



The Harry N. and Melva A. Derickson Scholarship Fund is an endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The income from the fund is used to assist residents from Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties for a course of study in preparation for medical or dental school, nursing, physical therapy, other medical related fields, or engineering. Students will be enrolled in undergraduate programs at two or four year colleges or universities. There will be multiple awards at varying amounts. It is preferred that the number of scholarships be split equally between males and females.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Residents of Dauphin, Cumberland, or Perry counties
2. Desire to pursue a course of study in preparation for engineering, medical school, dental school, nursing, physical therapy, or other medical related fields
3. Academic achievement
4. Extracurricular activities
5. Service to the community
6. 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 interest in your chosen field. Essay should be titled, 300 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

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.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form. ***Current college students are not required to submit a School Counselor Form. Your college or university Official Transcript should be sent by mail or email directly from your college or university.***

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

1. *Two (2) Personal Reference Letters.* One letter must be from a science teacher on school letterhead; the other should be from an individual who can speak to your ability to successfully complete your studies, such as a teacher, employer, or mentor. Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***All reference letters must remain confidential.***

RENEWABILITY

Recipients of this scholarship may reapply for up to three additional *consecutive* years. Students must submit a renewal application and continue to meet the other requirements of the scholarship 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 thing 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?

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
Harry N. and Melva A. Derickson Fund
Attn: Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@tfec.org
Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate

If you received a scholarship from the Harry N. and Melva A. Derickson Scholarship last year, [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.

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.