

# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

---

Carbon County  
Community Foundation



**Carbon County**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# Scholarships:



The Carbon County Community Foundation hosts more than a dozen scholarship funds that have been established by community members and area business leaders for the benefit of local students.

In 2024, those funds granted more than \$30,000 in scholarships to Carbon County students pursuing higher education opportunities.

Application windows for each scholarship open in January and are due by March 1st each year. **Full applications and more information can be found online at [www.cccfoundpa.org/scholarships](http://www.cccfoundpa.org/scholarships).**

## Table of Contents:

Create Your Own Scholarship Fund .....	3
Scholarship Opportunities: All Carbon County Students .....	4
Scholarship Opportunities: School or District Specific.....	6
Carbon Career & Technical Institute .....	6
Jim Thorpe Area School District .....	7
Lehigh Area School District .....	8
Palmerton Area School District .....	9
Panther Valley School District .....	10
Weatherly Area School District .....	10
About the Carbon County Community Foundation .....	11

# Create Your Own Scholarship Fund

**Scholarship Funds** are generally the most popular type held at a Community Foundation. Scholarships can promote a certain career or industry, acknowledge a special school or community, and/or honor the memory of loved ones. As the fundholder, you decide the guidelines and criteria for the scholarship (like school, particular field, class, etc.), and we handle the rest! You can be involved in the selection process as much or as little as you'd like.

## How Do I Create a Scholarship Fund at the Carbon County Community Foundation?

1. Think about why you want to establish the scholarship and the attributes of the perfect student recipient.
2. Contact us! Our knowledgeable staff will work with you to narrow down the scholarship guidelines and create a Scholarship Fund agreement.
3. Make a gift to the Community Foundation to establish your scholarship fund and receive a tax deduction for this calendar year. Accepted gift types include cash, check or credit, appreciated stock, and non-cash assets like real estate holdings.
4. Start awarding scholarships immediately or grow the endowment for future generations!



## Contact Us!

Carbon County Community Foundation  
PO Box 243, Lehighton PA 18235  
610-730-25526 | [info@cccfoundpa.org](mailto:info@cccfoundpa.org)  
[www.cccfoundpa.org](http://www.cccfoundpa.org)

# Scholarships: Carbon County

The following scholarships are open to high school seniors at any of the Carbon County school districts (or home-schooled students who will be receiving a state-recognized graduation certificate/diploma).

## Eugene “Peck” Armbruster Memorial Scholarship



Established by the Fraternal Order of Orioles, Lehighton Nest #183, this scholarship honors the memory of Eugene “Peck” Armbruster, a longtime member who worked as a foreman at Blue Ridge Pressure Castings in Lehighton. The scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award of \$500 granted to a qualified graduating high school senior residing in Carbon County who is seeking to further his or her education in a trade career at a four or two-year college, university, or trade school.

## Glenn Eisenhower Memorial Scholarship



Established by the Fraternal Order of Orioles, Lehighton Nest #183, this scholarship honors the memory of Glenn Eisenhower, a longtime member who was employed as an ironworker for Ironworkers Local 36, Easton PA for many years. The scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award of \$500 granted to a qualified graduating high school senior residing in Carbon County who is seeking to further his or her education in a trade career at a four or two-year college, university, or trade school.

## Orioles Scouting Scholarship

Established by the Fraternal Order of Orioles, Leighton Nest #183, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable \$500 award granted to a qualified graduating high school senior residing in Carbon County. Applicants should be a current participant in the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the USA with a strong record of volunteerism and community service.



### Scholarship Review Committee

Scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee of volunteers, typically made up of Foundation staff and board members, school district faculty, and other community members.

Immediate family members of scholarships founders are ineligible. Review committee members must also sign a conflict of interest statement ensuring a fair and transparent process for applicants.





# Scholarships: School or District Specific

The following scholarships are restricted to specific schools and/or districts within Carbon County. In some cases, home-schooled students residing within that district are also eligible.

## Carbon Career & Technical Institute

### Friends of CCTI Scholarship



Established by the Friends of CCTI, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable \$500 award granted to a qualified graduating high school senior attending CCTI. Applicants should demonstrate financial need and community involvement. The scholarship may be applied to tuition at a college or university, or may be used for training, license fees, equipment, etc. for students immediately entering the job market within their field of study.

### Scholarship Payments

Scholarships are paid directly to the college or university the student will be attending and may be used for tuition and fees, books, supplies, room and board. Scholarship awards of more than \$500 will be split between the Fall and Spring semesters.

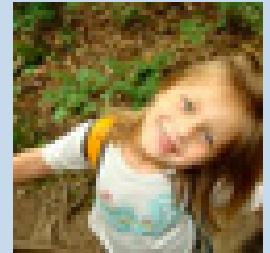
Scholarship recipients will be required to provide an unofficial copy of their transcripts at the end of each semester that money is awarded.



