

The James J. & Mary Edith  **RHOADES FOUNDATION**

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Resident of Schuylkill County
- Current high school or vocational graduating senior
- Attending an institution of higher education next year. (Institutions of higher education include two or four year college or university, community college, business or trade school. Attendance may be part or full time.)

**How to Apply:**

- Do not list your name or any other personal information on any pages other than the Personal Information page of the application.
- Do not staple.
- One application per envelope.
- Do not send transcripts, acceptance letters or any other materials not requested.
- Only return pages, 1, 2 and 3 of the application along with your Essay Page.

Complete attached application form and mail the completed application and essay by **April 1** to:

Schuylkill Area Community Foundation  
Attn: Rhoades Scholarship  
216 South Centre Street  
Pottsville, PA 17901

**Please be aware that there cannot be any exceptions to the established deadline.**

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**Qualifying Criteria:** Based on applicants commitment to education, citizenship and/or community as follows:

- Education – Acknowledges the importance of education as a valuable tool for an individual’s success. Exemplifies positive use and appreciation of education and plans to utilize educational opportunities in the future.
- Citizenship – Possesses a positive response to being a member of their community. Embraces a sense of community and giving to others in actions and nature.
- Community Participation/Outlook – Exemplifies volunteerism and community involvement in the past and plans of participation in community activities in the future.

**Scholarship Awards:** \$2,000 cash scholarships to three (3) qualifying students. Winners will be announced June 1st.

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**Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Social Security # (for purposes of PHEAA Path Program): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY. PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE IN DETERMINING SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFIERS.*

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**Education Information:**

Current high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

Institution of Higher Education you will be/or Plan on Attending:

\_\_\_\_ 2 or 4 Year college/university Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Community college Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Business/technical school Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already applied to the above school(s)?  Yes  No

If so, have you been accepted?  Yes  No

Intended major course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first in your family to attend college or an institution of higher education?  
 Yes  No

**Additional Information (Please answer any questions that apply):**

School activities you have participated in:

Activity	No. of Years Participated	Offices Held	Special Awards, Honors

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Employment you have held since you entered high school (including employer, position, hours worked and dates of employment):

Company	Position	Dates		Hrs./Week
		From – Mo/Yr	To – Mo/Yr	

Community programs or activities you have participated in:

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Educational goals:

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### **Essay Question:**

Please respond to ONE of the following essay questions in 250 words or less, double-spaced. Please type your essay on a separate sheet of paper and be sure to restate the question you are answering.

- 1. The concept of “Paying It Forward” means helping another person without hoping for repayment or good deeds in return. Further explain this concept and describe an instance where you were a participant of this honorable act and/or how you will apply this concept in your future.**
- 2. Explain a time that you contributed to your surrounding community and made a difference and how has it influenced your future plans?**
- 3. How has your education contributed to who you are today and how will it contribute to your future?**