

**UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
2017**

OCTOBER 13

**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING IS
AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:**

**FAFSA WORKSHOP
2017**

ATTENTION: SENIORS AND PARENTS

There will be a FAFSA Workshop at Lourdes on Wednesday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab, Room 208.

Complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA after October 1, 2017.
To complete the FAFSA go to fafsa.ed.gov.

- **Parent and Student** will need to apply for an FSA ID at fafsa.ed.gov
Click FSA ID (blue box) at top under Federal Student Aid

**** NOTE: If one parent and student do not have an FSA ID the night of the FAFSA workshop, the FAFSA form cannot be completed. We will not be completing them during this event.**

You **MUST** bring the following financial information from 2016 for **Parent(s) and Students:**

- Social Security Numbers (bring cards to insure accuracy)
- Birth Dates
- Date of Marriage (Parents)
- Date of Divorce, if applies (Parents)
- 2016 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned

2016 1099 Form

- 2016 Federal Income Tax Return
 1. IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ
 2. Foreign Tax Return (if applies)

- **2016 Federal Income Tax return - Parent and Student (If employed in 2016)**
- **2016 untaxed income records:**
 1. **Veterans benefits records**
 2. **Workers' Compensation**
 3. **Child Support**
 4. **Payments to tax deferred pension and savings plan**
- **Current bank statements (checking and savings)**
- **Current business assets(only if you employ more than 100 employees)**
- **Current farm asset (unless you live on the farm)**
- **Current stocks, bonds, and other investment records**
- **Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)**
- **Value of 529 Plans for all children**

Please call 644-0375 - Ext. 119 to register for the FAFSA Workshop or if you have any questions.

Seniors attained an **FSA ID (Federal Student Aid)** on Friday, September 8th with the assistance of Mrs. Marla Kane, Assistant Regional Director, PHEAA. One Senior parent will be required to obtain an FSA ID also in order to complete the FAFSA after October 1.

This is a great video that goes through the process of creating an FSA ID for the FAFSA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7ihhGk8mCY&feature=youtu.be>

Seniors were provided folders containing forms, informational handouts regarding scholarships, and instructions for completing **college applications**. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, November 3rd.

The Advance College Experience (ACE) at Bloomsburg University is designed for college-bound high school juniors and seniors who seek to “jump start” their college career by earning college credits. Bloomsburg University offers a selection of courses intended to supplement high school offerings and to expose students to the academic environment at the college level. Students save 75% of the tuition. Typical offerings will include courses in exercise science, composition, psychology, history, public speaking, political science, language, music, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and geography. For more information call 570-389-4824 or visit www.bloomu.edu/ace.

Available courses for Winter '17 and Spring '18 will be posted online October 6. Scheduling will begin October 30 for Winter. Spring '18 scheduling begins November 13.

Luzerne County Community College’s Young Scholars Program - Qualified Juniors and Seniors can take college courses at Luzerne County Community College through the Young Scholars Program and take advantage of a reduced rate on tuition. Contact the Shamokin Campus at 648-2544 or the Guidance Office for more information regarding registration and courses.

The “**Spend a Day in Nursing School**” program will be held at the **Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing, Pottsville**, on several dates from September 20 to November 10. The program is designed to introduce high school students to the daily learning activities of a student nurse. Opportunities to participate with a nursing student in a nursing skills and simulation lab will be made available. During the experience, participants also will be able to observe nurse educators as they teach students various nursing skills in a laboratory setting. Students must register before attending. More information regarding registration and dates is available in the Guidance Office for interested students.

NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association – Many college athletic programs are regulated by the NCAA, which has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. If a student is planning to enroll in college as a freshman and wishes to participate in Division I or II athletics, he or she must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The process of certification should begin at the end of the Junior year in high school. NCAA requests that students apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is necessary to send ACT or SAT scores to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agencies. The code for NCAA is 9999.

Transitions announces the **Fourth Annual “Teen Dating Violence Video Contest”** starting January 1st, 2018. Video submissions are due February 12th by noon. Open to all high school students in Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties. Form a team of no more than 4 members. Create a 30 to 60 second Public Service Announcement about dating violence.

This may include:

- What is a healthy relationship
- Warning signs of abuse
- How to get help

Submit your video by unloading it to YouTube and sending your link to:
heather_s@transitionsofpa.org

Awards for the Top 3 videos:

1st Place: \$500

2nd Place: \$250

3rd Place: \$100

Five finalists will be selected from all the entries and placed on Transitions' Facebook page. The top three winners will be determined by the number of "Likes" they receive.

