

California Area School District Foundation (CASDF)
Proposed Local Scholarships for 2026 – (29 Total)
(scholarships organized by most appropriate category)

Athletics: (2)

\$500 Richard Niccolai Memorial Scholarships (2)

Provided by the family through the California Area School District Foundation

\$500 scholarships shall be awarded to one graduating **female** senior and one **male** senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 2.5 or higher grade point average
- Plays, varsity football, volleyball, or softball
- Has plans to further education at a college or university.
- **Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)**

Arts/Literature/Media: (1)

\$500 Lori Confer Martin Creative/Performing Arts Scholarship

Provided by The Norma E. Langham Foundation, Family and Friends

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Participates in the performing or creative arts (including writing)
- Pursuant of higher education in the arts or English or Education
- Has demonstrated a spirit of kindness and respect toward others

Business/Finance: (1)

\$1000 Louis J. Panza Jr. Founder's Scholarship

Funded by the CASDF in honor of the named individual

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.0 or higher grade point average
- Plans to further education at a 4 year college or university
- Accounting, Finance or Business Administration as a declared course of study
- Participates in community projects or activities and provides documentation
- Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)

Education/General Studies: (1)

\$1000 California Area School District Foundation Trustee Scholarship

Funded by the CASDF in honor of George C. Crane – Trustee Emeritus

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.00 or higher grade point average
- Enrolls in an education studies/teaching program
- Attends a 4 year college or university
- Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)

General/Community Service: (10)

\$500 Daisytown Athletic Club Scholarships (2)

Provided by the Daisytown Athletic Club through the California Area School District Foundation

\$500 scholarships shall be awarded to one graduating **female** senior and one **male** senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.0 or higher grade point average
- Has plans to attend a 4-year college or university
- Provides documentation of participation in community service or charity projects/activities

\$1000 California Area School District Foundation Scholarship

Funded by the California Area School District Foundation (CASDF)

A \$1000 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 2.5 or higher grade point average
- Has significantly improved academically over the course of his/her high school career
- Has plans to further education at a college or university
- Participates in community and provides documentation of the projects or activities
- Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)

\$1000 CASDF Career and Technical Scholarship

Funded by the California Area School District Foundation (CASDF)

A \$1000 Scholarship shall be awarded to a past graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Planning to attend a 12 month or more Career/Technical School
- Current senior at California Area High School
- Evidence of community service and provided documentation of the projects and activities
- Financial need (may be the deciding factor if there is a tie)

\$1000 Frosty Frolic Community Service Scholarship

The Frosty Frolic Community Service Scholarship is a one-thousand (\$1000) dollar award provided by the trustees and members of the California Area School District Foundation (CASDF).

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant is a current year graduating senior attending California Area High School and currently residing within the California Area School District.

- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- **Be a participant in, and/or be a volunteer worker, and/or be a fundraiser for the CASDF's annual "Frosty Frolic" event.**
- Displays the ability to complete a chosen post-secondary course of study. This can be a technical, 2-year associate or 4-year bachelor degree program for which tuition is required.
- Has a record of involvement in community events (Frosty Frolic, 0.5 K Rotary Walk, Cal U Big Event, Riverfest, etc.) or a record of other community service work (volunteer work, firefighting, charity work, etc.)

\$500 Class of 1972 Memorial Scholarship

Funded by the the Carson Family Fund, Dave Lombardo and the graduates of the Class of 1972

A \$500 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Open to all graduating students of California Area High School (including home-schooled or California Cyber Academy students) with plans for post-secondary education
- Has a 3.0 or higher grade point average
- Missed less than 10 days of school in each year 9-12. If extenuating circumstances, please explain in your essay
- Write a personal essay of 250-500 words on the topic: Your personal story of the financial need for this scholarship and how it will impact your future
- Participates and provides documentation of extracurricular and community activities
- Provide two (2) letters of reference – one (1) from a current or former teacher and one (1) from an employer, neighbor or adult friend

\$1000 Class of 1973 Memorial Scholarship

Funded by the Graduates of the Class of 1973

A \$1000 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average
- Plans to be enrolled in either a college/university or technical school
- Must have been actively involved in extracurricular program(s) such as athletics, band, chorus, cheering or other school club activities
- Provides documentation of completed community service during high school years

\$500 Class of 1976 Memorial Scholarship

Funded by the Graduates of the Class of 1976

A \$500 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 2.5 or higher grade point average
- Has plans to further education at a college or university
- Participates in community and provides documentation of the projects or activities

\$500 Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship

Created to honor the memory of the departed members of the CAHS Class of 1984

A \$500 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility requirements:

- Graduating senior currently attending California Area High School
- Enrolled full-time in a two (2) or four (4) year college/university or technical/trade school
- QPA of 2.5 or better
- Has shown interest and commitment to service of the school and/or community

