ATTENTION SENIORS: 2020
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 14, 2020** (unless otherwise noted).

**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 will be given upon recommendation of the High School Principal and will be symbolized by a quality pen and pencil set and a $250 scholarship.
   
   Award: Quality pen and pencil set and $250

2. **Joseph R. Havrilla Citizenship Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.**
   Recipient is automatically selected.
   
   *Recommended by administration.* Presented annually to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Joseph R. Havrilla's commitment and dedication to public service, community spirit, and pursuit of educational excellence. The award will be given upon recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal and will be symbolized by a shelf of books donated to the high school library in the student's name and a $250.00 scholarship.
   
   Award: $250 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 Board to the graduate who ranks first in the graduation class. The award will be given upon recommendation of the High School Principal and will be symbolized by a quality pen and pencil set, a $250.00 scholarship, a shelf of books donated to the high school library in the student's name and a commemorative brick to be placed in the memorial walkway.
   
   Award: Engraved pen and pencil set, a shelf of books and $250

4. **Athlete Scholar Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.**
   This award is given to the top male and female senior varsity letter with the highest grade point average over their four (4) 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, which has been prepared in each of the recipient's honor, and a $250 scholarship to each of them.
   
   Award: $250 and a plaque
5. **SVEA Scholarship – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.**  
*Automatically awarded to the top ranked senior planning to major in education.*

Award: $500

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6. **Roger “Butch” Pratt Memorial Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED.**  
*The recipient is automatically determined.*

**Criteria:**
- GPA of 3.25 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

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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 3.25. The recipient is chosen based on good citizenship, a desire to help others, and enthusiasm.

Award: $150.00

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8. **Homestead District Lions Club Award – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED**  
*Automatically awarded to the top two Steel Valley graduating seniors.*

Award: TBD

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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

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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. 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

12. The Vitalant Blood Donation Scholarship
This scholarship is obtained by community blood donations.

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

Award: TBD

Info and application sheet on file in the guidance office

13. Tri Boro Federal Credit Union Exemplary Student Award
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. AWARD – FOUR $500 WINNERS.

Criteria includes:

1) Minimum GPA 3.6 or Higher.
2) Involved in a community oriented volunteer activity including community services hours.
3) Involved in a minimum of two non-athletic student groups.
4) No School District or unlawful behavior / character issues or reputation problems.
5) Environmental Awareness

Additional Criteria added:

1) Applicants must be a member of the credit union, or be a family member of a member. (Parents - Siblings - Aunts/Uncles, Cousins)
2) Applicants must submit an essay to the credit union at:

   Tri Boro Federal Credit Union
   Attention: Dennis Ferchak President/Scholarship Selection Committee
   600 East Eighth Avenue
   Munhall PA, 15120

   2) The Topic of the Essay is “Explain what a credit union is, and what the differences are between Credit Unions and Banks. And why would someone want to use a credit union versus a bank for their banking needs.”

DEADLINE: Applications should be submitted to the sponsor by April 14, 2020
14. **Charlton Award**
Criteria:
* Participation in 4 or more extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, student government, etc.)
* 50 hours (min.) of community service
* 3.25 (min.) cumulative QPA
* Completed application (available in the guidance office)

Award: $200.00

**DEADLINE:** Applications should be submitted to the guidance office by April 14, 2020

*Award recipient will be determined by the SV Scholarship Committee.*

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15. **John Paul Merisko Scholarship**
Criteria:
* Minimum 3.25 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 14, 2020.

Award: $500.00

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16. **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 14, 2020.
*The Geri Palmieri Memorial Scholarship Committee reviews all essays and determines the recipient.*

Award: TBD

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17. **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: $1000  **DEADLINE:** April 10, 2020
18. 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  
* 3.25 cum gpa

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

Applications should be submitted TO THE SPONSOR by April 15, 2020.
Award: $500

19. History-Tribute to Veterans and Memorial Day Scholarship – sponsored by Savolskis-Wasik-Glenn Funeral Home
Criteria:  
* Writing Submission- No more than 150 word essay on what Memorial Day means to you and/or how you or someone you know have been personally impacted by a Veteran or active member of the military. We are looking for a personal reflection, not historical facts. The winning essay will be featured in a Memorial Day Ad published in the Valley Mirror as well as receiving a $250 scholarship.

* 3.25 cum gpa

DEADLINE: Essays should be submitted to the guidance office by April 14, 2020.
Award: $250.00

Award recipient will be determined by the sponsor

20. Homestead District Lions Scholarship Award in Memory of Marge and Bert Kondis
This award is based on several criteria:

* Community service and involvement  
* 3.25 cum QPA  
* Other activities

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

Award: TBD

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

DEADLINE: Completed application, essay, and recommendations must be submitted to the high school guidance office by April 14, 2020. THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN CANCELED BY THE SPONSOR. DO NOT SUBMIT.

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.”

