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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

American Legion Essay Contest

- * Any Student in grades 9 -12
 - * Submit an essay of 500-1,000 words on the topic of, "What does being a patriot meant to me?"
 - * VTC submits one essay from our applicants to compete against other schools
- Deadline:** (in-house VTC) January 12, 2018
How to Apply: contest details available in Student Services; essay must be returned to SS office by deadline
Award Amount: 3 awards ranging from \$2,500 - \$3,500 for state level winners

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

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

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

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
How to Apply: Paper application available in Student Services
Award Amount: \$500

APPRENTICESHIPS ~

Information Available in Student Services:

- * **Northeastern Joint Apprenticeship & Training - Journeyman Lineman** – must possess a valid CDL license or Permit with the Airbrake Restriction removed - www.neat1968.org
- * **Western PA (Highway) Construction Occupation Laborers Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program** - Application available online www.laborpa.org/apprenticeship
- * **Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee** - Applications accepted year round on Wednesdays www.kmlcarpenters.org

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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

OPPORTUNITIES

University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy – current 10th or 11th graders; cost \$2,800; **Application Deadline:** January 31, 2018; more information online at www.hcsa.pitt.edu

Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive – current 10th or 11th graders; cost \$3,850; **Application Deadline:** January 31, 2018; more information online at www.global.lehigh.edu/iacocca

Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences

* Current 11th graders

* July 2 - August 5, 2017 at Carnegie Mellon University

* Provides an intensive program of study and research in the natural and physical sciences, mathematics and computer science, which combines classroom instruction with hands-on, inquiry-based research, using the sophisticated technology and facilities available at Carnegie Mellon University. Housing and program costs are covered for those who are accepted into the program. More online <http://sciences.pa.gov-schools.org/>

Deadline: January 31, 2018

How to Apply: Complete application online at <http://sciences.pa.gov-schools.org/>

Pennsylvania School for Excellence in the Agricultural Sciences

* Current 11th graders only

* July 8 - August 3, 2018 at Penn State University Park Campus

* The Pennsylvania School for Excellence in the Agricultural Sciences (PSEAS) has deep roots, blooming out of what was formerly known as the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences. The College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State first hosted this enrichment program in 1986. Over the years, this special program has impacted over 1600 participants in exploring college life and the expansive and diverse fields of agricultural science and natural resources. This is a four-week residential program held primarily at University Park campus for academically talented and gifted high school rising seniors from throughout Pennsylvania. Tuition, room, board, instructional materials, and costs of program activities are provided free of charge to students who are selected to participate. More information available online <http://agsci.psu.edu/school-for-excellence>.

Deadline: February 15, 2018

How to Apply: Complete paper application and submit along with all supporting documents; Applications 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