

MHS Alumni Scholarships Available to Seniors NOW!

ATTENTION SENIORS!! The McKeesport High School Alumni & Friends Association wants ALL members of the 2017 Senior Class – whether college-bound or planning to attend art, culinary, career or technical schools – to be aware of these scholarship opportunities available through the generosity of McKeesport alumni, their family members and friends, and/or other supporters of the McKeesport area community.

Deadline is FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

Application Procedure for ALL Scholarships:

* Visit www.tcfpe.org for details/descriptions of each scholarship available. Click on “What We Do” and then on “McKeesport High School Alumni & Friends Association” and follow prompts to MHS Alumni & Friends Association Scholarships. Instructions will also be available in the guidance office and high school library.

* Read and follow instructions for completing the SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM which can be found here: <https://goo.gl/87Gpff>. This form is required for ALL McKeesport Alumni & Friends Association scholarships and must be completed by all students who wish to be considered for a scholarship. All required questions (those with red asterisk) must be answered and you must click the submit button for your application to be complete. If you do not answer all required questions AND click the submit button, you will lose all information that you have entered and the review committee will NOT receive your application. We recommend that you print this application first and work on your answers BEFORE you begin to enter any information.

* All applicants must authorize release of their transcript to be eligible (via electronic signature on the SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM). Once you have completed this form, the Consortium for Public Education (CPE) will contact the guidance office to request a copy of your transcript.

* Also required is a copy of the page from your Student Aid Report (SAR - the report generated when you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid - FAFSA) that shows the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as your financial information. Please give this to your Guidance Counselor or email to info@tcfpe.org.

Walter C. Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Walter Carlyle Shaw was one of the founders of the G. C. Murphy Co. and played a major role in the business and civic life of McKeesport for decades. Under his leadership, G.C. Murphy grew into one of the nation's major retail chains with 480 stores located in 22 states and the District of Columbia. A generous benefactor to McKeesport institutions, he was the principal donor of the Shaw Building at McKeesport Hospital; chief contributor of funds for construction of the McKeesport Boys and Girls Club; and a supporter of the McKeesport YMCA, where his donations built Shaw Lodge at Camp T. Frank Soles. He also supported the Boy Scouts of America and Westminster College. Mr. Shaw passed away in January of 1962. The Walter C. Shaw Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. Shaw's daughter, the late Elizabeth Shaw Gamble, who graduated from McKeesport High School in 1937.

• Provides three (3) \$1,000 awards for the 2nd semester. Preference given to those pursuing a career in the medical field.

Arthur N. Rupe Foundation Scholarships

Arthur N. Rupe, a member of the McKeesport High School Hall of Fame and the MHS Class of 1935, endowed these scholarships as a testimonial to the exemplary education he received from the McKeesport public school system. After attending Virginia Tech and Miami University (Ohio), he received his Bachelor's Degree from UCLA. He founded and later sold Specialty Records, which produced many hits of the 1940's and 1950's. Currently, Mr. Rupe is President of Arloma Corporation, a real estate and petroleum production company. He also operates the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation which has endowed and supports counseling centers, fellowships and scholarships and is a major benefactor of the University of California, Santa Barbara. He resides in Santa Barbara, CA.

• Provides three (3) \$2,000 awards for the 2nd semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.

Gerald Grayson Scholarship

The Gerald Grayson Scholarship was established in 2009 by Carla Coleman, former McKeesport Lady Tiger standout (Class of 1990), to honor Coach Grayson (at right) for his dedication to McKeesport students. A 1967 graduate of McKeesport Area High School and 1972 graduate of Boise State University, Coach Grayson returned to McKeesport Area School District to begin his career as a physical education/health teacher. He coached the girls' varsity basketball team to five Section championships and one WPIAL championship, in 1998. In 11 of the 13 seasons he coached, his teams made the WPIAL playoffs.



• One (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester. Available for a senior member of the girls' varsity basketball team intent on furthering her education at a college/university or technical school.

Marlene Keller Farkas Memorial Scholarship

The award was established in 2001 by family members to honor the memory of Marlene Keller Farkas, who devoted countless hours to helping her fellow citizens take advantage of every opportunity available to them for achievement and advancement in life. She tutored many students and often guided them in filling out applications for additional education or employment. A dedicated volunteer in the community, Mrs. Farkas was a member of numerous community organizations. She was a 1941 graduate of McKeesport High School. After serving in the Waves in World War II, she earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 1948. A wife and mother, Mrs. Farkas died on June 30, 1974.

