Leechburg seniors planning to continue their education at an accredited post secondary institution. Special consideration will be given to students who plan to major in education (preferred, but not required).

James W. Leech Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 2, 2012

Scholarship will be awarded to a Leechburg Senior planning to attend college. Essay required and all applications can be found in the Guidance Office.

Elizabeth and Joseph Kertes Scholarship

Deadline: April 2, 2012

Applicants must be a student at Leechburg Area high School. The scholarship will be based solely on need. All students seeking a post-high school education (not limited to a 4 year college) who have a B average or better shall qualify for this scholarship. Applications can be found in the Guidance Office at this time.

Watch out for scholarship scams! Students often use the Internet to seek out different scholarship opportunities... but you must be careful. If you are asked to pay a fee for an organization to help you with your scholarship search... Beware! Looking for scholarships shouldn't cost you a penny. Occasionally, you may find a scholarship that requires a processing fee, which is usually a minimal amount. In these cases, you can decide whether or not to apply. A good site to help you with your search is www.fastweb.com or www.salliemae.com. There is free money out there... all you need to do is apply. Good luck!