

Guidance Corner

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WHO: Who qualifies for this scholarship/award?

WHAT: What is the value of this scholarship/award?

WHERE: Where can I find an application/information?

WHEN: When is the deadline?

Scholarship information is based on materials received by McGuffey High School. Please refer to the "WHERE" sections to see where to find an application. "Guidance Office" will be listed only if a paper application is available. If a website is listed, please visit that site for information on how to apply. Scholarship information will be updated as necessary. This newsletter can also be found in the Guidance section of the McGuffey High School website.

ROSS F. DIMARCO SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating seniors from Fayette, Greene, Somerset, and Washington Counties who exemplify the characteristics espoused by the **Lions Club International**. Applicants must create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world, promote the principles of good government and good citizenship, take an active interest in the community, and serve their community without personal financial reward. Preference will be given to applicants who are members in good standing of a Leo Club.

WHAT: Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships, one for each county

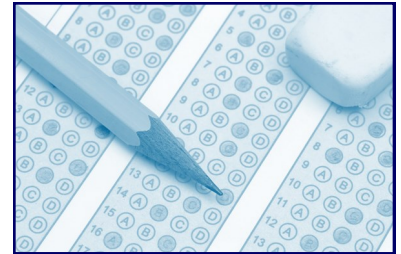
WHERE: Guidance Office

WHEN: March 1, 2016

HERMINE SOLT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating senior who is pursuing higher education in a business related field such as secretarial, office technology, accounting, business education, etc.

WHAT: \$500



Test Dates

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

October 3, 2015

-register by Sep 3

November 7, 2015

-register by Oct 9

December 5, 2015

-register by Nov 5

January 23, 2016

-register by Dec 28

This begins the redesigned SAT exam:

March 5, 2016

-register by Feb 5

May 7, 2016

-register by Apr 8

June 4, 2016

-register by May 5

ACT: www.actstudent.org

September 12, 2015

-register by Aug 7

October 24, 2015

-register by Sept 18

December 12, 2015

-register by Nov 6

February 6, 2016

-register by Jan 8

April 9, 2016

-register by Mar 4

June 11, 2016

-register by May 6

McGuffey High School Code:

390700

WHERE: www.paeop.com –under Award & Scholarships

WHEN: March 1, 2016

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating seniors, with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and average or above average SAT scores, who will be attending Cal U.

WHAT: Cal U will be awarding over \$2 million in scholarships. Awards are renewable for up to four years.

WHERE: www.calu.edu/admissions-scholarships

WHEN: Now! Applications are available until scholarship funds are depleted.

LUCY A. VALERO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: As part of the PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association) Trust, this scholarship is awarded to outstanding seniors who plan to enroll in an accredited teacher preparation program in Pennsylvania. Applicants must also be in good standing with their high school community and show a high degree of academic proficiency as evidenced by grades and transcripts.

WHAT: The number of and amount of each award shall be determined by the board of directors.

WHERE: www.psea.org/students -left hand side of page under Valero Scholarship

WHEN: February 28, 2016

HUNTINGTON'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

WHO: College-bound high school students

WHAT: \$500

WHERE: Go to huntingtonhelps.com/contest and simply submit an official entry form.

WHEN: December 31, 2015

JOHN J. AND MARTHA A. HUCKO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WHO: Graduating senior residing in Allegheny, Washington, or Westmoreland County, who has a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA, has been accepted to Duquesne University, and can demonstrate financial need. Essay is required.

WHAT: \$3,000, which can be renewed for three additional years if requirements are met.

WHERE: Guidance Office.

WHEN: March 31, 2016

PENNSYLVANIA STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION (PSECU)

WHO: Graduating senior who is a member of the PSECU (or joins by December 31) and plans to attend a two or four-year college or university.

WHAT: PSECU will offer six scholarships, each up to \$8,000. Each recipient receives up to \$2,000 per year for up to four years, providing scholarship requirements are met.

WHERE: For an application or membership eligibility, visit www.psecu.com/scholarships

WHEN: February 29, 2016

NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

WHO: Graduating senior athletes with high academic achievement, financial need, athletic ability at the varsity level, and community service.

