



Bertha and Byron L. Reppert moved to Mechanicsburg, PA in 1960. In the years that followed, all four of their children graduated from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School:Carolynn in 1965, Marjorie in 1968, Nancy in 1971, and Susanna in 1980. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reppert believed in civic participation. For example, Mr. Reppert enlisted as a marine and earned a purple heart during World War II. After moving to Mechanicsburg, they helped to establish the local public library, Mr. Reppert joined the rotary club, and Mrs. Reppert the local garden club. In 1968, Mrs. Reppert, an herbalist, noted author, and lecturer, opened The Rosemary House, an herb and spice shop, located in charming downtown Mechanicsburg. Mr. Reppert a cum laude graduate of Lehigh University and a history buff served on town council for over ten years, six as president, and in 1978 was elected the second mayor of Mechanicsburg. Mr. Reppert's campaign slogan was: *Let's Keep Mechanicsburg a Good Place to Live.*

The Bertha and Byron L. Reppert Scholarship was established in 2001, in memory of their mother and to honor Byron L. Reppert's then 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by his four daughters and their extended families. The scholarship is to encourage and recognize two graduating seniors (one male and one female) from the Mechanicsburg Area School District who demonstrate good citizenship and actively exhibit an interest in political science, history, horticulture, journalism, or related fields. This scholarship is an endowment fund of the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicant must have an interest in political science, history, journalism, horticulture, or related fields (i.e. participation in student council or local government, or in horticultural activities such as 4-H, local garden clubs, etc.)
2. Applicant must be in the top one-third of their graduating class
3. Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college or university
4. Applicant must demonstrate good citizenship within the school and local community
5. Applicant with financial need is given consideration
6. Interview with the selection committee, if needed

## 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: Explain how you meet the above mentioned criteria for this scholarship. One page maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

**The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org) by your school's counseling office:**

1. *Official Transcript.*
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form.

**\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED. YOU MUST LOG BACK IN TO YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE PASSES IN ORDER TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION. \*\***

*An advisory committee consisting of one member of the extended Reppert-Sears-Brill family, a representative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), and your school counselor will review the applications. This advisory committee may interview the finalists. TFEC will notify the recipients.*

## 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).