



Dr. Masood and Shakila Ahmad Scholarship *\$1000 (one awarded)*

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HOW TO APPLY

- **IMPORTANT:** Carefully review the scholarship's eligibility criteria and application requirements.
- Fill out the scholarship application included in this packet.
- Complete the essay component of this application as directed.
- Use BLUE or BLACK ink and be sure to write legibly. Essay must be typed.
- Submit the completed application packet along with
 - Copy of school transcripts
 - Two (2) recommendations from teachers, school counselor, coach, or employer.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Applications must be post-marked by **Friday, May 6th**
- Completed application and materials (essay, transcripts, recommendations, etc.) should be enclosed in **one envelope** and mailed to address below:

The Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty
Attn: Ahmad Scholarship
8366 Princeton Glendale Rd. – Suite A2
West Chester, OH 45069

All information provided within the application will be held in strict confidence. During the review process, committee members may need to contact the applicant, parent/guardian or school administrator for additional information. Applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they receive an award. Checks are made payable to the schools' financial aid office and will be sent directly to the school.

DEADLINE: Friday, May 6th

School, Athletics and Community Service Activities*Please attach a separate paper if necessary.*

Activity	Date(s) of Participation	Leadership Position/Special Recognitions/Honors

Work Experience*List all your work experience, if applicable.*

Employer	Dates of Employment	Job Description

Essay Questions

Please provide **typed answers** to the following two questions.

Answers should be **500 words or less**.

1. Describe your education and career goals, and explain how/why a scholarship will be beneficial to you.
2. Describe how you exemplify the criteria established for this scholarship, or the qualities of the person for whom this scholarship was created. Why do you feel you should receive this particular scholarship?

We affirm the information provided is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand misrepresentation may constitute fraud which may result in the loss of this scholarship or which may have legal consequences. We also give our permission to the Community Foundation to publicize in the newspaper and publications of the Foundation the acceptance of this award.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please mark an “x” in the box next to the scholarship/s for which you are applying.

☐ **Dr. Masood and Shakila Ahmad Scholarship– \$1,000 (*one awarded*)**

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- ☐ **The Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty Scholarship – \$1000 (two awarded)**
This scholarship provides financial assistance for college to any high school student who has sufficient need (*Must provide IRS Tax Forms*). This scholarship, **open to any student in the West Chester/Liberty area**, is for students who wish to attend a trade school, two-year technical or community college or a four-year college or university. (GPA of 2.0 or above)

- ☐ **Julia Ellen Burnett Scholarship—\$500 (one awarded)**
Julia was born on April 21, 2006 with Trisomy 18, a rare chromosomal anomaly that the medical community describes as “incompatible with life.” Despite her prognosis, Julia’s parents were blessed to share six precious days with their beautiful daughter before she went home to be with God. From the very beginning, the family had a lifetime of dreams for Julia. It is the family’s desire to celebrate Julia’s life and continue her legacy by helping other young people realize their own dreams. This scholarship will require a hard-working and well-rounded student with a strong background in school and community involvement. Applicant must live in Mason, West Chester Township or Liberty Township. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Applicants must submit three (3) letters of recommendation. One (1) letter must be from a teacher or guidance counselor and the other two (2) must be from a professional relationship (teacher, guidance counselor, employer, clergy, etc.). **Applicants need only answer question 1 of the essay section.**

- ☐ **Jordan Day Scholarship - \$1,000 (one awarded)**
Established in 2011, this \$1,000 scholarship is made in memory of Jordan Day, a Lakota East golfer who died in 2010. This scholarship was created through the donations of friends and family who wish to honor the extraordinary talent, hard work and dedication Jordan exemplified — on the course and throughout his life — with an award that will be given each year to senior on the Men’s or Women’s Lakota East Golf Team. In all things, and especially in golf, Jordan was competitive and determined. He rose as a leader wherever he played, stepping onto the grass each day with a joke to tell and a hand to lend.

- ☐ **Harold Draut Scholarship –\$750 (one awarded)**
The Harold Draut Scholarship provides a legacy to Mr. Draut a Lakota educator for almost 30 years. Mr. Draut was a caring, sensitive, trustworthy and unselfish man whose sense of humor and humble spirit endeared him to everyone. A \$750 scholarship is available to a **Lakota East or Lakota West** High School senior who demonstrates community involvement and plans to pursue higher education including trade schools.

- ☐ **Troy & Tania Meyers Culinary Scholarship - \$1,000 (one awarded)**
Established in 2012 by the owners of Troy’s Café in West Chester, this scholarship opportunity is directed to students at Lakota East or Lakota West who plan to attend a Culinary School/Program. The Meyers passion is to assist those students looking to enter the culinary field by awarding this \$1,000

scholarship and hope to provide additional support by providing guidance based on their experience to students entering this career path. Applicants must address their desire to attend a Culinary School/Program through the essay that is submitted.



Pete's List of Excellence in History and Government – \$400 (*two awarded*)

Raymond (Pete) Peters put aside his educational aspirations to put his life on the line in World War II. After legislation was signed enabling WWII veterans to receive their high school diploma, Pete received his diploma during a celebration for his 75th birthday. Like Pete, Pete's List, recognizes two college-bound **Lakota High Seniors, one from West and one from East**, who have excelled in History and Government. Scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who demonstrates superior capability, interest and understanding of World and U.S. History subjects, including Government and Civics. The recipient must be in the top third of their graduating class as calculated through the 1st semester of senior year or time of award, whichever is available; be a well-rounded student who may work to pay for college education and/or may be involved in other extracurricular Activities; have been accepted to and planning to attend a 2 or 4-year college or university program. Award will not be based on student's preference of major or course of study.



