



THE GIBBY BUERK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ELIGIBILITY

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST BE A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL OR AN ADULT LEARNER FROM ELK OR CAMERON COUNTIES. MUST BE PURSUING A POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM TO BECOME A CERTIFIED OR LICENSED EMT OR PARAMEDIC OR OTHER RELATED EDUCATION COULD BE ELIGIBLE IF PURSUING THESE CERTIFICATES ARE PART OF THE APPLICANTS PLANS. THE APPLICANT MUST BE ACTIVE IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED.

For consideration this application for high school students must be completed and returned to the guidance office by **March 1** and non-traditional students return to the Elk County Community Foundation via mail, fax or email by **March 1**. There will be no exceptions. The Scholarship Selection Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Elk County Community Foundation, will select the scholarship recipient.

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Gilbert J. "Gibby" Buerk was a graduate of SMAHS and was employed by St. Marys Ambulance. He was an EMT and had recently earned his certification as a paramedic. Gibby was a hard worker and an old soul at heart. His hand was always extended in a bid of friendship and helpfulness. His legacy will long live on in the many friends he had, and the kindness he showed to so many throughout his life.

TERMS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The committee will grant the **Gibby Buerk 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 applicants or their political or economic perspectives. The committee will not place restrictions upon a candidate's choice of college or university.

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 education institution attended by the recipient and never directly to the recipient. This grant covers tuition, fees, and books for the applicable fall, winter, or spring quarter.

The Elk County Community Foundation is approved as a 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 PATH Program Grant. PATH grants will not exceed the Maximum State Grant for the particular academic year.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RETURN DIRECTLY TO YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE BY MARCH 1

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS RETURN BY MARCH 1 TO:

Elk County Community Foundation P.O. Box 934 ~ St. Marys, PA 15857

Fax: 814.834.2126 eccf@elkcountyfoundation.org

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

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 by the deadline date for the application submission, the number may be submitted on or before May 1 to qualify for this scholarship.

Family Taxable Income: _____

Other Family Financial Assets or Resources available to assist the student: _____

Number of Dependents in Family _____ Number of other siblings in College _____

Applicant's Anticipated Financial Aid _____

Attachments:

- Please attach an activity resume that highlights all of your activities in the sectors of school and community and any honors and/or awards you have received.
- Please attach a short, computer-generated essay not to exceed 250 words describing your interest and passion for choosing the work of an EMT or Paramedic along with your career goals. The essay should be written with 1 ½ inch spacing, margins justified, font 12 in Times New Roman. Check for neatness, spelling and structure.

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 an Elk 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 Elk 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 Elk County Community foundation information regarding my SAT scores, ACT scores, GPA, and class rank.

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

Signature of Applicant Date of Signature