



The G. Thomas Balsbaugh Memorial Scholarship Fund wishes to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a Dauphin County high school senior planning to attend a four-year college or university.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Legal resident of Dauphin County
2. High academic standing and achievement
3. Attendance at a four-year college or university
4. Exemplify good character
5. Exhibit a variety of interests and activities in both academic and personal life
6. Financial need

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. [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:

1. Other Scholarship Information: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. Student Resume: [Click here](#) 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 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?
4. 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 submitted electronically by your school's guidance department through the Recommenders Tab in the online application:

1. *Two (2) Personal Reference Letters.* At least one letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead. Please have references mail or email letters to your high school's guidance department. It is your responsibility to inform your guidance department that they will be receiving personal reference letters. Letters from family members will not be accepted. **All reference letters must remain confidential.**
2. *Official Transcript.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
3. *Guidance Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form.

When prompted to "Notify Selected Recommenders", copy and paste the email message below to be sent to your school's guidance office. Confirm that your guidance office has your references on file before sending this message. When sent, your message will include a link for your guidance office to use to upload these documents. You do not need to provide this link.

Subject: Materials Needed for Scholarship Application — YOUR NAME

Message: I am applying for the G. Thomas Balsbaugh Memorial Scholarship through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The application requires that you submit additional materials for me. Please use the link below which will include additional instructions. There is no option to save and finish later, so please upload all materials and submit before exiting the window.

1. Two (2) Personal Reference Letters
2. Official Transcript
3. Guidance Counselor Form. This form will be available to download in the additional instructions

You will not be able to submit your application until these items have been submitted by your guidance department. You must log back in to your application before the deadline passes in order to submit your completed application.

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship is a one-time only award; however, recipients of this scholarship may reapply for up to four additional *consecutive* years provided the student continues to meet scholarship criteria, including earning a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students must submit a renewal application in order to be reconsidered by the scholarship committee

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4. 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
G. Thomas Balsbaugh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Attn: Thomas Bradley, Scholarship Associate
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
PO Box 678
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

Tbradley@tfec.org
Thomas Bradley, Scholarship Associate

If you received a scholarship from the G. Thomas Balsbaugh Memorial Scholarship 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 Thomas Bradley, Scholarship Associate, at Tbradley@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.