



On March 17, 2011, 8-year-old Owen Cole Brezitski was killed by a distracted 17-year-old driver while walking in a crosswalk with his family in front of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, PA. Owen's Foundation, the Orange 4 Owen Project and the Owen Cole Brezitski Memorial Scholarship Fund were born out of this tragedy. Our mission is to promote pedestrian, driver, traffic and childhood safety as well as raise awareness of the consequences of distracted driving practices. Slow Down, Be Alert and Save a Life is our mantra. Owen was a mature, polite, respectful, faith-filled boy whose smile was contagious. He will always be remembered for his loving, kind and gentle ways and his bright, sunny personality. We know we cannot change yesterday, but we can help make a difference today and tomorrow. Please visit our website orange4owen.org for more information about Owen and our mission.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating senior from Bishop McDevitt High School
2. Plans to attend any 2 or 4 year college, university, or trade school
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
4. 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 how you are making a difference in your community. Essay should be titled "Making a Difference", and should be typed in Times New Roman 12pt font, double spaced. Must be at least 500 words, 800 maximum.

The following requirements must be emailed to 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.*
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

3. *One (1) Personal Reference Letter.* Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***All reference letters must remain confidential.***

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 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.