



The Anil and Neema Thakrar Family Fund is an endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. This scholarship will be used to assist graduating seniors from any high school in Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry county, or current college students with permanent residences in Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry counties, for the study of math, science, and engineering.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating seniors from any high school in Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry counties OR current college students with permanent residences in Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry county
2. Plans to attend college for the study of math, science, or engineering
3. Leadership/community service
4. Character
5. Academic performance, including a ***GPA between a 2.0 and 3.0*** (this scholarship is not intended for the student with the highest GPA, but rather to the student with average grades who demonstrates motivation, character, ability, and potential)
6. Financial need

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:

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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 your biggest life challenge and what you learned from the experience. Essay should be titled, 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.*
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

1. *Two (2) Personal Reference Letters. At least one letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead. Letters from family members will not be accepted. All reference letters must remain confidential.*

RENEWABILITY

Recipients of this scholarship may reapply for additional *consecutive* years. 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
Anil and Neema Thakrar Family Fund #1
Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@tfec.org
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

If you received a scholarship from the Anil and Neema Thakrar Family Fund Scholarship Fund #1 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@tfec.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.