

Law and Justice Careers Undergraduate Scholarship
Rolling Application Deadline
Applications may be submitted at any time.

*Sponsored by The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of
The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC)*

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel believes that, although it is important to promote more people of color to senior level positions within the legal profession, those efforts will be hampered if there are still too few people of color who decide to enter the profession in the first place. Beginning in 2003, our Chapter partnered with Street Law, Inc.¹ and high schools in the Central Pennsylvania region serving significant numbers of students of color to provide a meaningful educational and highly participatory look at the law and law-related career opportunities.

In 2007, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) adopted our program as a project. Tax-deductible contributions used to fund the project flow directly into the project fund held at TFEC. The fund is used to provide college scholarships for eligible students of color who plan to pursue a law-related career, including criminal justice, law enforcement, paralegal, and pre-law studies, among others. Proceeds from the fund are also used to support the local Street Law program, participation in the PBA High School Mock Trial Competition, and other programs that support the fund's mission.

Applicants for scholarships and grants are judged by a panel from the ACC Central Pennsylvania Chapter and the Central Pennsylvania community. Individual awards of up to \$5,000 each are granted for undergraduate education designed to lead a law-related career.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Student of color² who either (1) has been accepted by (in the case of high school students), or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning located in Central Pennsylvania or (2) is a senior or a graduate of a high school located in Central Pennsylvania and who has been accepted by (in the case of high school students), or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning.
2. Plans to pursue a law-related career, including criminal justice, law enforcement, paralegal, and pre-law as well as other law-related fields; this **does not** include forensic science or crime scene investigation
3. Academic achievement
4. Potential for making a contribution to society and legal profession
5. Financial need

How to Apply

Complete the Scholarship Application form and submit it to the address below. [Click here](#) for application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).

¹ www.streetlaw.org

² Generally defined as American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino.

The following attachments must also be included with your application as indicated on the application form:

- Official Transcript.*
- Personal Essay:** Describe how you became interested in pursuing a law related career and what factors influenced your decision. Also, explain how you believe working in this field will enable you to contribute to society; and whether and why you are likely to do so in Central Pennsylvania. 500 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.
- If you are still in high school*, a copy of your letter of acceptance from the school you plan to attend in the fall.
- If you are already in college*, a copy of a certification of good standing from the educational institution you are currently attending.
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.** Letters should endorse your candidacy for this scholarship. Letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, or community members may be submitted, and must reference at least one example of personal interaction with you to underscore the applicant's academic/leadership potential and/or contribution to school or community. Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***References should be sealed in an envelope and should not be opened by the student. All reference letters must remain confidential.***
- FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR):** Please attach the report in its entirety. This report should include the student's 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?
- Signed *Statement of Intention*** with student and parent/guardian signatures.

Please submit completed applications to:

Central PA Chapter Association of Corporate Counsel
Attn: Law and Justice Careers Scholarship
c/o Frank Miles, Esq.
27 W. Chocolate Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033

Renewability

This scholarship is a one-time only award; however, students may re-apply annually for consideration by completing the full application process.

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, who are a state grant recipient, and who demonstrate financial need. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. 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.