



The Joseph L. and Vivian E. Steele Fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities is used annually to grant scholarships to students in need of financial assistance who are in the final three years of a Bachelor of Architecture program or in a graduate program leading to a Master of Architecture degree.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Students who are present/former residents of the following counties: Adams, Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Tioga, Union, or York
2. Students studying in the final three years of a Bachelor of Architecture program or in a graduate program leading to a Master of Architecture degree
3. Financial Need

HOW TO APPLY

You must pre-qualify for this scholarship. The qualification process is online.

You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online qualification form.

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

1. Financial Aid Received Previously. [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.

You must complete the qualification process by no later than February 15. If you are eligible to apply, you will receive notification along with requirements and instructions on how to submit a full application. Full applications will be due no later than July 30.

If you are determined eligible to apply for the Joseph L. and Vivian E. Steele Architecture Scholarship, you will be asked to write a letter of application and to assemble a portfolio, letters of reference, and other materials. A complete description of application requirements will be emailed to you upon that determination. **Qualified students** will be reimbursed for the out-of-pocket costs of portfolio preparation up to \$100 whether or not they are ultimately scholarship recipients. Receipts for these reimbursable expenses will be required.

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship is a one-time only award; however, students may re-apply each consecutive year 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 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.