

# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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# 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 2025, those funds granted nearly \$45,000 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).**

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# 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!

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# Scholarships: Carbon County

The following scholarships will be granted to qualified graduating high school seniors who reside in Carbon County (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, to honor 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 student 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 to honor 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 student who is seeking to further his or her education in a trade career at a four or two-year college, university, or trade school.

## Leadership Carbon ‘Spirit of Volunteerism’ Scholarship



Established by the 2023-24 Leadership Carbon class at Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Corporation. The scholarship is a one-year non-renewable award of \$500 granted to a student who demonstrates a commitment to volunteering and community-mindedness.

## Orioles Scouting Scholarship

Established by the Fraternal Order of Orioles, Lehighton Nest #183, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable \$500 award granted to a student who is a current participant in the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the USA and has a strong record of volunteerism and community service.



## Phil Rodgers Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Germantown Grove Club in memory of Phil Rodgers, founder of the Special Needs Fishing Derby, to provide a \$500 scholarship to a student who will be studying special education or rehab therapies.



### 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 will be granted to qualified graduating high school seniors from the specified school or district within Carbon County. In some cases, home-schooled students residing within that district who will be receiving a state-recognized graduation certificate/diploma are also eligible.

## Carbon Career & Technical Institute Friends of CCTI Scholarship

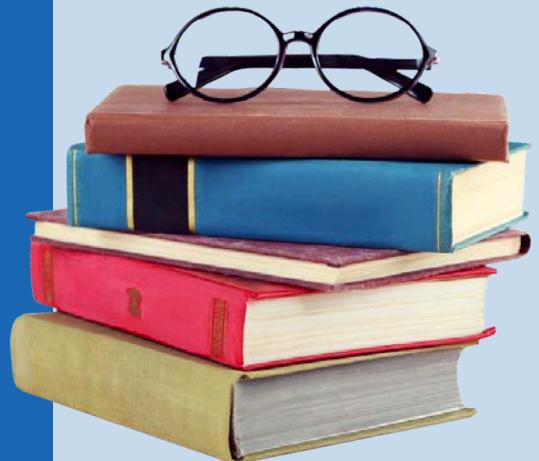


Established by the Friends of CCTI, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable \$500 award granted to a CCTI student who demonstrates financial need and community involvement. The scholarship may be applied to tuition at a college or university, or may be used for training, license fees, equipment, etc. for students immediate 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

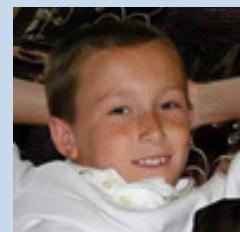
## Anastasia Susko Memorial Scholarship

Established by the family and friends of Ana Susko, this scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable \$1,500 award granted to a female student residing in Jim Thorpe who has 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 who demonstrates leadership and compassion despite having faced adversity.



## Hunter's Heroes Memorial Scholarship

Established by a close family friend, to honor the memory of Hunter Kurak Wolfe. This scholarship grants a one-year, non-renewable \$500 award to a student who exhibits great leadership and involvement throughout their community: an unsung hero who reflects hard work, courage, and passion in all that they do.



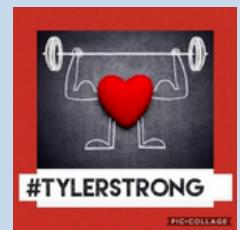
## John Drury Future Historians Scholarship

Established by John Drury of Jim Thorpe, this scholarship grants a one-year non-renewable \$2,500 award to two students residing in the Jim Thorpe School District region who demonstrate interest in local history and have plans to pursue history or a related field as a major in college.



## 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 to a student who is seeking to further his or her 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.



# Lehighton 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 Lehighton area students, one male and one female, who 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



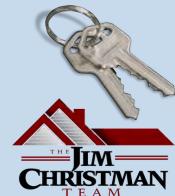
Established by Manny DaCosta, this scholarship is a one-year non-renewable award of \$1,000 granted to a Lehighton area student with plans to study nursing or a related medical field, the arts, or a trade career.



# 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. The award is open to students pursuing any post-graduation pathway and does not require enrollment in a college or other post-secondary institution. Award funds may be used at the recipient's discretion to support their future plans.



## Susan J. Tisiker Memorial Scholarship

Established by Donald Katz, Esq. in memory of his wife, Susan, this renewable scholarship is awarded to a student residing in the Palmerton Area School District. The scholarship provides \$2,000 per year and may be renewed for up to four years, for a maximum total award of \$8,000 per recipient, based on continued eligibility. 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.



# Panther Valley School District

## Coach Carroll Memorial Scholarship



Established by the Lady Panthers Basketball Club at Panther Valley School District, in memory of Coach Brian "Har" Carroll. This scholarship grants a one-year non-renewable \$500 award to student-athletes from each of the participating teams in the annual Coach Carroll Classic basketball tournament.

## Kenneth 'Cutter' Weaver Memorial Scholarship



Established by Tracy and Chase Weaver in memory of Kenneth 'Cutter' Weaver. This scholarship grants two one-year non-renewable \$500 awards: one to a student from the high school football team and one to a student from the high school boys' basketball team.

# Weatherly Area School District

At this time, there are no scholarships specifically for Weatherly Area students hosted at the Carbon County Community Foundation. We are always working to add more scholarships, so please check back in the future.



# 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 \$1.5 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.**

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