



The Eash-Potter Scholarship Fund is named after Melinda Eash and Sharon Potter, to honor their legacy in developing support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in central Pennsylvania through Common Roads, the youth group of the LGBT Center of Central PA. The scholarship will support students committed to improving the campus and community climate for LGBTQ+ people.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating high school seniors from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties
2. Participation in some sort of activity/activities to improve the school/community climate for LGBTQ+ people
3. Applicants who are students of color, transgender, or children of LGBTQ+ parents are especially encouraged to apply
4. 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: How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals of contributing to LGBTQ+ progress? Please refer to lessons learned from your experiences creating positive change for LGBTQ+ people in your school or community.

### **The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org) 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 Recommenders Tab in the online application is used to request others attach the following items for you:**

1. *Two (2) 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.**

When prompted to "Notify Selected Recommenders," type a brief message that can be sent to all recommenders. When sent, your message will include a link for your recommender to use to upload their letter of reference. The application portal automatically generates this link; you will not provide it. Please inform your recommenders that they can expect an emailed request to come from [mail@grantapplication.com](mailto:mail@grantapplication.com).

**SAMPLE MESSAGE:** (You may copy & paste the message below, if convenient)

Subject: Letter of Reference Needed for Scholarship Application — YOUR NAME

Message: I am applying for the Eash-Potter Scholarship Fund through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Please use the link below to upload your letter of reference for me. Thank you!

**\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED (DOCUMENTS YOU PREPARED AND ALL REQUIRED LETTERS OF REFERENCE). 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](http://www.pheaa.org).