



The Skyler James Wenger Scholarship was established in 2012 by his mother in memory of her son. Skyler was a freshman at Cedar Cliff when he lost his life at the age of 14 on October 28th, 2011 of injuries sustained being hit by a car during trick-or-treat. He was a loving son who was devoted to his family, a loyal friend to many, active in his youth group, and an avid football and baseball player. Skyler was an all-around nice kid everyone liked to be around. In death, Skyler gave the gift of life. He saved and improved the lives of at least 7 people.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating senior from Cedar Cliff High School or Red Land High School
2. Plans to attend any 2 or 4 year college, university, or trade school as a full-time student
3. Come from a single-parent household
4. Be an athlete
5. 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: Tell us about yourself, including the following: advantages/challenges of a single parent household, a challenge you've overcome and how, the role sports play in your life, why continuing education is important, and goals for your future. Approximately 500 words.

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. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters. Letters must come from any combination of teacher, employer, pastor, or coach. 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 Skyler James Wenger Foundation Scholarship 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

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