

Butler Senior Scholarship Bulletin 2026

***Deadline for all completed scholarship applications is**

***March 6, 2026*, @ 11:59pm unless otherwise noted.**

Late applications will not be able to be submitted.

Butler senior students should be aware that the following scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Recognition Night on May 19, 2026.

NEW THIS YEAR...ALL Applications will need to be submitted electronically and will be time stamped. Late applications will not be able to be submitted. Please check your Google Classroom for the Class of 2026 and there will be a Scholarship Classroom that will become available to you on 2/2/26 at 8am.

*****TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION...PLEASE READ *****

Please be advised, when you submit your scholarship applications, your Butler High School Transcript will automatically be added separately.

****Please do NOT attach or upload your transcript on your own****

1.) AMERICAN LEGION POST #778 (NON JROTC) SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships will be awarded to two non-JROTC students that demonstrate financial need.

2.) AMY FISHER MAXWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior that is majoring in biology with an emphasis on environmental sciences. Consideration will also be given to those who wish to teach and/or conduct research. You must provide financial information.

3.) BAKER PUBLIC RELATIONS WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a current BHS female senior that intends to major in a communications-related field at a two or four-year college or university. She must demonstrate involvement in school and community service activities and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

4.) THE BUTLER TORNADO BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to one Butler Senior High School Boy and one Butler Senior High School Girl who played JV and/or Varsity basketball for Butler Area School District for a minimum of 3 years. Applicants must have a minimum (unweighted) GPA of 3.0 or higher, must submit 2 letters of recommendation from Butler High School Faculty, and must enroll in an institution of higher learning.

5.) BETH COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to the senior that will be attending a four-year college and be taking courses in the Science related field. Applications will be judged on academic achievement, financial need, and an essay.

6.) BRAD ZULICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior attending Butler County Community College, must maintain a 3.0 GPA, and submit a 500-word essay explaining why they love history or explain their passion for football, basketball, or golf.

7.) BRENT KEPPEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a senior with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 and also planning on going into the medical field as a post-secondary degree.

8.) BURT HILL KOSAR RITTELMANN IN HONOR OF FOUNDER EDWIN HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a student planning to major in architecture, engineering, or interior design in college and also has a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

9.) BUTLER EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP

The Butler Eagle Scholarship is an annual award intended for a student planning to enter a communications field, preference will be given for prior or current Butler Eagle carrier experience and with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

10.) BUTLER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (BEA)

These scholarships will be awarded to a son/grandson and or daughter/granddaughter of a Butler Education Association member. These students have demonstrated academic achievement, as well as leadership and participation in community service in school or in the community. The Teachers who are employed with Butler Area School District and are members of the BEA make this scholarship possible.

11.) BUTLER EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PSEA/NEA

These scholarships will be awarded to a son / grandson and or daughter / granddaughter of a Butler Area Educational Support Professionals Member. These students have demonstrated academic achievement, as well as leadership and participation in service organizations within the school and community. The Secretaries, Health Technicians and Paraprofessionals, who are employed with the Butler Area School District and are members of the PSEA/NEA Union, make this award possible.

12.) BUTLER ELKS LOCAL #170 AWARD

The local Butler Elks donates these awards. They are given to students on the basis of letters of recommendation, personal essay and academic achievement.

13.) BUTLER KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Butler Kiwanis Club of Butler, PA sponsors this award. They are given to students based on academic achievement and financial need.

14.) BUTLER ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Butler Rotary Club sponsors scholarships for students in the area of academics and vocational education. The scholarships are awarded to deserving students who demonstrate excellence in each of these areas. A member of the Butler Rotary Club will make the selections. There are two scholarships available. One will be an academic scholarship and the other will be for a vocational, trade, technical or business scholarship.

15.) CAROL MILLER-MITCH SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be attending a nursing program after graduation and has at least a 3.5 GPA. Additional consideration will be given to anyone who is an alumni of St. Wendelin's School, a member of BHS Marching Band, and volunteers in the community.

16.) CASEY PIPER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student seeking a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science, computer engineering, or similar, and have a weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.

17.) CLASS OF 59

The Class of 1959 is sponsoring this scholarship for students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, plans to attend a four-year college program, and demonstrates strong leadership skills and is involved in community outreach.

18.) COMDOC SCHOLARSHIP

The ComDoc Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has financial need and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.

19.) DON B. GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP

This award will be given annually to a graduating Butler High School senior who has been admitted to, and plans to attend an accredited collegiate program leading to a bachelor's degree in either music education or music performance. In recognition of Don Gibson's tireless efforts to advance the cause of string music education, preference will be given to candidates who perform one of the orchestral string instruments: violin, viola, cello, or double bass.

