



JOE STANKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST BE A GRADUATING SENIOR FROM A MCKEAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR 1-4 YEAR POST SECONDARY SCHOOL. THERE WILL BE A PREFERENCE GIVEN FOR VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOOL PROGRAMS. THE CANDIDATE SHOULD PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HIS/HER CHURCH, SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY AND HAVE A STRONG BELIEF IN FAMILY, FRIEND'S, WORK, THE OUTDOORS AND ENJOY SPORTS.

For consideration, all Joe Stanko Memorial Scholarship Fund applications must be returned to your guidance counselor's office by **March 1**. There will be no exceptions. The Scholarship Selection Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of the McKean County Community Foundation, will select the scholarship recipient.

Joe Stanko Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joe Stanko died at the early age of 46 due to melanoma skin cancer and this scholarship was one way his family could memorialize his life. Joe was a very active student and excellent in carpentry, drafting and welding. He was not a straight A student or at the top of his class, but he was passionate about working with his hands and creating wonderful things. Besides being very involved in vocational studies, Joe was on the wrestling, football and track teams, and loved many other sports. His strong work ethic began in high school when he would go to work at the Sparkle gas station at 6am before school and he also participated in a work-study drafting program at Kane Screens. This scholarship will be awarded to the participant that resembles the qualities Joe valued most in life: family, friends, work, the outdoors and sports.

TERMS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The committee will grant the **Joe Stanko Memorial Scholarship** as instructed. The selection of students to receive scholarship grants shall be made by the committee without regard to race, religion or sex of the applicant or their political perspectives. The committee will not place restrictions upon a candidate's choice of college, university or vocational school.

The committee shall require, prior to the disbursement of any scholarship, proof that the scholarship recipient is actually enrolled as a student at the educational institution for which the grant is made, and all scholarship grants shall be paid only to the institution attended by the recipient and never directly to the recipient. This grant covers tuition, fees and books for the applicable quarter.

The Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies, is an approved PATH Program participant. *If you are awarded a scholarship of at least \$200 from the Community Foundation, we will submit your name to AES/PHEAA for additional scholarship funding through PATH. To be eligible for the PATH award, you must meet the following criteria: be enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school; be a State Grant recipient and have a Federal Student Loan; and demonstrate financial need for a PATH Program Grant. PATH grants will not exceed the Maximum State Grant for the particular academic year.*

**If you have questions, talk to your guidance counselor or contact the Foundation at
814-834-2125 or 844 238-2289.**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RETURN DIRECTLY TO YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE

Type or print neatly in black or blue ink. Only complete applications will be considered.

Personal Information:

_____		_____		_____	
Last Name	MI	First Name			
_____		_____		_____	
Street Number	Street Address		Apt. /Unit Number		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Sex: M F	Date of Birth: _____		_____		_____
	MM	DD	YYYY	Name of High School	Date of Graduation

E-mail Address					

Parental Information:

_____		_____		_____	
Father's Last Name	MI	First Name			
_____		_____		_____	
(If different) Street Number	Street Address		Apt. /Unit Number		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code	Best Available Phone Number		
_____		_____			
Name of Employer	Employed Since				
_____		_____		_____	
Mother's Last Name	MI	First Name			
_____		_____		_____	
(If different) Street Number	Street Address		Apt. /Unit Number		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code	Best Available Phone Number		
_____		_____			
Name of Employer	Employed Since				

Academic Information:

_____	Circle:		
High School Course of Study	Intended Enrollment Status:	Full Time	Part Time
_____	Anticipated College Graduation Date:	_____	
Intended Post-Secondary Major		MM	YYYY

Employment Information:

Do you currently have a part-time job? ____ If yes: _____
Position

Name and Phone Number of employer Wages

Educational Insights:

For the Summer/Fall Session, please list the names of the schools you have applied to. Indicate if you have been accepted to or are waiting to hear from the school.

1) _____ Y N 2) _____ Y N
Have you been accepted? Have you been accepted?

Of the above schools, what is your first choice: _____

Financial Information:

Please enter your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number that can be found on the top of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which is generated after completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form

(FAFSA): _____. If this number is not available at the time of submitting the application, please provide details as to the status of FAFSA. Please fax or call the Community Foundation office when the number becomes available.

Attachments:

- Please attach an essay (300 words max) that describes qualities and interests that were important to Joe such as family, friends, work, the outdoors and sports and discuss what makes you deserving of this scholarship. The essay should be written with 1 ½ inch spacing, margins justified, 12-point font in Times New Roman. Check for neatness, spelling and structure.
- Include two references which only one can be school related.
- Please attach an activity resume that highlights all of your school and community activities, work experience, and any honors and/or awards you have received.
- Please include your most current high school report card and/or transcripts.

I attest that all personal data included within this application is truthful and in no way misleading. All contents have been completed entirely by myself (the applicant) to the best of my knowledge.

If I am selected as a recipient of a McKean County Community Foundation scholarship, I agree to permit the Foundation to confer with my school to verify my continuing enrollment during the term of my scholarship. I also agree that my name and photograph can be used in announcements made by the McKean County Community Foundation regarding the particular scholarship(s) for which I have been awarded. I also agree that by signing this I permit my high school to give the McKean County Community Foundation information regarding my SAT scores, ACT scores, GPA, and class rank.

Awards may be used at any accredited, nonprofit college, university or vocational school within the United States.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Signature