# Jim Thorpe Area School District

## Anastasia Susko Memorial Scholarship

Established by the family and friends of Ana Susko, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable \$1,500 award granted to any qualified graduating female high school senior residing in Jim Thorpe. Applicants should have a proven record of academic success with at least a 3.0 GPA cumulative average over the time period of two years prior to graduation and should demonstrate leadership and compassion despite having faced adversity.



## Hunter's Heroes Memorial Scholarship

Established by a close family friend, this scholarship honors the memory of Hunter Kurak Wolfe and grants a one-year, non-renewable \$500 award to a qualified senior graduating from Jim Thorpe Area High School. Applicants should exhibit great leadership and involvement throughout their community: an unsung hero who reflects hard work, courage, and passion in all that they do.



## Tyler Strong Memorial Scholarship

Established by family and friends to honor the memory of Tyler Kowatch, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award of \$500 granted annually to a qualified graduating high school senior graduating from Jim Thorpe Area School District who is seeking to further their education at a trade/technical school or community college. The scholarship is based on merit alone, which should be demonstrated through good attendance and character; the ideal candidate is someone who is fair, friendly, and a peacemaker among peers. Preference will be given to a track and field athlete.



# Lehigh Area School District

## D&P Hawk Scholarship



Established by David and Patricia Hawk, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award of \$5,000 granted annually to two qualified high school seniors, one male and one female, graduating from Lehigh Area School District. Applicants should show proficiency in science, math, or business with the intent to pursue further education in one of those fields. The Hawks consider themselves fortunate to have received financial support for their higher education and wish to pay it forward for current students for whom college may be a financial hardship.

## The Manuel & Nancy L. DaCosta Education Scholarship



Established by Manny DaCosta to provide financial assistance for higher education to a Lehigh area student seeking to further their education at a four or two-year college or technical school with plans to study nursing or a related medical field, the arts, or a trade career.





# Palmerton Area School District

## Keys to Your Future Award

Established by The Jim Christman Team – Keller Williams Real Estate, this award will provide a \$500 Visa Gift Card to a student graduating from Palmerton Area School District who demonstrates community and volunteer involvement and pride in his or her hometown. This is not intended to be a strictly educational scholarship, and the recipient is not required to attend a post-secondary education institution. The award money can be used for anything that will assist the recipient with their future plans for success.



## Susan J. Tisiker Memorial Scholarship

Established by Donald Katz, Esq. in memory of his wife, this scholarship is a one-year, renewable award granted to a qualified graduating high school senior (or home-schooled student who has a state-recognized graduation certificate/diploma) from Palmerton Area School District. This scholarship can be renewed for up to four years for a maximum \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year) awarded per recipient. Applicants should demonstrate financial need and community or volunteer involvement. Preference will be given to students who are or have been active in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts for at least four years, though this is not a requirement.



# Panther Valley School District

## Coach Carroll Memorial Scholarship



Established by the Lady Panthers Basketball Club at Panther Valley School District, this award will provide a \$500 scholarship to student-athletes from each of the participating teams in the annual Coach Carroll Classic basketball tournament. The scholarship is presented in memory of Coach Brian "Har" Carroll, a Panther Valley coach who passed away in 2022.

## Kenneth 'Cutter' Weaver Memorial Scholarship



Established by Tracy and Chase Weaver, this award will provide two \$500 scholarships: one to a student from the high school football team and one to a student from the high school boys' basketball team. The scholarship is presented in memory of Ken 'Cutter' Weaver, a Panther Valley standout-athlete who passed away in 2024.

# Weatherly Area School District

At this time, there are no scholarships at the Carbon County Community Foundation specifically for Weatherly Area students.



# Carbon County Community Foundation

The Carbon County Community Foundation was formed in 2015 with the mission to improve the quality of life for all Carbon County residents, now and forever.

We do this by offering individuals, families, and businesses the most effective charitable giving tools available in the marketplace today, combining that with expertise in local community priorities, philanthropic planning, and the nonprofit sector.

Since 2016, the charitable funds at the Foundation have cumulatively awarded more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships to nonprofit and community organizations, teachers, schools, and students in Carbon County.

We are honored to work with hundreds of donors, nonprofits, advisors, and civic leaders to build resources and strengthen our community forever.

**Contact us today to learn more about how the Carbon County Community Foundation can help you realize your charitable giving goals for Carbon County.**

## **Carbon County Community Foundation**

PO Box 243, Lehighton PA 18235  
610-730-2526 | [info@cccfoundpa.org](mailto:info@cccfoundpa.org)  
[www.cccfoundpa.org](http://www.cccfoundpa.org)





# Carbon County

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*"Community Growth for Future Generations"*

[www.cccfoundpa.org/scholarships](http://www.cccfoundpa.org/scholarships)

