



The Carrie and George Lyter Scholarship, established in 2002, is an endowment of the Perry County Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. It is available for students attending Perry county high schools and entering a 4-year program in the area of elementary or middle school education. Preference will be given to those studying with emphasis on science or math; however, students studying with emphasis on other subjects are still encouraged to apply. The donors do not desire any special recognition for the scholarship but would like to observe the good that the scholarship provides to the lives of the deserving students. The student selected to receive the scholarship will be asked to forward their transcript to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities at the end of their first year of college, with a note explaining how this scholarship has aided their goals.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating senior of Greenwood High School, Newport High School, Susquenita High School or West Perry High School with a desire to pursue a career in elementary or middle school education
2. Preference will be given to those studying with an emphasis on science or math
3. Academic achievement, including a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in their junior/senior year
4. Demonstrated commitment to the community through extracurricular activities
5. Demonstrated talent for leadership
6. High moral character (attend and be involved in church activities)
7. 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: Identify your current interest in elementary or middle school education and include your professional goals. Essay should be titled, 300 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

The following requirements must be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org by your school's counseling office:

1. *Official Transcript.*
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. One letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead; the other letter should be from an employer or a supervisor of a community service volunteer agency. 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.

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 Carrie and George Lyter 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

Recipients of this scholarship may reapply for additional *consecutive* years if financial circumstances would cause you to drop out of the program. Students must submit a renewal application in order to be reconsidered by the scholarship committee.

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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
Carrie and George Lyter Scholarship Fund
Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
PO Box 678
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@fec.org
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

If you received a scholarship from the Carrie and George Lyter Scholarship Fund last year, [click here](#) to access the online renewal application. If you are unsure if you qualify as a renewal applicant, please contact Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator, at felmes@fec.org.

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.