

ATTENTION SENIORS: 2016 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The following is a list of local scholarships that will be available to eligible seniors.

Application deadline for the following scholarships: **April 15, 2016** (unless otherwise noted).

Applications are available in the guidance office.

PLEASE CHECK EACH SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DUE DATE. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANY OF THESE LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS PLEASE SEE YOUR COUNSELOR OR THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR APPLICATIONS.

1. Annual School Board Graduating Senior – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.

This award is given annually to the student who best exemplifies the district's motto or slogan that year.

**The award recipient is selected at the recommendation of administration.*

Award: Quality pen and pencil set

2. Joseph R. Havrilla Citizenship Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.

Recipient is automatically selected.

Recommended by administration. This award is presented to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Joseph R. Havrilla's commitment and dedication to public service, community spirit, and pursuit of educational excellence.

Award: \$250.00 Savings Bond and a shelf of books in honor of the student is placed in the HS Library (\$500 value).

3. Valedictorian Award- NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.

This award is provided by the Steel Valley School Board to the senior who ranks first in the graduating class.

Award: Engraved pen and pencil set and a shelf of books in honor of the student is placed in the high school library (\$500 value). In addition, a commemorative brick is placed in the Memorial Walkway.

4. Athlete Scholar Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.

This award is given to the senior, varsity letter holder, who achieves the highest grade point average over his or her four years in high school. This award will be given upon *recommendation of the high school principal and the athletic director* and will be symbolized by a plaque prepared in the recipient's honor.

Award: plaque

5. SVEA Scholarship – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.

Automatically awarded to the top ranked senior planning to major in education.

Award: \$250.00

6. Roger “Butch” Pratt Memorial Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.

The recipient is automatically determined.

Criteria:

- *GPA of 3.2 or higher
- *Participation in two (2) sports
- *Sincere desire to pursue college
- *Needs financial assistance

Award: 2 - \$500 award given to one male & one female student who meet the criteria

7. Betty Hogg Memorial Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

This award is based on nominations from faculty and staff only.

Candidates for this award are female students who are members of the National Honor Society, with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The recipient is chosen based on good citizenship, a desire to help others, and enthusiasm.

Award: \$150.00

8. Homestead District Lions Club Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

Automatically awarded to the top two Steel Valley graduating seniors.

Award: TBD

9. J. Lewis Shannon Scholarship Award – Duquesne Univ – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

Awarded to one senior male and one senior female who will be attending Duquesne University. Student must have met all application and financial aid deadlines. Duquesne University determines recipient(s) based upon financial need and top academic performance.

Award - TBD

10. The Drew Martin Memorial and Scholarship Fund (NO APPLICATION REQUIRED)

This scholarship is available to a Steel Valley High School senior who demonstrates academic excellence and strong community involvement.

* Award is chosen by the SV Scholarship Committee

Award: \$300

11. Charlton Award

Criteria:

- *Participation in 4 or more extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, student government, etc.)
- *50 hours (min.) of community service
- *3.0 (min.) cumulative QPA
- *Completed application (available in the guidance office)

Award: \$200.00

DEADLINE: Applications should be submitted to the guidance office by April 12, 2013

Award recipient will be determined by the SV Scholarship Committee.

12. Tri Boro Federal Credit Union Exemplary Student Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

Tri Boro Federal Credit Union would like to recognize Steel Valley High School students who meet strong character standards, as well as conduct themselves as student role models. Tri Boro takes pride in honoring these students whose actions represented in the community with good reputation and moral fiber. We would like to congratulate these students for their measure in school, ethics and character as being ideal reflections for our community.

Criteria:

- Minimum QPA of 3.6 or higher
- Preferred activity involvement of minimum two student groups (non athletic)
- Must conduct himself/herself as a role model to other students
- No character or behavior issues (write ups, ISS, OSS)
- Strong character reputation
- Volunteerism in the community/community service hours
- Environmental awareness

- These awards are selected by the scholarship committee.