WHAT: Five (5) \$1,000 renewable scholarships

WHERE: Guidance Office

WHEN: January 15, 2016

GOOD ORTHODONTICS SMILE SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating seniors who are PAST or CURRENT patients of Drs. Bob or Ron Good. The winner of the scholarship will be determined by the content of an essay describing, "How My GOOD Smile Has Influenced My Life."

WHAT: \$500

WHERE: Guidance Office

WHEN: Essays are to be submitted directly to one of the Good offices by February 1, 2016.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY AWARD

WHO: High school senior who plans to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2016-2017 academic year. Applicant must demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community, or work-related activities.

WHAT: Every AXA Advisors branch office nationwide distributes up to twelve \$2,500 awards in their local area.

WHERE: www.axa-achievement.com

WHEN: The application deadline is February 1, 2016, but only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted. We encourage you to apply early.

GIANT OAKS GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP*

WHO: Graduating senior who plans to study gardening and/or its related fields such as: agronomy, biology, botany, city planning conservation, environmental control, environmental science, floriculture, forestry, land architecture, land management, or plant pathology.

WHAT: \$1,000

WHERE: Guidance office

WHEN: April 1, 2016

* Other scholarships are available at www.pagardenclubs.org under the Forms tab. Look for the GCFP Scholarship Application tab. Various deadlines apply.

OWEM M. KATZ

WHO: Outstanding high school senior who wishes to pursue a career in the metals or materials field and enrolls in a related program (i.e. engineering, metallurgy, materials science).

WHAT: \$1,500

WHERE: Guidance office

WHEN: February 2, 2016

NATHAN P. KENNEDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Deserving McGuffey High School senior **athlete** who is planning to be a full-time student in a post-secondary program with the intent of obtaining a degree/title/certification.

WHAT: Numerous awards/amounts may be granted.

WHERE: Guidance office

WHEN: April 15, 2016

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating senior accepted to University of Dayton who has the desire for personal development and is committed to service within the school, church, or community.

WHAT: \$2,500 per year for four years

WHERE: Please see Mrs. MacBeth in the guidance office to submit your name for this scholarship.

WHEN: January 22, 2016

THE PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL (JCI) SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools.

WHAT: Two \$500 scholarships. The applications of these two recipients will then be forwarded to the United States JCI for consideration to receive an additional national grant of \$1,000.

WHERE: www.usjcisenate.org Click on “Scholarship Program” in the top header for a link to the application.

WHEN: January 15, 2016

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS

WHO: Graduating seniors who are children/grandchildren of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire.

WHAT: Various scholarships and awards

WHERE: <http://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs> Click on the scholarships link under Student Programs.

WHEN: May 30, 2016

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION WESTERN/CENTRAL PA SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating senior with a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder which must be confirmed by a physician’s statement. Applicant must also provide proof of acceptance to a post-secondary academic or vocational program.

WHAT: Eight scholarships totaling \$10,000 will be awarded.

WHERE: Guidance office

WHEN: March 15, 2016

PITTSBURGH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

WHO: Active members of identified high school clubs and organizations can receive a renewable partial tuition grant. McGuffey students who are active members of the **FFA** are eligible to apply.

WHAT: Up to \$6,000 per calendar year

WHERE: For an application, visit www.pti.edu/scholarshipapp

WHEN: February 27, 2016

PITTSBURGH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (additional scholarships)

WHO: Graduating seniors attending PTI are eligible to apply for the following additional scholarships: “I” Inspire Scholarship, Inspiration Scholarship.

WHAT: Amount varies for each scholarship.

WHERE: www.pti.edu Go to Admissions & Financial Aid then Grants and scholarships

WHEN: Deadlines vary.

SCHOOL SOUP scholarship search website

WHO: Graduating seniors looking for scholarship monies.

WHAT: Create a student profile and let SchoolSoup find you scholarships that match your information.

WHERE: www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory

WHEN: Deadlines vary.

B.DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: Graduating seniors who will be attending a post-secondary institution. Applicants will need to write an essay of 1,000 words or less on a topic listed on the website.

WHAT: \$1,000

WHERE: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

WHEN: May 23, 2016

ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP

WHO: High school seniors planning to attend a post-secondary institution. Applicant will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the website listed below.

WHAT: \$1,000

WHERE: www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

WHEN: June 10, 2016

BUD LUTTY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION (UFCW Local 23)

WHO: Graduating seniors who are either employees or dependents of employees who work at any of the employers listed below. These employers contribute to the scholarship fund.

