

**February/March
2018
Scholarship &
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Bulletin**

Ongoing Resources

FAFSA. Free Application For Federal Student Aid is the tool used to determine a student's eligibility for government-sponsored financial aid. Colleges use the FAFSA results when putting together financial aid award letters. FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.gov or by completing the paper form. Never pay to complete the FAFSA. October 1st = first day to file.

PHEAA. Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency assists students in navigating the college admissions and financial aid process. In order to apply for PA specific state aid, complete the Pennsylvania State Grant Form online during the FAFSA completion process. Website is found at www.pheaa.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hermoine Solt Student Scholarship

* Graduating senior pursuing a career in a business related field (including but not limited to: Accounting, Business, Business Administration, Business Communications, Business Management, Business Communications, International Business, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Marketing, Computer/Technology, or Secretarial/Admin. Assistant)

Deadline: March 1, 2018

How to Apply: Paper application available in Student Services

Award Amount: \$500

***NEW* Pennsylvania Restaurant Association Scholarship**

* Graduating senior furthering education in hospitality/culinary arts industry & has been in accepted into post-secondary program of training; must be a PA resident

Deadline: March 1, 2018

How to Apply: complete application, 3 letters of recommendation, transcript, short essay, letter of acceptance; Paper Application available in Student Services

Award Amount: ranges from \$500 - \$1,500

Pittsburgh Technical College Scholarship Opportunities

* Graduating senior accepted to Pittsburgh Technical College (PTC)

* Active member of Skills USA, DECA, or other eligible school organization

Deadline: March 5, 2018

How to Apply: Paper application available in Student Services or at

www.PTCCollege.edu/scholarships

Award Amount: \$3,000 renewable

***NEW* Odd Fellows Homes of Western PA**

* Graduating **VTC** senior; VTC selects one student for **each** program; award to be presented at our Awarding of Certificates Ceremony in June

~ *Continuing Education Award* (enrolled in post-high school education)

NOT in top **20%** of class (this is critical); Displays exemplary conduct in school & community; accepted in an advanced training program for after high school

~ *School-to-Work Award* (going to work after high school)

"C" average enrolled in Technology Field (not in top 20% of class); displays exemplary conduct in school & community; currently employed or employment guaranteed post-graduation

Deadline (both): March 15 to Student Services

How to Apply: submit one page essay/autobiography including future goals; Please see Ms. Campbell in Student Services for additional information

Award Amount: two \$500 awards

Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central PA Scholarship

* Graduating senior planning to attend post-secondary program in fall 2017

* Student must have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder as confirmed by a doctor

Deadline: March 16, 2018

How to Apply: Paper application available in Student Services

Award Amount: \$1,000

SkillsUSA Scholarships

MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

~ STEM Scholarship

Graduating senior with membership in SkillsUSA whose area of study will lead them into a STEM-related field (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

Deadline: March 15, 2018

~ SkillsUSA/NTHS Scholarship

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Tips for applications.

- Type answers or print in clear, neat handwriting.

- Plan ahead to ensure you can complete the application and gather all supporting documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) before the deadline.

- If you meet the minimum criteria, then you should apply. Don't rule *yourself* out of a possible opportunity.

**Helpful Career & College
Planning Websites**

bigfuture.collegeboard.org

fastweb.com

pacareerzone.org

SkillsUSA has teamed up with the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) to promote outstanding student achievement within career and technical education. To be eligible, students must be active, dues-paying members of *both* SkillsUSA and NTHS.

Deadline: April 1, 2018

How to Apply: must submit online application which includes submitting essays

<http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>

Award Amount: \$1,000

***NEW* Drive to Succeed ~ GM Automotive Retail Scholarship for Women**

* graduating senior enrolled in an undergraduate or nontraditional educational program in automotive retail

* goal is to increase number of women assuming key management roles in automobile dealerships

Deadline: April 15, 2018

How to Apply: visit website www.gmsac.com

Award Amount: up to \$5,000

Anna J. Rickert 2018 Memorial Scholarship

* Graduating senior planning to attend post-secondary program who is the child/step-child of a *Mercer County Central Labor Council member* in good standing

* Completed application and essay on, "What do you think a union should do for its members?"

Deadline: April 30, 2018

How to Apply: Paper application available in Student Services

Award Amount: \$1,000

Azazie Scholarshp

* graduating senior accepted into a US university; Students must be enrolled or accepted and seeking a degree at a U.S. or Canadian university or college

* Write a 500 to 800-word essay on the topic of, "What is a problem within the industry you're currently majoring in, and how will you solve this issue?"

Deadline: May 31, 2018

How to Apply: Email the essay, applicant's name, address, phone number, and the university/school of attendance as of January 1, 2018, to scholarship@azazie.com.

Award: \$1,000

APPRENTICESHIPS

Information Available in Student Services on Bulletin Board:

Plumbers Local Union #27 - Application window March 13 - March 25, 2017, in person at union headquarters 1040 Montour West Industrial Park, Coraopolis, PA at varying hours available info on board in Student Services

United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers Local #37 - Application window through *March 25* for June Apprenticeship class. Apply in person at 230 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA Monday - Friday 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Northeastern Joint Apprenticeship & Training - Journeyman Lineman - Application window *July 1 - JUNE 30, 2017* www.neat1968.org

Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee - Applications accepted year round www.kmlcarpenters.org

OPPORTUNITIES

***NEW* Camp Cadet**

The camp is open to both boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 15.

The camp is designed to bring a better understanding of law enforcement and other community agencies to the youth who live in Erie, Warren, Crawford and Venango counties. The camp is a week-long experience where cadets spend the entire week at Allegheny College.

Deadline: April 30, 2018

How to Apply: apply online at www.pacampcadet.com; additional flyer available in Student Services

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week

- * Current 10th or 11th graders only
- * Weeklong camp that exposes students to the world of business and entrepreneurship
- * Held on campus of Penn College of Technology and costs of attendance are paid for by a local business partner
- * For student who has an interest in business but doesn't need to be in business classes

Deadline: Early Bird Deadline = March 2, 2018 and Final Deadline = April 6, 2018

How to Apply: paper applications available in Student Services or online at www.pfew.org

Pennsylvania American Legion State Police Week

- * Student aged 15 -17 interested in future career with State Police
- * Week long camp that takes place June 10-16, 2018
- * Cost of attendance is \$150 which will be paid for with sponsorship from local Legion post

Deadline: application must be submitted to local American Legion Post prior to May 15, 2018

How to Apply: Paper applications available in Student Services