Award: Four \$500 awards

13. The Lions Club Community Award (NO APPLICATION REQUIRED)

The club wishes to reward a student who might not otherwise be recognized. Many students do their best and are important members of the school community who do not meet the typical measures of achievement.

- 3.25 QPA pursuing continuing education in the trades or the military
- Award is chosen by the SV Scholarship Committee

Award: \$500

14. Central Blood Bank Scholarship (Conditional Scholarship) – NO APPLICATION NEEDED

This award *will only be offered if SVHS wins the scholarship offered by the Central Blood Bank*. This is obtained by community blood donations.

- Criteria:**
- *2.5 GPA or higher
 - *Applicant (or family member) must be a blood donor
 - *Candidate must be entering a health related field

Award: TBD

15. ATM Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria:**
- ***Must plan to attend St. Vincent College**
 - * Must complete an essay, “Why you are deserving of the ATM Memorial Scholarship”
 - * Financial need
 - * Volunteer experience

Applications are in the guidance office.

DEADLINE: Applications and essays should be returned by May 29, 2016 (please see application for mailing address – on file in the guidance office).

Award: \$2,000.00 payable to St. Vincent College to the winner once enrolled in any major field offered by the college.

The ATM Memorial Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and determines the recipient.

16. John Paul Merisko Scholarship

- Criteria:**
- *Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - *Liberal Arts – Students planning to study Music, Art, Performing Arts and Business
 - *Must submit a 500 word essay. Essay topic in the high school office.

DEADLINE: Essays should be submitted to the guidance office by April 15, 2016.

Award: \$500.00

17. Geri Palmieri Memorial Scholarship

This annual scholarship will be given to a senior interested in pursuing a future in business or a culinary related field. The recipient will encompass the educational philosophies that Mrs. Palmieri promoted in her classroom.

Criteria:

- *Five (5) paragraph essay on topic selected by the committee (See Mr. Novak for application)
- *Interest in pursuing a business or culinary degree

DEADLINE: Essays due to Mrs. Geyer by April 15, 2016.

The Geri Palmieri Memorial Scholarship Committee reviews all essays and determines the recipient.

Award: TBD

18. The Harmony Club of Homestead - Lance-Weems Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Dorothy Lance and her sister Vivian Weems. They were Pittsburgh Public School elementary teachers for over 30 years and devoted members of the Harmony Club. They were committed to education and responsible for the creation of this scholarship.

Criteria:

- *Minority student in the current graduating class with a 3.0 Cumulative QPA
- *Must be accepted at an institution of higher learning
- *Must be involved in school and community activities
- *Must complete application for scholarship (Applications are available in the guidance office).

The Lance-Weems Memorial Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and determines the recipient.

Award: TBD **DEADLINE: April 1, 2016**

19. Garden Club of Munhall Scholarship

The Garden Club of Munhall is offering a scholarship to a deserving SV graduating senior who will be enrolling in a post secondary school program.

- Criteria:**
- *Completed application (Applications are in the guidance office.)
 - *Essay
 - *Two (2) letters of recommendation from SV faculty or administration

All application materials are reviewed by a selection committee of the Garden Club of Munhall.

Applications should be submitted to the guidance office by April 15, 2016

Award: TBD

20. History-Tribute to Veterans Scholarship – sponsored by Savolskis-Wasik-Glenn Funeral Home

Criteria:

*Writing Submission – 150 word essay reflecting the history of Memorial Day and/or a story of a veteran that makes Memorial Day more meaningful. Poems are welcome too. Please do NOT exceed 150 words.

DEADLINE: Essays should be submitted to the guidance office by April 15, 2016.

Award: \$250.00

Award recipient will be determined by the SV Scholarship Committee.

21. Homestead District Lions Scholarship Award in Memory of Marge and Bert Kondis

This award is based on several criteria:

- *Community service and involvement
- *QPA
- *Other activities

Candidates must explain in 300 words or less how they have given back to the SV community.