\$500 Officer Tim Sheehan Memorial Scholarship

Funded by Family, Friends and Fellow First Responders

A \$500 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements

- First preferred a Junior Firefighter that is a current senior at California Area High School
- Has a GPA of 3.00 (if candidate's GPA is not a 3.0 scholarship committee can make the determining decision)
- (First preferred) candidate that plans to attend a fire or police training academy; in the event there are no candidates going into this field then a Junior Fire Fighter that plans to attend a trade school or college
- Participates in community and provides documentation of the projects or activities
- Has demonstrated a spirit of kindness and respect toward others
- (May be used if there is a tie) Plays varsity football, volleyball, softball, baseball or financial need

Military: (2)

\$500 Col. Drew Bryner Memorial Scholarship

Funded by Family and Friends of Drew Bryner

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.0 or higher grade point average
- Has plans to attend a 4 year college or university
- Participates in community and provides documentation of the projects or activities
- Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)
- Interest in ROTC
- Enjoys fishing or other outdoor activities

\$250 West Brownsville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 940 Scholarship

Funded by the Legion Auxiliary

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a child of a veteran family. (Parent or grandparent must have served in the military.)
- Must provide discharge papers as proof of service.)
- Current student at California High School with a 3.0 grade point average.
- Plans to pursue higher education in the medical field

Residency: (2)

\$500 MacFann Family Scholarship

Provided by the family through the California Area School District Foundation

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Preference to a resident of West Pike Run Township
- Has a 2.5 or higher grade point average
- Has significantly improved academically over the course of his/her high school career
- Has plans to further education at a college or university
- Participates in community and provides documentation of the projects or activities
- Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)

\$1,000 Richard H. and Barbara Moluski Webb Scholarship

Provided by the family through the California Area School District Foundation

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Top 15% of class
- Has plans to attend a 4-year degree program at Penn West California University of Pennsylvania
- Resident of Roscoe or Elco (Preferred)

Science/Mathematics/Technology: (9)

\$250 Masonic Scholarship

Provided by Monongahela Valley Lodge # 461, F.& A.M., California, PA

A \$250 Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior from the California Area School District who meets the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 2.5 or higher grade point average
- Has significantly improved academically over the course of his/her high school career
- Has plans to further education at a college or university majoring in Engineering, Math or Science.
- Participates in community and provides documentation of the projects or activities
- Financial need (maybe the deciding factor if there is a tie)

\$1000 B&B STEM Scholarships (2)

Provided by the Molish Family to honor former California SD teachers Edward Beck and Jon Bittner

Eligibility Guidelines (in decreasing order of importance)

- Must be a senior and will graduate from California Area High School
- Has committed to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Science Education or STEM related course of study at a 2 or 4 year institution of higher education.
- Have a cumulative high school QPA of 3.50 or greater
- Demonstrates a need of financial assistance to attend higher education
- Participated in one (1) or more school-approved athletic activities
- Be a resident of the California Area School District during grades 9 – 12 and at the time of graduation
- Resident of West Pike Run Township at the time of birth and/or at the time of graduation

\$500 George Konick Memorial Scholarships (2)

Provided by the children of George and Helen Konick

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Must be a senior and will graduate from California Area High School
- GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Plans to attend a 4 year college or university
- Enrolled in a STEM course of study
- Participated in concert band marching band or chorus during high school
- Financial need may be a deciding factor if two candidates are equally qualified
- Preferable for 1 male and 1 female be recipients but not required

\$500 Bryan Witchey Industrial Arts and Technology Scholarships (2)

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.00 or higher grade point average
- Excels at and exhibits interest in interactive, hands-on type courses/activities
- Has plans to further education at PennWest University – California in but not limited to the following areas of study: computer systems information, forensic investigation and cyber forensics, digital media technology, graphic design, and engineering technology (computer, electrical, mechatronics, medical imaging, music, robotics, veterinary)
- Financial need may be a deciding factor if necessary

\$500 Heidi Stenson Geary May Memorial Scholarships (2)

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Current senior at California Area High School
- Has a 3.50 or higher grade point average
- Write an essay (no more than 500 words) on how this scholarship may impact your future
- Actively involved in extracurricular programs (band, athletics, or other school activities)
- Has plan to further education at a college, university or career/technical school
- Preference given to candidates planning to pursue a career in science, math, engineering, or middle/high school education (elementary education excluded)

Non-Traditional Scholarships: (1) (Post graduation – not for graduating class of 2026)

\$1000 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

Provided by the California Area School District Foundation (CASDF)

Eligibility and Application Guidelines:

- Must be at least five (5) years since High School graduation or receiving a GED
- Must be a graduate of the California Area School District, have children who are registered within the California Area School District or have children who have graduated from the District
- Must have completed one (1) semester or term in an accredited school of higher education or a trade school and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Provide a resume or letter confirming all the listed eligibility requirements
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation
- Attach a current college/trade school transcript or proof of enrollment in such program