



This scholarship was established by J.M. Heberlig & B.J. Helterbran who both believe that education matters and know that it is becoming more difficult than ever to afford to reach your goals. Together with family, friends, and community, we can all accomplish great things. Jody, a High School Art Teacher, and Beth, who has worked in Recreation and Parks for over 30 years, both came from families who valued and promoted education. They benefited greatly from their support and encouragement which allowed them to expand and explore new opportunities while moving toward their goals. This scholarship is designed to be a hand-up, not a hand-out. Funds will be designated toward tuition for currently enrolled and committed college students, attending a Pennsylvania college or university. Students studying Art Education and/or Recreation and Parks will be eligible for consideration.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Resident of Pennsylvania entering their second, third, or fourth year of a Pennsylvania college or university. Student must be attending a 4 year academic institution as a full-time student.
2. Students must be working toward a degree in Art Education or Recreation & Parks. Students are eligible only if they have declared their major and committed to one of these programs.
3. Minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.3 within field of study
4. Extracurricular activities, including employment and/or volunteering
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?

The following requirement must be submitted electronically by three personal references through the Recommenders Tab in the online application:

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters.* One letter must be from an academic advisor. One letter must be from an individual within your field of study. The third letter must be from an employer or someone who can speak to your volunteerism. *Letters from family members will not be accepted. All reference letters must remain confidential.*

When prompted to "Notify Selected Recommenders", copy and paste the email message below to be sent to your personal references. When sent, your message will include a link for your personal references 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 Education Matters — The J.M. Heberlig/B.J. Helterbran Scholarship Fund of 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. Personal Reference Letter

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

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
Education Matters — The J.M. Heberlig/B.J. Helterbran Scholarship Fund
Attn: Faith Elmes, Senior Scholarship Associate
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

felmes@tfec.org
Faith Elmes, Senior Scholarship Associate

RENEWABILITY

Recipients of this scholarship may reapply for one additional year. Students must submit a renewal application in order to be reconsidered by the scholarship committee.

Before accessing the renewal 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?

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Attn: Faith Elmes, Senior Scholarship Associate
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PO Box 678
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

[Felmes@tfec.org](mailto:felmes@tfec.org)
Faith Elmes, Senior Scholarship Associate

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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.