- ***Provides one (1) \$1,000 award for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.***

Rick Keller Memorial Award

The award was established in 2010 by family members to honor the memory of Rick Keller, who was dedicated to the field of gerontological nursing, specializing in hospice and end-of-life care. Rick taught nursing at community colleges and at Drexel University and also served as a hospice nurse. He was a generous supporter of many causes, including a favorite charity with the sole purpose of answering the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged, and abused children. Rick was a 1971 graduate of McKeesport High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Penn State University in 1974 and received his Master of Science in Nursing from Gwynedd Mercy University near Philadelphia in 1994. In 2006, he began his Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Drexel University. He passed away on May 9, 2010.

- ***Provides one (1) \$1,000 award for the Fall semester. Available for a student interested in pursuing a career in health care.***

Justin R. Misura Memorial Awards

These awards were established in 2004 in memory of Justin Ryan Misura by his parents, Ed and Lisa Misura, and family members and friends. Justin, a 2001 graduate of McKeesport Area High School, had a passion for food and worked in many area restaurants while pursuing a Culinary Arts Degree at Westmoreland County Community College. Justin passed away in 2004.



- ***Provides two (2) awards of \$1,000 for Fall semester. Available for students enrolling in an accredited culinary arts program.***

Randy S. Gwosden Scholarship Fund

This award was established in 2012 in memory of Randy S. Gwosden by his family in order to inspire individuals with active and creative minds to pursue studies in the area of education with a focus on mathematics. Randy "Coach" Gwosden inspired and encouraged many students throughout his remarkable 35-year teaching career in McKeesport Area School District. An amazing teacher and sports enthusiast with an undeniable passion for mathematics, he served as an elementary teacher and math coach, developing strategies and resources to promote student achievement that continue to be used in classrooms today.

- ***Provides one (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester. Available for a student intent on pursuing a career in math education at a college or university.***

Albert T. Fallquist Memorial Scholarship Fund

The award was established in 2002 in memory of Albert (Abby) T. Fallquist, longtime chemistry teacher and varsity baseball coach at McKeesport High School. Mr. Fallquist retired in 1968 after 44 years of service in the school district. He was head of the Science Department from 1956 to 1968 and coach of the Tiger baseball team from 1929 until his retirement. He led the Tigers to nine WPIAL championship games, winning six and losing three.

- ***Number and amount of awards vary for Fall semester. Eligibility is limited to varsity baseball players who plan to continue their education at a college, university or technical school. Winners may re-apply for additional support in subsequent years.***

Zon Fleckenstein Memorial Scholarship

This award was established in 2009 in memory of Zon Fleckenstein, a 2005 McKeesport Area High School graduate, by his parents Jim (MHS 1972) and Lisa Roka Fleckenstein (MHS 1977), and brother Zar Fleckenstein (MHS 2007). Zon was an Emergency Medical Technician, Vice President and First Lieutenant at Versailles Volunteer Fire Company #1, an Allegheny County Department of Records employee, and a steward for SEIU Local 668. Zon passed away August 1, 2009.



- ***Provides one (1) \$500 award for the 2nd semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.***

Bechtol Family Scholarship

Whether as public servants, volunteers or dedicated elementary school teachers, members of the Bechtol Family represent over 100 years of community service to the City of McKeesport and the McKeesport Area School District. This scholarship was established in 2009 to recognize the achievements of a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career in teaching.

- ***Provides one (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester. Available for a student who plans to pursue a teaching career.***

Nick Bakalis Memorial Award

This award was established in 2002 in memory of Nick Bakalis by his daughter, Melissa Bakalis Milbank, a member of the McKeesport Area High School Class of 1975, and his wife, Eleanor Frum, a member of the McKeesport High School Class of 1951. Mr. Bakalis was a 1949 graduate of McKeesport High School who received his business degree from Robert Morris College. He was a tireless champion of McKeesport and retained a great enthusiasm for McKeesport High School and the reunions both of his class and those of his wife.

- ***One (1) award of \$500 for the Fall semester. Available for a student residing in Dravosburg who plans to attend a college, university, business or technical school. Preference given to those pursuing a career in business and/or accounting.***

Audrey Smith Butler Memorial Scholarship

This award was established in 2017 by Eleanor Frum Bakalis, MHS Class of 1951 and Melissa Bakalis Milbank, MHS Class of 1975 in memory of Audrey Smith Butler, a 1950 graduate and Majorette, who had a lifelong love for baton twirling.