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TEST DATES

November 4
December 2
March 10
May 5
June 2

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

October 5
November 2
February 9
April 6
May 3

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

TEST DATES

October 28
December 9
February 10
April 14
June 9
July 14

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 22
November 3
January 12
March 9
May 4
June 15

www.actstudent.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Receive up to \$25,000 for college with the **Horatio Alger Scholarship**. If integrity, determination and courage describe your child, he or she may have what it takes to be a Horatio Alger Scholar. Horatio Alger Scholarships reward students who possess the character to succeed in life, and helps students overcome the financial barriers of pursuing higher education. To qualify, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and require financial assistance to go to college. To learn more and apply, visit scholars.horatioalger.org. Deadline is October 25, 2017.

In Partnership with the Maguire Foundation
Pennsylvania Society Scholarship

To apply a student must...

- Be a current high school senior at any Pennsylvania high school (public, private, home

schooled)

- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited, nonproprietary, four-year college or university in Pennsylvania for the 2018-2019 academic year
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have been and continue to be an active participant in community service

*Once earned, awards are **renewable** for up to three additional years or until completion of a Bachelor's degree (whichever occurs first), provided students continue to meet eligibility criteria. Scholarship recipients must take a minimum of nine credits in government/politics, civics, and/or US history by the end of their junior year.*

Must Apply by: NOVEMBER 1, 2017

*The program is now accepting applications for **renewable** college scholarships worth up to \$8,000 a year. Twenty-five scholarships will be awarded.*



About The Pennsylvania Society

The Pennsylvania Society is a non-profit, charitable organization with over two thousand members around the Commonwealth, the United States and the world.

Its purpose is to honor achievement, to reward excellence, to promote good will and to celebrate service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to humanity in general.



About the Maguire Foundation

Maguire Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for people through investment in education, arts and the humanities, and in the relief of hunger and homelessness.

APPLICATION OPENS AUGUST 5TH

www.scholarsapply.org/pennsylvaniasociety



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Scholarships Available

To print an application if available, go to our website at www.sacfoundation.com and click on the Students section then select Scholarships.

Catholic High Schools

- **Dorothy WewerNarcovich Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to students who are members of St. Mauritius Roman Catholic Church or St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Ashland or its successor (which is currently St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church) and who will be attending any Catholic high school in Schuylkill County or the surrounding area.

| [Application](#) |

- **Raymond L. & Jean D. Tilmont Memorial Fund**

Provides scholarships to a member of St. Mauritius Roman Catholic parish or St. Joseph Roman Catholic parish, Ashland or its successor (which is currently St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church) who will be attending any Catholic High School in Schuylkill County.

| [Application](#) |

Catholic High Schools eGrant Scholarships

To apply click on eGrant Guidelines / Application (Will be available January 1).

If students qualify, they may apply for more than one scholarship on the single eGrant application.

eGrant Guidelines / Application

- **Carr-Willower Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to graduates of North Schuylkill High School, Cardinal Brennan High School graduates, and graduates of any Catholic high school who reside in the geographic areas served by the school districts of Mahanoy Area, North Schuylkill, and Shenandoah Valley who will major in the field of Education.

- **Dr. Rudolph A. Constien Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to residents of the Borough of Ashland. Attendance may be at a college, university, graduate school, nursing school, trade or craft school, or for specialized training.

- **Mary I. Kull Memorial Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to residents of the Borough of Ashland to further their education for a nursing career or enrolled in a training program for a career to care for persons who have a condition that restricts one's ability to function physically, mentally or socially.

- **Dr. Robert Douglas Spencer Memorial Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to graduates of North Schuylkill High School, Cardinal Brennan High School graduates, and graduates of any Catholic High School who reside in

the geographic areas served by the school districts of Mahanoy Area, North Schuylkill, and Shenandoah Valley. Preference is given to the education and training of medical students, medical technicians, nurses, and hospital administrators.

Other Educational Scholarships

United Steel Workers of America, Goulds Pumps Local 14372, Scholarship Fund
This fund provides scholarships to children, stepchildren, and adopted children, and to grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, and adopted grandchildren of the present members, and also of former members, now retired, of the United Steel Workers of America, Goulds Pumps Local No. 14372.

OPEN HOUSES:

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Schuylkill invites you to come and explore their three-year hospital based diploma RN program at an Open House on Thursday, October 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the **Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing, Pottsville**, The program is affiliated with Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill Campus. The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing is proud to be a part of Lehigh Valley Health Network. It is approved by the PA State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH COLLEGES BEFORE ATTENDING.