Award: TBD

DEADLINE: Essay due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016.

The award recipient is selected by the sponsor in conjunction with the Homestead District Lions Scholarship Award in Memory of Marge and Bert Kondis.

22. Earle V. Wittpenn Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student with a deep interest in the field of journalism and community service.

Criteria:

- *Min. Cumulative GPA of 3.25
- *Must be accepted and attending a college or university
- *30 community service hours
- *Essay – Topic on file in the guidance office

Award: \$1,000

DEADLINE: Writing entries must be submitted to the guidance office by April 15, 2016.

The award recipient is determined by the sponsor of this award.

23. Primetime Shots, Inc. Scholarship Award

Primetime Shots Photography created this scholarship to assist a graduating senior interested in pursuing a career in photography or graphic design.

Criteria:

- *Candidate must be a graduating senior from SVHS
- *Candidate must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average
- *Candidate must have participated in photography or other visual arts classes during high school
- *Candidate must be accepted in a 4-year college/university or accredited school of photography or design.
- *Completed application, essay, and letters of recommendations required. Applications are in the high school guidance office.

Award: \$500.00

DEADLINE: Completed application, essay, and recommendations must be submitted to the high school guidance office by April 15, 2016.

The award recipient is determined by the sponsor of this award.

24. Green Funeral Home Essay Award

Green Funeral Home is presenting an essay contest to all graduating seniors. Interested students should submit a typed essay, "What Family Means to Me."

- Info sheets in the guidance office.

Award: TBD

DEADLINE: Essays should be submitted to the high school guidance office by April 15, 2016.

25. The Rotary Club Award

The Rotary Club Award is open to all Steel Valley High School seniors.

Students should write a short (1 page) essay detailing your future plans and how Steel Valley High School has prepared you to meet those plans. Complete application sheets for this award are in the high school office.

DEADLINE: Applications and essays are due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016

Award: TBA (Selected by the Rotary Scholarship Committee)

26. The Joy D. Harris Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a Steel Valley High School senior who will be majoring in Early Childhood Development or Special Needs Education. The recipients MUST meet the following conditions:

- Be a Steel Valley High School graduating senior
- Minimum 2.5 grade point average
- Planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school
- Majoring in Early Childhood Development or Special Education

- Applications on file in the guidance office.

DEADLINE: Applications must be mailed to the sponsor by April 15, 2016.

Award: \$1,000 *The award recipient is determined by the sponsor of this award.*

27. Joseph L. Vavrek Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a Steel Valley High School senior who will be attending an institution of higher education in the fall of 2016. The recipients MUST meet the following conditions:

- Be in the top 10% of class for GPA
- Well-rounded activities and involvement in school
- Community service / involvement recommended
- Potential interest in health care field
- One to two page essay on Melanoma information, tanning bed usage, sun protection, etc.
- Applications on file in the guidance office.

DEADLINE: Applications and essays are due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016:

Award: \$500 - \$1,000 range *The award recipient is determined by the sponsor of this award.*

28. The Jacquelyn Konop-Buckley Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a Steel Valley High School senior who will be attending an institution of higher education in the fall of 2016. The recipients **MUST** meet the following conditions:

- Essay on the topic “How will your education benefit others?” (500 words)

DEADLINE: Essays are due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016:

Award: \$500 to be used to purchase books for college

The award recipient is determined by the sponsor of this award.

29. The Susan Satriano Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a Steel Valley High School senior who will be attending an accredited college/university in the fall of 2016. The student must have a parent who unfortunately either passed away of cancer, or has a parent presently battling it.

- **Student MUST contact Mr. Novak asap for details**
- The sponsor lives out of state and will conduct phone interviews with the candidate

Award: Up to \$1,000 per student

30. The Munhall Music Academy Award

This award will be given to a student who has shown passion for music by participating in band or chorus over the course of their high school career.

