

Louise A. Dixon Memorial Scholarship Fund Deadline April 15

This scholarship is given in memory of Louise A. Dixon by her family. There was no stronger advocate of advanced learning than Louise and it was her utmost desire to see the scholarships awarded to high school seniors who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Graduating high school senior from Cedar Cliff High School
- 2. Plans to attend any four year college or university
- 3. Minimum 2.5 GPA
- 4. Evidence of volunteerism and/or extracurricular activities
- 5. Financial need

How to apply

The application process is online. <u>Click here</u> to access the online application. *If you are signing back in to complete your application, please <u>click here.</u>*

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

- 1. Other Scholarship Information: <u>Click here</u> to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
- 2. Student Resume: <u>Click here</u> to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
- 3. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report should include the student's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
- 4. Personal Essay: Discuss your need for this scholarship, your future plans and/or ambitions, and include any extenuating circumstances. Type written, 300 words maximum.

The following requirements must be mailed. They will not be accepted electronically.

- 1. Official Transcript.
- 2. Your guidance counselor must complete and sign the *Guidance Counselor Form*. Click here to download the form.
- 3. Three (3) Personal Reference Letters. 1 letter from your senior advisor on school letterhead, 1 letter from a high school teacher on school letterhead, and 1 from an employer/manager, community service leader, or someone who can attest to your personal character. Letters from family members will not be accepted. References should be sealed in an envelope that should not be opened by the student. All reference letters must remain confidential.



Please do not submit items that have not been requested. Any additional paperwork submitted that has not been requested will be shredded. It is not necessary to mail items that have already been submitted electronically.

It is your responsibility to ensure that these requirements are received by the deadline. They *must be received* by the deadline, *not postmarked*. Students are encouraged to mail all of these requirements together in one large envelope to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Louise A. Dixon Memorial Scholarship Fund Attn: Allison Moesta, Program Officer for Educational Enhancement 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor PO Box 678 Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

Renewability

This scholarship is a one-time only award.

Matching Award Opportunities

AES/PHEAA's PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school, who are a state grant recipient, and who demonstrate financial need. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at www.pheaa.org.