- *One (1) award of \$500 for the Fall semester. Available for a senior Marching Band or Color Guard student planning to attend a college, university, business or technical school.*

The Ralph D. Jordan Resiliency Scholarship

The Ralph D. Jordan Resiliency Scholarship was established in 2013 in honor of Ralph D. Jordan by Judy Jordan Kalich (sister), a graduate of the McKeesport High School Class of 1963; her husband, Rich Kalich, and youngest daughter, Dr. Karrie A. Kalich, a graduate of the McKeesport High School Class of 1994 and member of the McKeesport High School Hall of Fame.

- *One (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester. Available for a student who plans to attend Penn State Greater Allegheny or a trade school.*

Glazer Family Scholarship

This award was established by Frank (MHS 1967) and Charles (MHS 1969) Glazer in memory of their mother, Mary (Panko) Glazer (MHS 1941).

- *This scholarship provides one (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester. Available to assist a student participating in a foreign exchange program outside the United States or to study abroad on their own initiative.*

George B. Martin Family Awards

This award is funded by MHS Class of 1951 graduate, George B. Martin, in memory of his brothers, William B. Martin (MHS Class of 1942 and MHS Hall of Fame member, David Martin (MHS Class of 1945) and John B. Martin (MHS Class of 1944).

- *Provides three (3) awards of \$1,000 for the Fall semester to students pursuing a career in engineering, business or health care.*

MHS All-Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by members and supporters of the McKeesport High School Alumni & Friends Association.

- *This scholarship provides two (2) \$1,000 awards for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

Joan L. Burns Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2014 by family members in honor of the late Joan Burns, a 1972 McKeesport graduate and elementary teacher in McKeesport Area School district for 33 years.

- *One (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

Donald L. Livingston Chemistry Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2014 to honor a 1959 MHS graduate and retired faculty member. Awards are made to students who have demonstrated keen interest and aptitude in chemistry.

- *One (1) \$500 award for the Fall semester will be available (and possibly an additional \$500 for 2nd semester if GPA criteria is met) to a student pursuing post-secondary studies in chemistry, science, nursing or medicine.*

Garden Club of McKeesport

This scholarship was established by this volunteer group that regularly gives back to the community.

- *One (1) award of \$1,000 for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

Antoncic Family Scholarships

Established by McKeesport physician Rudolph A. Antoncic, Jr., a 1961 MHS graduate and member of the MHS Hall of Fame, in honor of former McKeesport Area School District employees.

- *Provides four (4) awards of \$250 each for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

Yecies Family Awards

This scholarship was established by Richard Yecies (MHS 1965) in memory of his brother Robert S. Yecies (MHS 1961) and his father, William H. Yecies.

- *Provides two (2) awards of \$500 each for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

Lou Guarascio Memorial Award

Established in 2010 in memory of Lou Guarascio, who was a teacher and a 1949 MHS graduate.

- *Provides one (1) award of \$250 for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

Neenie Campbell Memorial Award

This scholarship was established in honor of the longtime MHS basketball coach, C.P. (Neenie) Campbell, to assist varsity basketball players and support the program.

- *Provides one (1) award of \$500 for the Fall semester and can be renewed in 2nd semester. Available for a varsity basketball team member intent on furthering his education at a college/university or technical school.*

Joe Ivceovich Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2012 by Joseph M. Ivceovich, MHS Class of 1960.

- *Provides one (1) award of \$500 for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

MHS Class of 1962 Book Fund

This award is funded by graduates from the MHS Class of 1962.

- *Provides one (1) \$400 award for text books for the Fall semester. Available for a student going on to a college, university or technical school.*

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Additional scholarship opportunities:**Regional Chamber Alliance Foundation**

Open to seniors at Clairton City, East Allegheny, Elizabeth Forward, McKeesport Area, South Allegheny, Steel Valley, West Jefferson Hills, West Mifflin Area, Woodland Hills school districts and Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. Apply at: <https://goo.gl/TiWL7O>

- *Provides four (4) \$500 scholarships for the Fall semester for graduating high school seniors (including McKeesport Area) residing in the Mon Yough area while continuing their post-secondary education.*

Blanche & Dewayne Wivagg Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Gail Wivagg Krysik, MHS Class of 1964. Open to seniors residing in the Mon Valley who have been accepted to a college, university or school of nursing in western Pennsylvania.

- *NOTE: Please send email to: savikasc@gmail.com for an application and/or additional details.*