



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, or two year trade or technical school
3. Minimum 2.5 GPA
4. Evidence of volunteerism and/or extracurricular activities
5. 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: Discuss your need for this scholarship, your future plans and/or ambitions, and include any extenuating circumstances. Type written, 300 words maximum. **This requirement is optional.**

The following requirements must be submitted electronically by your school's guidance department through the Recommenders Tab in the online application:

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters. One letter from your senior advisor on school letterhead, one letter from a high school teacher on school letterhead, and one from an employer/manager, community service leader, or someone who can attest to your personal character. 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.*
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 Louise A. Dixon Memorial Scholarship Fund 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. Three (3) 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.

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.