20.) DR. AND MRS. JOHN D. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient must demonstrate high academic achievement and intend to enroll in a four-year college or university.

21.) DR. JAMES W. MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student demonstrating high academic achievement and plans to major in English or in the educational field.

22.) DR. JOHN W. CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student attending Butler County Community College that demonstrates a financial need and maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA.

*****This scholarship requires BASD Teachers to fill out a google form that will be emailed to them.*****

23.) E. BERTRUM & ESTHER J. SHAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates public service orientation and leadership potential, financial need as determined by generally accepted guidelines and a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

24.) EDWARD E. LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in musical performance or elementary education at a college or university. The scholarship will be distributed over a four-year period as long as GPA and full-time enrollment is maintained.

25.) FRANK W. PRESTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are intended to provide tuition to seniors enrolled at any high school in Butler County, and intend to pursue an Engineering, Environmental, or Conservation profession.

26.) GLENN R. LOGAN SCHOLARSHIP

This award was established through the estate of Glenn R. Logan, a local businessman and supporter of public education. It is given to financial need and academically deserving students planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution.

27.) GOAL GETTERS SOCCER BOOSTERS

These scholarships will be awarded to one senior girl and one senior boy who is a senior soccer player, 3 year participating athlete, and will be attending a college, university or accredited post-secondary institution.

28.) GOLDEN TORNADO SCHOLASTIC FOUNDATION AWARD

The Butler Golden Tornado Foundation presents these awards to graduating seniors planning to continue their education at a post-secondary school. It is based on both academics and financial need.

29.) GOODMAN EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND AWARD

The Goodman Education Trust Fund gives this award. This fund is available annually to a male and female member of the graduating class. The selection committee will choose them on the basis of need and scholarship.

30.) HANK (HENRY) KELLER MEMORIAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a senior member of the Boys/Girls Varsity Golf Team. The candidate must be a varsity golfer during his or her senior year at Butler High School, who is accepted and planning to attend an accredited college or university.

31.) THE HILL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior attending an accredited four-year (physical campus) college or university. They must demonstrate a basis of need and scholastic record.

*****This scholarship requires BASD Teachers to fill out a google form that will be emailed to them.*****

32.) J.V. RITTS AWARD

This award is given in the name of J.V. Ritts Scholarship Fund. It is given on the basis of academic and financial need.

33.) The Jack R. and Jane H. Arthurs Charitable Trust Scholarship Fund

This award is for a Butler Senior High School graduate who intends to major in a communications related field at a four-year or two-year college/university. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher. They must also submit 3 letters of recommendation.

*****This scholarship requires BASD Teachers to fill out a google form that will be emailed to them.*****

34.) JACQUELINE RUTH GRAHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation gives this scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and intends to major in chemistry, physics, or mathematics in college.

35.) JAMES M. FRANCESCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award will be given in memory of Mr. James M. Franceschi, a former social studies teacher and coach at the Butler Area Senior High School. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior student of BSH who has academic excellence and an outstanding athlete - preferably in Football, Basketball, Golf or Rifle teams.

36.) JAMES MULLNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student in the College Tech Prep Program who will be attending a two-year or four-year college program. This student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 to apply.

37.) JOHN & EDITH IFFT SCHOLARSHIP

The senior awarded this scholarship must have a minimum GPA of 3.5, high character qualities, and contribute to a BHS athletic program.

38.) JOHN J. Baglier Memorial Fund

The John J. Baglier Scholarship is for a senior attending Butler High School. Student must demonstrate financial need, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5, plan to attend an accredited vocational or technical trade school OR 2-4-year college or university, be a participant in a cross-country and/or track and field program at Butler Senior High School.

This scholarship is due on 2/17/26!!!!!!

*****All applications must be done online through the Pittsburgh Foundation.*****

<https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/2017>

39.) JOHN SOLKOVY ART SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to an Art Student with a GPA of 2.5 or above.

40.) JUNE M. ORR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who will be attending a Christian based college or majoring in a Christian related field and is actively involved in their church/youth group related activities.

41.) KATHLEEN A. BACHMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a graduating senior student who attended either Summit Township or Center Avenue Elementary Schools. It is based on financial need as well as merit in pursuing a career of service in helping people, including teaching, medical, ministry, and social services. This would include two and four year programs at Universities, Colleges, Community Colleges and Business Schools, etc.