Kristin Renneker Scholarship Fund – \$2,000 (*two awarded*)

Kristin's spirit lives on through two - \$2,000 scholarships—benefiting a female student at **Lakota East and a student at Lakota West High Schools**. Kristin is remembered as a beautiful, intelligent, athletic and outgoing student. In addition to sharing the captain spot on the varsity basketball team, Kristin was an All-Academic GMC player who participated in two varsity sports. The scholarship allows Kristin's spirit to live on by providing this scholarship opportunity to a graduating senior female athlete who has participated in interscholastic athletics, at least in their senior year. This scholarship is given to the student(s) who most exemplifies the qualities Kristin possessed. The student must demonstrate community and/or school involvement; and exhibit high academic achievement with a minimum accumulative 3.3.GPA.



Karen M. Schroeder Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000 (*one awarded*)

The Karen M. Schroeder Memorial Scholarship is for a graduating Lakota East senior who shows a flair for creativity in any artistic endeavor. This might include graphic arts, singing or performing arts. The students must be committed to attending one of the arts programs at Miami University, Ohio. The student must have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate some degree of financial need (attach IRS Tax Form). In addition to the application, the student should write a essay, or make a case in a creative format (artwork, song, etc.) describing why they feel they are the best candidate for the award. The hope is that students will have fun with this application.



Shayna Smith Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 (*one awarded*)

Shayna Smith was the beloved daughter of 'Brian and Ty Smith. She was a devoted little sister to and admirer of Kayla Elyse Smith, whom she adored. Shayna was beautiful, smart, loving, considerate, athletic and compassionate. She was a High Honors student at Lakota West high school and number 16 in her class of over 500 students. Many called Shayna their best friend. Shayna loved animals and had already planned to attend the Ohio State University to become a veterinarian. This scholarship will help keep Shayna's beautiful light shining. The recipient must be a Lakota West High School graduate with a minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA. The recipient must have contributed to the community through service and must have been involved in extracurricular activities. The recipient will also have the intention of attending an accredited university to major in a science field.



Gregory Snyder Coda Scholarship - \$500 (*one awarded*)

The Gregory Snyder Coda Scholarship is awarded to a Lakota West senior who is a Symphonic Winds and Marching Firebirds member. This person is committed to continuing to play her/her instrument in a

college-sanctioned ensemble or marching band; he/she may or may not plan to be a music major. Throughout high school, this person increasingly displayed the characteristics of a good leader. In addition he/she is a loving, joyful person who is patient and has gained the respect of fellow band members. This person is kind and faithful to the band program and directors. The use of the word “Coda” in the scholarship name refers to Mr. Snyder’s endearing use of the phrase, “We never miss the coda because we go to Lakota (coda) every day.”

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Jessica Ann Siegel Scholarship Fund - \$2,000 (*one awarded*)

Jessica Siegel is remembered as a caring, compassionate, 16 year old with a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile. Jessica had wit and wisdom way beyond her years. She will be remembered for her school spirit and making everyone that crossed her path feel important. Not only did she make everyone laugh, she brought joy into the lives of those around her. She had been accepted into the teacher's academy at East and was hoping to attend OSU to become a history teacher. This scholarship will help keep her spirit alive in the halls of **Lakota East High School** by giving a student with the same caring attitude and qualities that Jessica possessed a jump start in fulfilling their dream. The scholarship recipient must demonstrate thoroughly those characteristics listed above while maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

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Dana Spangler Scholarship Fund - \$500 (*one awarded*)

This scholarship has been established in memory of Dana Spangler, a young lady who had a great love of life. Dana was active student in school and community who loved volleyball and softball. This scholarship is available to any graduating female senior from **Lakota East High School** who shows financial need (*Must provide 2015 IRS Tax Forms*) and plans to attend a college or junior college.

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Ezekiel “Zeke” Stepaniak Scholarship Fund - \$1,000 (*one awarded*)

Zeke was a 17-year old Lakota West student who was loved by all. His smile, his laughter, his loving heart was contagious. He loved to hang out with friends and family. He also loved to play video games and draw. He was very artistic. His presence would brighten your day. He always put other before himself. A true friend that you could always count on, Zeke planned to continue on to college after High School. And this scholarship is to honor Zeke. Applicants must be a male, Lakota West High School Senior who demonstrates similar characteristics and would like to continue their education in a field of creative design.

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West Chester Hospital Scholarship - \$2,000 (*two awarded*)

This scholarship has been established for students who are, or have been, a volunteer at West Chester Hospital as well as for students who have participated in West Chester Hospital’s Shadowing or Field Rotation Program. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA or above and be planning to pursue a degree in the field of healthcare (i.e. physical therapy, nursing, physician, hospital administration, social work, etc.) Please include a paragraph explaining why you have chosen your field of study and why this scholarship would benefit you, in addition to the 2 standard essay questions.

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Roy H. Yelton Scholarship Fund — \$500 (*one awarded*)

The Roy H. Yelton Scholarship Fund was established to encourage new generations of youth to the community service that was the hallmark of the beloved Roy H. Yelton, founder of Yelton Fine Jewelers. Roy was giving, compassionate and cared for those around him in a genuine and profound manner. This scholarship has been developed to honor Roy’s memory and encourage a student who shares his desire to help others. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior in Butler County who is planning a college major in a public service field. The GPA minimum requirement is 2.5.