

Blacklick Valley Scholarships

Due Date – Friday, April 26, 2024

Name: _____

- The following scholarships are available to senior students. All scholarships are a one-time award.
- The Blacklick Valley Scholarship Committee and several donors will make selections of the recipients. You may apply for as many scholarships as you would like.
- Some of the scholarships require an essay in order to be eligible.

Please **check** (✓) all scholarships for which you would like to be considered.

Essay Required

- _____ BVEA Scholarship
- _____ PTO Scholarship
- _____ Rotary Club of Ebensburg Scholarship
- _____ Paul and Genevieve Palko Memorial Scholarship
- _____ Donald Kerekes Memorial Scholarship
- _____ Ryan and Corey Byich Memorial Scholarship
- _____ Ryley's Reason Memorial Scholarship

No Essay Required

- _____ Dino Rudolph Memorial Scholarship
- _____ Paul Shandor Memorial Scholarship
- _____ Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit Scholarship
- _____ James T. Waldron Memorial Scholarship

Blacklick Valley Junior Senior High School Scholarships

BVEA Scholarship – essay required

The Blacklick Valley Educational Association provides a scholarship to a graduating senior who will pursue a career in the field of education.

Requirements: Write an essay on why you want to become a teacher.

- The Blacklick Valley Scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

PTO Scholarship – essay required

See attached sheet for information regarding criteria.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

Rotary Club of Ebensburg Scholarship – essay required

As a service organization, The Rotary Club of Ebensburg will continue its tradition of providing a scholarship to the graduating senior who plans on attending a technical school, trade school, or college or university. This candidate must be an outstanding and deserving individual and have demonstrated his/her abilities and commitment to service through the following selection criteria:

- List of all community/service activities involved in during their tenure at their high school.
- Possess good personal character and leadership
- Displays cooperation, friendship, kindness and service towards his/her classmates.
- If possible, the student must not be receiving any other scholarship sponsored by attending high school.
- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ 500

Paul and Genevieve Palko Memorial Scholarship – essay required

Paul and Genevieve Palko raised a family of nine here in the valley. Paul worked in the Blacklick Valley School District as a teacher, athletic director, and administrator while Gen was busy raising the family. Together they believed hard work, dedication to community service, faith in religion, and devotion to each other was instilled through family and education. Their children were given the opportunity of furthering their education whether by vocational certificates, associate, bachelor, or master degrees. They believed all students should have an opportunity to grow and develop themselves, as they will become leaders of the future.

- This scholarship is open to Blacklick Valley seniors planning to further their education at a university, college, technical or trade school. The \$750 scholarship will be administered through the students first two semesters; \$400 in the first semester and

\$350 in the second semester provided the student's first semester cumulative grade point average is a minimum of 2.5

- Students applying for this award should submit an essay outlining their leadership qualities either in or out of school along with any service to the community.
- The finance committee of the scholarship is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$750

Donald Kerekes Memorial Scholarship – essay required

Donald Kerekes was a 1959 graduate of Nanty Glo High School. Although Don had no children of his own, he had a positive and lasting impact on his community, serving as treasurer of Vintondale Borough and Vintondale Fireman's Club for many years. He had a significant impact on his family, devoting time and love to his mother, six siblings, thirteen nieces and nephews, and multiple grandnieces and grandnephews. The word that most Nanty Glo and Vintondale who knew Don used to describe him is friend. A classmate remembered him saying "He was a great dancer, especially the jitterbug". The scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has displayed cooperation, friendship, caring, and assistance toward others.

- This scholarship is open to Blacklick Valley seniors planning to further their education at a university, college, technical or trade school in Pennsylvania.
- Student must be involved in extracurricular activities and/or community service activities and demonstrate qualities of a well-rounded student of the community.
- Student should submit an essay of at least 500 words stating why the individual believes they are deserving of the scholarship. The essay should include why you chose the field of study, and the college/university/trade school you have decided to attend. The essay should also include a description of involvement in community service, specifically how they made a difference in another person's life.
- The scholarship recipient will be determined by a non-biased judging organization that has been established by the family of Donald Kerekes.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley scholarships.
- Essays will be scored based on the following criteria: originality (40 points), content (30 points), and storytelling (30 points). The scholarship is non-renewable, and it can only be used for expenses related to education.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$1,000

Ryan and Cory Byich Memorial Scholarship – essay required

Donald The Ryan and Cory Byich Memorial Scholarship is open to any student, male or female, who is a member of any type of athletic sport.

Requirements: Students should submit an essay that includes why you feel you should win or deserve the scholarship. It should also include future plans, including a college you may be committed to and/or career field you will be entering. Should include why you choose that school or career path. Please include all extracurricular activities and/or community services

and/or offices held now and previously. You should discuss how these activities or community service work impacted your future and what you took away from it.