42.) MATTHEW JAMES CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given to a senior student planning on pursuing a degree in the field of environmental science at a four-year college. It will also be based on financial need.

43.) The KENNETH W. (Kenny) & CAROL A. MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given to a senior who plans to study electronics, electrical engineering, or a related field.

*****This scholarship requires BASD Teachers to fill out a google form that will be emailed to them.*****

44.) MILDRED WHISNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a senior who is planning a major in elementary education at a college or university.

45.) MOLLY E. CALVERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a senior who has been diagnosed with epilepsy or must be entering a helping profession (nursing, social work, gender studies, pre-med, teaching etc). It will also be based on financial need.

46.) PAUL R. KRENITSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in design drafting or mechanical engineering.

47.) RICH RIDER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a leader respected by his or her cross-country team. This member has a positive team-oriented attitude, exemplary character, an integral part of the team, and a conscientious student with a GPA of 2.5 or above.

48.) RICHARD B. GALANTE II MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to an athlete who plans on attending a Culinary, Hospitality, Tech, Trade or Secondary Institution. The student will be chosen based on financial need, volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, sports participation, and grades.

49.) RICHARD E. PYEWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation gives this scholarship. This is awarded to a student who is a member of the Butler Soccer or Track Team, with a minimum grade point average of 3.2, and is planning to major in engineering or a health care career in college.

50.) PATRICK SELFRIDGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This award is given to a student who has a passion for music, wishes to continue their education in musical arts, and has a minimum of 3.0 weighted GPA.

51.) SPANISH CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

This award will be presented to an outstanding senior who is a member of the Spanish Club.

52.) STARWOOD SCHOLARSHIP

The \$5,000 Starwood Scholarship (Pittsburgh Foundation) is available to Butler High School graduating seniors planning to attend a two-year vocation/trade institute or four-year accredited college or university. Students must demonstrate financial need and have a GPA of 2.5 - 3.5 as well as other set criteria. This scholarship may follow the recipient through his/her next 3 years of college as long as a GPA of 3.0 or higher is maintained for each year.

*****All applications must be done online through the Pittsburgh Foundation.*****

*****Applications are due 2/17/26*****

<https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/10272>

53.) STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL

These two awards are based upon student council involvement, scholarship need, and for those that have shown dedication in the involvement of others.

****Please Note: You must have been a student council member at the Senior High School in order to be eligible for this scholarship.****

54.) THOMAS E. PASERBA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a runner on the BHS track team. The student must provide a minimum of 20 hours to school or community service, and must be attending a post-secondary educational program.

55.) WILLIAM A. LEHNERD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award will be given to a student majoring in theatre or music. It is based on both academics and financial need.

56.) AMERICAN LEGION POST 117 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP

This award is available to high school seniors attending Butler Senior High School who is:

- A child/grandchild of a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces
- A child/grandchild of an active duty member of the Armed Forces
- A child/grandchild of a National Guard or Reserve member of the Armed Forces
- A child/grandchild of a deceased Veteran that served in the Armed Forces

57.) The ORLOWSKY-YURKOVICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a male or female who is a current member of the Butler High School Golden Tornado Marching Band, attaining the highest weighted GPA and will be attending Butler County Community College.

58.) Paula Baptiste Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has participated in any music program while in the elementary grade level or secondary grade level.

This scholarship has been established in memory of Butler Area School District Teacher Paula Baptiste.

59.) THE STEPHEN BIRCKBIHLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior student athlete who has maintained a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and will be pursuing a post high school education at a four or two-year university/college or trade school.

Applicants are required to submit the completed application below and a 300 to 400-word essay describing how sports has impacted their life and/or academics.

60.) THE NICK HERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Nick Herman was an exuberant kindergartener before he passed away. He was full of life and enjoyed making new friends everywhere he went. He was very outgoing, and made sure everyone was included in whatever activity he was doing. He enjoyed playing baseball - he had played t-ball for Center Township and he also played flag football at Family Sports Center. Nick attended Primarily Kids Preschool for three years and then moved on to Kindergarten at Center Township Elementary. He loved vacationing at Myrtle Beach, anything blue, and his favorite insect was the ladybug. This scholarship will be awarded to 2 graduating senior athletes. Must have a minimum GPA 3.0, extra curricular involvement, community service involvement, and leadership skills.

61.) THE MARY HUEGEL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship will be awarded to two (2) graduating seniors who are current members of the high school orchestra and who demonstrate attributes of a dedicated student through active years in orchestra, instruments played, and notable performances. The recipients shall be pursuing advanced education at a college or university and will continue to pursue their love for music.