- Must have a 3.25 cumulative average AND be attending a college/university or trade school in the fall of 2016.
- Student **MUST** have participated in Band or Chorus for **at least 3 years** in high school.
- Essay on the topic “How has music enriched your life?” (500 words)
- **DEADLINE: Essay is due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016**

Award: \$300

31. The Mary Ruth Thomas Zahir Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a Steel Valley High School student who embodies the traits so evident in Mary Ruth. A few of these traits are compassion, dedication, and overcoming adversity. Students must:

- have a minimum GPA of 3.25
- participate in extra-curricular activities through school such as sports, band, clubs, etc.
- have volunteered for community service
- exhibit positive school spirit

Essay topic on file in the Guidance Office.

DEADLINE: Essays are due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016

Award: \$200

32. The Jimmy Forse Memorial Scholarship

This award will be given to a Steel Valley student who:

- Must be on pace to graduate in 2016
- Must be a current member of the SV baseball team
- Applications on file in the office
- **DEADLINE: Essay is due in the guidance office by April 15, 2016**

Award: \$2500

Best of The Batch Foundation 2016 Scholarship Program

Best of the Batch Foundation Scholarships are awarded to seniors attending a high school in Western Pennsylvania. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to college bound students enrolled for undergraduate study at approved colleges and universities of their choice. Awards are based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and community involvement. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

Scholarships Available

Operation Dough Nation

By Panera Bread: Two (2) **\$5,000** scholarships are available for one male and female senior student-athletes attending high school in the WPIAL District.

Dignity and Respect Champion

Six (6) **\$1,000** book scholarships are available seniors attending high school in Western Pennsylvania.

Danyl Settles Scholarship

Two (2) **\$2,500** scholarships are available for one male and female in Steel Valley High School in Allegheny County.

Best of the Batch

One (1) **\$8,000** scholarship is available in Allegheny County for a senior attending any high school in Allegheny County.

Dr. Seuss Oh the Places You'll Go

One (1) **\$5,432.10** scholarship is available, inspired by Dr. Seuss, students must be attending college/university out of PA.

Healthy U N School

By UPMC Health Plan: One (1) **\$2,000** for a student who wants to help bring awareness to Health and Wellness with topics such as healthy eating, childhood obesity, hygiene, stress/depression, etc.

Program Guidelines & Priorities

- Applicants must have permanent residence status in Western, Pennsylvania
- Applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full time student at a college or university, for the upcoming academic semester.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Preference may be given to applicants who have participated in Best of the Batch Programs.
- Students must apply for the 2015-2016 Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA).
- Best of the Batch Foundation will accept only 5 applications per high school (excluding Steel Valley).
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program.
- Best of the Batch Foundation strongly suggests that each high school present this opportunity to five (5) of the strongest applicants that match this program's guidelines.
- The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of educators, board members and staff.
- **All applications are due by Friday, April 15, 2016, at 5:00 pm.**

APPLICATION PACKETS ARE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

***** Last Minute Reminder*****

The Aldine Coleman Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship will be offered on an annual basis to an African American student from Steel Valley School District or West Mifflin School District who meet the requirements of the award. The student must exemplify the attributes and commitments of Mrs. Aldine F. Coleman who worked tirelessly to ensure her students and mentees always received the best.

- Must be on pace to graduate in 2016
- Must be majoring in education in the fall of 2016
- Must show proof of declared major
- Recipient must provide an official transcript showing a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Must submit 2 letters of recommendation from the high school principal and a high school teacher at the high school attended.
- Submit a written essay stating why he or she chose to enter the field of education
- APPLICATIONS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE
- **DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2016 (ALL INFO MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE)**

THE REQUESTED INFORMATION SHOULD BE COMPILED BY THE STUDENT AND A COMPLETED PACKET MAILED TO:

**HARMONY CLUB
P.O. BOX 16
HOMESTEAD, PA 15120**