Award: TBD

* 3.25 cum gpa

DEADLINE: Essays should be submitted to the high school guidance office by April 14, 2020.

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.

* 3.25 cum gpa

DEADLINE: Applications and essays are due in the guidance office by April 14, 2020.

Award: TBA (Selected by the Rotary Scholarship Committee)
24. 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 10, 2020**

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

25. 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 2020. The recipients MUST meet the following conditions:

- Essay on the topic “How will your education benefit others?” (500 words)
- Cum 3.25 GPA

**DEADLINE:** Essays are due in the guidance office by **April 14, 2020:**

**Award:** $500 to be used to purchase books for college
*The award recipient is determined by the sponsor of this award.*

26. 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 2020. 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

27. 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 14, 2020**

**Award:** $200
28. The Annual Tim Wilder Memorial – Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship
This scholarship will be awarded to a Steel Valley High School student who has overcome obstacles to achieve the goal of graduation. **Award: Multiple winners – Gift Card**

- have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and have fulfilled requirements for graduation
- student must have experienced some challenging obstacles, such as a disability, difficult life circumstance and/or trauma in the family.
- exhibited courage and persistence
- demonstrated volunteerism and community service

Application on file in the Guidance Office.

**DEADLINE:** Essays are due in the guidance office by April 14, 2020

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29. The Carmen Marini Memorial Scholarship
The Carmen Marini Memorial Scholarship Foundation is a way for our family to remember Carmen Marini who passed away on May 2, 2016. He was an amazing man with a caring heart. We want to pay tribute to his memory by providing scholarships to graduating students from the Steel Valley School District who will be attending a college/university or trade school to further their education in the fall of 2020.

Students must:
- have a minimum GPA of 3.25
- be accepted to and planning on attending a college/university or trade school in the fall of 2020
- have volunteered for community service and be involved in school clubs and activities
- complete essay – “How has your family background affected the way you see the world?

**Scholarship Amount**
1.) $2,500.00 tuition scholarship
2.) $500.00 book scholarship

Award 1 will be distributed to the post secondary school, and award 2 will be distributed to the student.

**Where should application materials be sent:** Must be postmarked by **April 14, 2020.**

Amanda Olson
3624 Watchill Road
Munhall, PA 15120
30. **The Maria Heddleston Reading Warrior Scholarship**

This scholarship was created in memory of Maria Heddleston, who was a Steel Valley graduate, teacher, and life long resident. This scholarship will be awarded to a Steel Valley High School student who will be attending a college/university to become a teacher (Education Major).

Students must:
- have a minimum GPA of 3.25
- be accepted to and planning on attending a college/university majoring in education
- complete essay

Essay topic on file in the Guidance Office.

**DEADLINE:** Essays are due in the guidance office by April 14, 2020

Award: $1,500

31. **The RJM Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is sponsored by the family of Patrick Morrison and created in memory of his father Robert James Morrison. This scholarship will be awarded to a Steel Valley High School student who will be attending a college/university in the fall of 2020.

Students must:
- have a minimum GPA of 3.25
- be accepted to and planning on attending a college/university (must include copy of acceptance letter)
- complete essay on the following topic:

  _Think BIG PICTURE. What do you want in life? And what drives you to become the best version of yourself?

Two Winners - $500 EACH

**DEADLINE:** Essays are due by April 14, 2020 – To be mailed directly to the sponsor:

Patrick Morrison/Susan Morrison  
3800 Main St.  
Munhall, PA 15120

THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN CANCELED BY THE SPONSOR. DO NOT SUBMIT.
32. The SVEA Leadership and Adversity Scholarship
a. $2500 for a male / $2500 for a female

b. **Essay Prompt:** (Choose ONLY One) Please describe a situation where you have battled through adversity during a challenging time in your life. How has the adversity helped mold you into a stronger person?

OR

Describe a situation where you were in a leadership role and how it helped you develop as an individual.

* Essay length: 300-600 words
* 2 Letters of Recommendation
* Minimum of 3.25 GPA

Hand in applications, in an envelope, to Mr. Goga

Due Date: April 14, 2020

33. The Waterfront Shopping Scholarship
This scholarship is available to a high school senior who plans on majoring in business or marketing, or a senior who plans on going into business himself/herself.

**Essay Prompt:** 250 words describing your view on “The transition from Homestead Works to The Waterfront.”

* Minimum of 3.25 GPA

Essays are due to Mr. Mark Fallon (gmfallon@steelvalleysd.org) by April 14, 2020

Award: $250

34. The Russ Gibbons/Dave Demerest Scholarship
This scholarship is sponsored by the Battle of Homestead Foundation. They are a diverse organization of citizens, workers, educators, and historians dedicated to interpreting, preserving, and promoting a people’s history of the labor conflict in Homestead in 1892.

**Essay Prompt:** Students are to complete ONE of THREE essay questions. The essay should be between 750-100 words in length. Prompts and info sheet in the high school office.

