



The Thad G. Gayman Memorial Scholarship Fund is an endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The fund was established to memorialize Thad Gayman, an alumni from Northern York High School who passed this life at age 23 on May 17th, 2015 as the result of assisting an individual of domestic violence. Thad also graduated from HACC's GM-ASEP Program in 2012.

Thad worked at Lawrence Chevrolet as a service technician as a requirement of the GM-ASEP Program and continued his employment there until October of 2014. In November, 2014, Thad started working at Alcoa as a Mobile Equipment Mechanic in Lancaster, PA until his sudden passing in May.

Thad had an energetic spirit. He thrived on helping others and spending time with his friends. His passion was cars, especially his 2015 Volkswagen GTI and his 1997 Triumph Daytona T595. He also loved snowboarding, playing video games, and hunting and fishing with his dad. Thad loved talking with others and making friends everywhere he went. Thad has touched many lives, and he left a lot of memories with many people.

To preserve and celebrate Thad's memory and perpetuate his love of life, this fund has been established to support students with a scholarship to study as a full-time automotive technician student.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating seniors from Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry Counties and northern York attending a 2 or 4 year college, university, or trade school for automotive technology
2. First priority will be given to students graduating from Northern York High School
3. Priority will also be given to those students attending the ASEP program at HACC.
4. Minimum GPA of 2.5
5. Financial need

Note: Applicants may be invited to an interview with the committee.

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 why you are in need of this scholarship. 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

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters.* 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.