ACORN SERVICES INC
WM MOORHEAD FEDERAL BLDG
ALLEGHENY COLLEGE/PARKHURST
BROWNSVILLE ROAD SHOP N SAVE
BUTLER FARM MARKET INC
CANONSBURG SHOP N SAVE
CARLOW COLLEGE CAFETERIA
COMMUNITY SUPER MARKET (LOWER BURRELL, FOX CHAPEL, NATRONA HEIGHTS, PENN HILLS)
COUDERSPORT JUBILEE
CVS PHARMACY, INC.
DUBOIS LOGISTICS LLC
FORD CITY RIVERSIDE
HAYMAKER SHOP AND SAVE
HOLIDAY PARK SHOP N SAVE
LOCAL 23 HEALTH FUND
MCDONALD GIANT EAGLE
MOUNTAINEER PARK INC.
PENN TOWNSHIP GIANT EAGLE
RUSSELLTON SHOP N SAVE
SCOZIO'S BAKERY SHOP
SLIPPERY ROCK GIANT EAGLE
SODEXO, INC. (MARRIOTT)
EINSTEIN BAGEL & COFFEE CART
MELLON BANK
SCHENLEY HALL
U OF PGH JOHNSTOWN
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES
THE KROGER CO
TOMS RIVERSIDE MARKETS
TOPS FRIENDLY MARKETS (MEADVILLE, KANE, SHEFFIELD, WATERFORD)
UFCW LOCAL 23
VALESKYS
VERONA GIANT EAGLE
WAYNESBURG GIANT EAGLE
WEST KITTANNING SHOP N SAVE
WHEELING ISLAND GAMING INC
WHITE OAK SHOP N SAVE

WHAT: Multiple \$2,500 scholarships are awarded

WHERE: To submit a preliminary application, visit www.ufcw23.org under the Members tab.

WHEN: December 31, 2015

NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

College cooperative education (CO-OP) is a unique academic program combining classroom studies with professional work experience in a field related to your education and career goals. Although individual co-op programs vary, you will most likely begin with an initial period of full-time study, which will then become an integrated program of class time and relevant work experience.

WHO: Graduating seniors interested in a co-op program at one of the 10 institution listed below. Applicants must also apply to the college/university for admission.

Clarkson University, Drexel University, Johnson & Whales University, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), State University of New York Oswego, The University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

WHAT: Each institution offers numerous awards in the minimum amount of \$6,000, renewable each year.

WHERE: www.waccine.org

WHEN: Scholarship deadline is February 15, 2016; however, admission deadlines vary. Please check website.

Transcript request process

1. The guidance office is using an online transcript request/sending service. All seniors must create an account with Parchment.com. Registration letters were sent home in September. Please see Mrs. White in the guidance office if you need another copy of your letter.
2. After creating your account, you will be able to request your transcript online. Please make sure to stop in the guidance office to discuss any other necessary paperwork (if any) that you were instructed to send as part of your application.
3. If you need a transcript for your senior project, see Mrs. White in the guidance office. She has these pre-printed.
4. If you need a transcript for any other reason such as scholarship*, employer, or military recruiter, please stop in the guidance office and complete a Transcript Request Form. A paper copy of your transcript will be printed by the guidance office.
5. *When requesting a transcript for scholarship(s), the transcript will be given back to you in a sealed envelope. The student is responsible for mailing the scholarship application(s) and sealed transcript.

Culminating Graduation Projects

Due date: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Presentation date: Monday, February 15, 2016

How do I recognize a scholarship scammer?

- Indicates you won an award for which you didn't apply
- Does not supply valid contact information
- Guarantees you will win an award
- Requires personal financial information (such as, credit card numbers, checking account numbers, and/or Social Security numbers to verify or hold a scholarship)

How do I recognize a legitimate scholarship services?

- Does not guarantee you will win an award
- Sends information about awards when you request it
- Makes contact information available upon request
- Should not direct you to a fee-based provider because they know that financial aid information is readily available for free

What if you suspect a scam?

- Save all of the forms you receive from the company
- Keep copies of written details about the offer and any correspondence, emails or other paperwork
- Make sure all materials are dated
- Take notes during seminars and phone conversations (record the date, time, phone number and the person's name with whom you spoke), include a detailed account of your conversation
- Take a copy of all literature and correspondence concerning the scholarship to your school's financial aid office, who can verify if the organization is legitimate.