SEE MRS. GEYER WITH ANY QUESTIONS

* Minimum of 3.25 GPA

Essays are due to Mrs. Geyer (jgeyer@steelvalleysd.org) by April 14, 2020

Award: $250
35. **The Jack Kelly Memorial Scholarship**  
This scholarship is in honor of Jack Kelly, a 1947 graduate of Homestead High School. Mr. Kelly was a Marine Corps PFC who posthumously received the Medal of Honor for heroic actions during the Korean War. This is the first year of the scholarship.

This scholarship is for students interested in a career in the military, planning to study Law or International Studies (in college), or pursuing a career in politics/government service.

**Essay Prompt:** 250 words on the life of Jack Kelly, or another Medal of Honor winner.

* Minimum of 3.25 GPA

Essays are due to Mr. Mark Fallon (gmfallon@steelvalleysd.org) by April 14, 2020

Award: $250

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36. **The Betty Davis Scholarship**  
This scholarship is in honor of Betty Davis, a graduate of Homestead High School and an influential figure in the 1970’s music scene. This is the first year of the scholarship.

This scholarship is for students who have participated in music ensembles and musical/art activities, potentially pursuing a career in music or music education.

**Essay Prompt:** 250 words on “How has music influenced your life and future plans?”

* Minimum of 3.25 GPA

Essays are due to Mr. Mark Fallon (gmfallon@steelvalleysd.org) by April 14, 2020

Award: $250

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37. **The St. Vincent Alumni Grant**  
Saint Vincent College is proud to provide an opportunity for alumni to recommend prospective students for the Alumni Grant of $4,000 ($1,000 per year for four years), which will be awarded upon the student’s acceptance for admission and applied toward tuition, upon matriculation to Saint Vincent.

- Must be applying for full-time undergraduate study at Saint Vincent College in the fall of 2020.
- May not be currently enrolled at Saint Vincent College.
- Completed application must be received by May 1. It can be included with the application for admission or sent separately.
  - Mr. Macuga is a recommending alumnus.
  - Due date is **May 1, 2020**
  - Essay required
  - Applications on file in the high school office.
38. The Randy Zirkle Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was created in memory of Randy Zirkle, a Steel Valley teacher who had an
overwhelming passion for architectural design, and who displayed enthusiasm to assist and to see his
students succeed. This scholarship is a way to continue to memorialize his passions.

This scholarship will be awarded to a Steel Valley High School senior interested in pursuing a future in
CAD (Computer Aided Design), architecture, engineering or a music related field. The recipient will
encompass the educational philosophies that Mr. Zirkle promoted in his classrooms.

Criteria:

Have a minimum GPA of 3.25
Be accepted to and plan on attending an accredited post-secondary school for CAD, Architect,
Engineering or Music in the fall of 2020.

Fill out the Randy Zirkle Application Form
Copy of Acceptance Letter from Post Secondary Institution

Award: TBD

Due by Monday, April 14, 2020

39. Richard Bazzy’s Shults Ford Scholarship Fund
As a Steel Valley alum, Richard Bazzy wants to give back to the community in which he was raised. In
particular, he would like to see students going on to higher education awarded with the same support he
was given.

Criteria: *3.25 GPA or higher
*Letter of recommendation from a Teacher, Counselor, Principal or Coach
*Essay Submission – ON FILE IN THE OFFICE

Award: $5,000 – given to the student

Info and application sheet on file in the guidance office
Best of the Batch Foundation Scholarship Awards Program. Several scholarships will be 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.

Operation Dough Nation (by Panera Bread): Two (2) $5,000 scholarships are available for one male and one female senior student-athlete attending high schools in the WPIAL district.

Dignity and Respect Champion: Six (6) $1,000 book scholarships are available for seniors attending high school in Western Pennsylvania.

Daryl Settles Scholarship: Two (2) $2,500 scholarships are available to one male and one female attending Steel Valley High School.

Dr. Seuss Oh the Places You’ll Go: One (1) $4,321.00 scholarship inspired by Dr. Seuss is available to students attending a college outside of Pennsylvania.

Healthy U N School (by UPMC Health Plan): One (1) $2,000 scholarship is available for a student who wants to help bring awareness to Health and Wellness topics such as healthy eating, childhood obesity, hygiene, stress/depression, etc.

The L & T Getty Scholarship: Awarded to one (1), male or female Steel Valley High School Senior following graduation. Awarded will receive $2,500.00 in scholarship per academic year over four (4) years, amounting in a total of $10,000.00 in funds.

Mike DeRubis Scholarship: Two (2) $500 scholarships are available to one male and one female attending Blairsville High School.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must have permanent resident 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.
- Students must apply for the 2020-2021 Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA).
- Applicants submit a completed Scholarship Application by Friday, April 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

Applications are available online and in the high school office

https://www.batchfoundation.org/educational-programs/scholarships/

All Batch Foundation Scholarships must be mailed DIRECTLY to them and postmarked by no later than Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5pm.