Ryley's Reason Memorial Scholarship – essay required

We are seeking applications from outstanding Blacklick Valley seniors who aspire to continue their education at a university, college, technical, or trade school.

To be considered for this esteemed scholarship, applicants must submit an essay of no less than 500 words, exploring the profound impact of mental health throughout their academic journey and its influence on their post-high school plans.

The selection process will be conducted by an impartial judging panel appointed by the Ryley's Reason Foundation, ensuring fairness and integrity throughout. Preference may be given to candidates who have not been awarded any other scholarships from the Blacklick Valley community, if feasible.

Essays will be evaluated based on criteria including originality (40 points), content (30 points), and storytelling ability (30 points). It's worth noting that the scholarship is non-renewable and can only be utilized for educational expenses.

We are pleased to offer one scholarship worth \$1,000 to the deserving recipient.

By providing this scholarship, the Ryley's Reason Foundation aims to celebrate Ry's life and legacy while supporting the educational aspirations of future generations. We encourage all eligible students to apply and look forward to receiving your compelling essays.

Award Amount = 1 @ \$1,000

No Essay Scholarships

Dino Rudolph Memorial Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Dino Rudolph have established a scholarship in memory of their son Dino. The scholarship began with the graduating class of 2002. The scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has displayed cooperation, friendship, and service towards his/her fellow classmates. If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

- The finance committee of the scholarship (along with the input from the Blacklick Valley scholarship committee) is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

Paul Shandor Memorial Scholarship

The Paul Shandor Memorial Scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has perpetuated the spirit and determination that Coach Paul Shandor tried to instill in the students and athletes whose lives he touched as a teacher and coach at Blacklick Valley.

- The finance committee of the scholarship is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 2 @ \$1,000

Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit Scholarship

The Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who is committed to continuing their education. The Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit recognizes that there are many students that need financial assistance. It is their hope that this will help in some way for a student to continue his or her education.

- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

James T. Waldron Memorial Scholarship

The Waldron family has established a scholarship in the memory of James "Frex" Waldron. This scholarship is presented to an outstanding and deserving student athlete that is continuing their education.

The following criteria will be used in the selection of the recipient:

- Student is/was a Blacklick Valley baseball/softball player with preference given to softball.
- Financial need of the student will be considered but is not a major factor in the selection process.
- The finance committee of the scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$ 500



BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT \$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICATION & ESSAY Contest

Eligibility

The PTO Essay Contest is open to all seniors enrolled at Blacklick Valley High School who will graduate at the end of the school year **AND who are committed to attend a 2 or 4 year College/University beginning in the fall.**

Scholarship

The winner of the PTO Essay Contest will receive \$500 in the form of a check from the PTO. It is important to note that any received scholarship is considered a financial aid resource. You are responsible for notifying the Financial Aid Office of the college or university you are attending of any outside scholarship monies you receive.

Application/Essay Deadline

THE DEADLINE IS Friday April 26, 2024. All applications and essays must be turned in by this date. If you need extra time please let me know.

Requirements

1. The **Application** itself
2. The **ESSAY** – Prepare a written essay as instructed in this packet

Incomplete application packets will not be accepted.

Judging

The PTO scores each Application and Essay on the following criteria:

- ✓ Overall Application Completeness
- ✓ Essay Format
- ✓ Were Directions Followed
- ✓ How well the Application Questions were addressed
- ✓ How well the written Essay addressed the Essay questions
- ✓ Basic grammar, spelling, and flow will also be considered



BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT \$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Please **TYPE** or **PRINT**

NAME: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____

CLASS RANK: _____

If you do not know your GPA or Class Rank, enter "unknown"

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING:

INTENDED MAJOR: _____

☐ BACHELOR'S DEGREE (4 YEAR)

☐ ASSOCIATE DEGREE (2 YEAR)

WHILE IN COLLEGE, I WILL RESIDE: ☐ ON CAMPUS (DORM) ☐ OFF CAMPUS
(APARTMENT) OR ☐ LIVE AT HOME AND COMMUTE

*LIST ANY HONORS AND/OR AWARDS RECEIVED IN HIGH SCHOOL:

*LIST ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND/OR VOLUNTEER WORK:



**BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
\$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICATION & ESSAY**

ESSAY

IN 500 WORDS OR LESS, EXPLAIN/DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING:

- HOW COULD A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE?
- WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR AND WHAT ARE SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE HAD THAT RELATE TO YOUR CHOSEN MAJOR?

- WHAT STRENGTHS/ASSETS DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU FEEL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHOSEN PROFESSION?

ESSAY FORMAT

Your Essay MUST be typed, using the following formatting standards:

- ✓ 500 words or less
- ✓ 1" margins all around
- ✓ 12 point font
- ✓ double spaced