Financial Aid Seminars & Consultants

How do I protect myself from being scammed by a consultant or financial aid seminar?

- When choosing to utilize the services of a consultant, consider their qualifications carefully. Find someone who has worked as a college financial aid administrator, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Financial Planner (CFP).
- If a financial aid consultant refuses to sign the paid preparer section of the FAFSA that is a red flag.
- Some seminars use high pressure tactics to get you signed up for their service, while only answering questions after you agree to pay a fee. Don't trust anyone who encourages you to do something unethical. If you falsify financial aid forms, you can be fined \$20,000, sent to prison, or both. If you need help understanding the financial aid process, contact your financial aid office as soon as possible.

Beware of False Claims

"For a small fee, we'll give you a list of scholarships."

- Never spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest and best award databases are free online.

"We'll help you complete complicated forms."

- Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other forms is available for free from your guidance counselor, your library and the U.S. Department of Education. You still have to fill out the same basic information for a fee-based service that you would directly for the FAFSA.
- Your school financial aid administrator and College Goal Sunday programs can help: www.collegegoalsundayusa.org
- For general financial aid or FAFSA-related questions, call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

"You are guaranteed a minimum of \$1000 in awards."

- A service can't guarantee any scholarships because they have no control over the scholarship judges' decisions.

"We have a 96% success rate."

- These false success rates indicate the percentage of students they've successfully matched with the database, NOT the number of students who actually receive money.

"We'll need a bank account and pin or credit card number to verify your information."

- A legitimate scholarship provider won't ask for bank account, credit card or Social Security information.

"We will do all the work for you."

- To win a legitimate scholarship, you must submit your own applications, write your own essays and solicit your own letters of recommendation.

Report suspected scams to the following organizations:

[National Fraud Information Center \(NFIC\)](http://www.fraud.org)

800-876-7060 / www.fraud.org

[Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov)

877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357)

www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov

[Better Business Bureau \(BBB\)](http://www.bbb.org)

703-276-0100 / www.bbb.org

[US Postal Inspection Service \(USPIS\)](http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov)

800-654-8896 / postalinspectors.uspis.gov/

[State Attorney General's Office](#) - Visit your state's website for state attorney general's contact information. Ask them about filing a complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

VISIT THE WWWEB

FOR CAREER, COLLEGE, AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

*NEW 101 Weird Scholarships for 2015.....	weirdscholarships.net
*NEW Scholarship and financial aid info.....	www.college-scholarships.com
Find scholarships, career and salary info.....	www.StudentScholarships.org
Explore the trades: Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical...	www.ExploreTheTrades.org
Explore University profiles/videos.....	www.collegemajors101.com
Find your major, college, career, & scholarships	www.MyMajors.com
Virtual college tours.....	www.ecampustours.com
Register for the SAT/college search.....	www.collegeboard.org
Register for the ACT.....	www.act.org
Scholarships for students with disabilities.....	www.Disability.gov
Find millions of college reviews and rankings.....	www.collegeproowler.com
College information and more.....	www.CollegeView.com
Christian college information.....	www.christianconnector.com
Saving, planning, and paying for college.....	www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/
Scholarships, Financial Aid.....	www.scholarships.com
Careers, scholarships, student loans, financial aid	www.TuitionFundingSources.com
Military Service.....	www.military.com
National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA).....	www.ncaa.org
Scholarships, Internships, career planning.....	www.fastweb.com
Best college rankings.....	www.usnews.com/rankings
Job Search, resumes, career resources.....	www.monster.com
Federal Student Aid.....	www.studentaid.ed.gov
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).	www.fafsa.gov
Education planning for students and parents:	www.educationplanner.com
On-line database of scholarships.....	www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory

Scholarship Request Form

- Please indicate the name of the scholarship(s) for which you are requesting information and return this completed form to the Guidance Office.
- All information (guidelines, requirements, application, etc.) will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Please list only those scholarships where paper applications are available in the Guidance Office. Refer to the “WHERE” sections of the newsletter. Guidance Office will be listed only if a paper application is available. If a website is listed, the Guidance Office does not have a paper application.

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