



The Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System (ACES) Foundation Fund wishes to offer a scholarship to Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry County high school seniors planning to attend a school of higher education whose study shall be of business focus; i.e. management, administration, finance, actuarial sciences, etc. This can also include students studying trades such as cosmetology or HVAC, with the intent to own their own business, or any other entrepreneurial enterprise.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Plans to pursue a business related career
2. Legal residency of Cumberland, Dauphin or Perry County
3. Attendance at a school of higher education as a full-time student
4. Academic achievement, with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher
5. Commitment to community and demonstrated leadership qualities
6. Extracurricular activities, including employment and/or volunteering
7. Financial need

## HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

*If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).*

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

***\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED \*\****

1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the 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?
3. Personal Essay: Describe your current interests and activities, as well as sharing future goals and ambitions. 300 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

***The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org) separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:***

***The following requirements must be emailed by your school's counseling office:***

1. *Official Transcript.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form

***The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:***

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters.* At least one letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead. Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***All reference letters must remain confidential.***

## RENEWABILITY

Recipients of this scholarship may reapply for one additional *consecutive* year. Students must submit a renewal application in order to be reconsidered by the scholarship committee.

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

1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the 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?
3. Personal Essay: Discuss your first year of college. 1 page maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

***Your Official Transcript must be mailed or sent as a certified PDF emailed directly from your university.*** It is your responsibility to ensure that your transcript is received by the deadline. The transcript ***must be received*** by the deadline, ***not postmarked***.

**Mail Official Transcript to:**

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities  
ACES Foundation Fund Scholarship  
Attn: Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate  
200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**OR**

**Email Official Transcript to:**

[scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org)  
Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate

***If you received a scholarship from the ACES Foundation Fund last year as a graduating senior, [click here](#) to access the online renewal application. If you are unsure if you qualify as a renewal applicant, please contact Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate, at [amorley@tfec.org](mailto:amorley@tfec.org).***

## 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 as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* 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](http://www.pheaa.org).