



Pauline Whitekettle was a life-long resident of Perry County having died in the house in which she was born. She taught the second grade for 40 years in the Newport Schools. In retirement, she never missed Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast at Bitting's, the well-known local restaurant, where she would routinely see her former students, their children and their grandchildren, all of which were her students.

Ms. Whitekettle was a world-wide traveler having been on every continent and in more than a hundred countries. She traveled with fellow teachers creating an educational adventure. Her home was filled with artifacts from her travel adventures but she often lamented that she could not find anything that would not melt to bring home from Antarctica.

She had a very special attachment to her church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Newport, PA and of course the children of the church. She often said that she wanted to take care of her children of the church but they had to earn it. She established this scholarship and created certain conditions to assure that it will be used properly.

***Graduating high school seniors can express interest in this scholarship opportunity by completing the online scholarship interest form. [Click here](#) to access the online scholarship interest form. You can access and submit the interest form beginning January 1.***

***If you are eligible to apply, you will receive confirmation of your eligibility. When you have completed your first year in college, you will receive instructions on how to submit a full application. Full applications will be due no later than June 1.***

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Resident of the greater Newport area (defined as students residing in the Newport School District or those with a Newport address.) Preference will be given to students who are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newport, Pennsylvania and active in the church for a minimum of 3 years
2. Student must be entering their second, third, or fourth year in college
3. Preference will be given to students who submit the online scholarship interest form as a graduating high school senior
4. Academic proficiency- minimum GPA 2.5
5. Community involvement
6. Financial need
7. Full-time or part-time attendance in college

## 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:***

***\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED\*\****

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: Please describe your involvement in your local and college community. If applicable, please describe the involvement you have had with St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the length of time; 500 words maximum.

**The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org) separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:**

1. Two (2) Personal Reference Letters. One letter should be from someone in the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church who can speak to your commitment and Involvement or should be from an employer, supervisor, or community advisor. The other letter should be from someone at your educational institution such as a professor, advisor, work-study supervisor or someone in Resident Life. **All reference letters must remain confidential.**

**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  
Pauline M. Whitekettle Scholarship Fund for St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator  
200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**OR**

**Email Official Transcript to:**

[scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org)  
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

## RENEWABILITY

This scholarship will automatically renew for up to three years provided the recipient maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Students must submit a transcript and tuition bill **each semester** in order for the scholarship to be renewed.

**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**.

## 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).