

Local Scholarship Guide 2026

All scholarships are made available through the Bridge Builders Community Foundation of Oil City, and applications can be accessed on their website at www.bbcf.org . To apply:

- Click the “Scholarship Application” link in the center of the page
- On the next page, select “Create an account” and answer the questions to create your username and password.
- This will take you to the universal application. Complete all fields, sign electronically, and then hit “Submit”. For the “High School Guidance” section, use my name and email: Andrew Godinich, agodinich@cranberrysd.org
- Once you complete the universal application, sign it, and click “Submit”, you will get a Confirmation Page with a list of scholarship opportunities for which you are eligible and the ones which will ask for supplemental information.
- Click "Continue" - If you do qualify for a scholarship opportunity, after you click "Continue", you can then click on each listed scholarship opportunity to request Letters of Reference, write essays, or submit other required information if required.
- Click "Save" to hold your answers and come back to the application.
- Click "Submit" when you have completed the information for that scholarship.
- Not all scholarships will have a supplemental section.
- You MUST click "Submit" at the bottom of EACH supplemental page for the individual scholarship application to be considered complete.
- Remember to meet the scholarship deadline of **March 6, 2026, 11:59PM.**

Bridge Builders Community Foundation Scholarships 2026

Chester A. & Beulah A. Baum Memorial Scholarships: These scholarships are for current Cranberry Area High School seniors who plan to continue their education after high school and have demonstrated high academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need.

Walter H. Flinchbaugh Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is for any current senior or graduate of Cranberry Area High School who has demonstrated high academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to enroll in Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion Campus.

Margery L Himes Scholarship Fund: This scholarship is designed for current graduates Clarion, Venango, and Forest County Schools. Career path, financial need, likelihood of success in a college or trade school program, and community/extracurricular involvement will all be considered factors. This scholarship is only available to Cranberry students in odd numbered years.

Young Wood Scholarship: This scholarship is for students whose high school grades were in the upper twenty (20%) percent of their high school class for at least two years prior to their graduation from high school. The Scholarship Committee will also consider financial need when selecting applicants.

Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is for any current senior student at Cranberry who plans to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university. The applicant must demonstrate involvement in both extracurricular and community activities. Financial need may be considered.

Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Journalism Scholarship: Applicant must have a 3.6, 85%, or B+ grade point average and have plans to pursue journalism studies at an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university after graduation.

Brown Chapel AME Scholarship: This scholarship will be awarded to an African-American student who is graduating from a Venango County school and demonstrates financial need.

Janet L. Henc Scholarship: This scholarship is for high school graduates who are consistent attendees of the Galloway United Methodist Church and who will be continuing their secular education at a four (4) year college or university.

Remember Roy E. Sanner Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is for any graduating senior at Rocky Grove High School or Cranberry High School who has been enrolled at either for at least three (3) years and has plans to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university. The Scholarship Committee will consider demonstration of leadership, work ethic, commitment, and sportsmanship in the RGHS or CHS athletic programs, school environment, and community when awarding the scholarship.

James D. Schwab PhD Scholarship: This scholarship is for Cranberry students planning to attend Clarion University. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and financial need may be considered.

Rockland Township Community Scholarship: This scholarship will be awarded to a Cranberry High School graduating senior who is a resident of Rockland Township with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Participation in outside activities, extracurricular activities, and scholastic sports is a consideration. An essay will be provided answering the following: "Why do you believe you should be the one to receive this scholarship?"

Troopers Patterson & Richey Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is for any graduating senior from any Venango County School who has plans to pursue a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. Financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement will be considered when awarding the scholarship. More information can be found at :

www.pattersonrichey.org

John R. Loeffler Memorial Golf Scholarship: This scholarship is for any Venango County, Titusville High School, AC Valley High School, or Clarion Area High School graduate who is proficient in the sport of golf and has plans to attend a college or university with a golf team.

Jeremy Coast Memorial Scholarship – 519 Strong : The Jeremy Coast Memorial Scholarship - 519 Strong was established to provide annual scholarships to students from Venango, Clarion, Forest, and Mercer Counties. They must plan to attend an accredited university, college, community college or technical school. An essay describing how you have overcome adversity in their life and has sustained a positive attitude throughout the adversity must be submitted along with the application.

Jensin Michael Potts Scholarship : This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate from Oil City High School, Cranberry High School, or Venango Catholic High School who plan on attending an accredited university, college, community college or technical school. The Scholarship Committee will consider the following: Participation in any extracurricular activities throughout their high school career, financial need, and academic aptitude (3.0 or above).

Oil City Eagles Aerie #283 Scholarship: This scholarship is available to students who are children or grandchildren of Oil City Eagles Aerie #283. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher and demonstrate participation in community or extracurricular activities.

William and Elizabeth Scholarship : This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from any high school located in Venango County, Pennsylvania who is pursuing education or apprenticeship programs in the trades, applied technology or nursing. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or above.

Shawn Rehberg Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship will be awarded to a CHS graduate who has a 3.0 or above and participated in a sport in high school. Students must be planning to attend a college or trade/tech school, and financial need may be considered.

Rainey Linn Scholarship : This scholarship will be given to a student who has been involved with the Venango County 4-H program for at least 5 years and has shown individual achievement in the areas of leadership, community service, or skill training (not academic achievement). Personal growth in an area must be described in a brief essay.

UPMC Northwest Medical Staff Scholarship: This scholarship is available to students graduating from a Venango or Clarion County school who have a 3.5 GPA or higher and are planning to enter into a health care field that involves working directly with patients.

Bill Anthony Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is open to a student who resides within Zem Zem Shrine jurisdiction (Clarion County, Erie County, McKean County, Mercer County, Venango County, Warren County), with preference for lineal descendants of members of Zem Zem Shrine or other Masonic Organizations. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or above and write an essay answering the following: “As part of this scholarship, we take ‘giving back to your community’ into consideration. What is a way that you have given back to your community?”

Cranberry Lions Service Effort & Initiative Scholarship : This scholarship focuses on community service and is available to graduating high school seniors from high schools in Venango County attending accredited any college, community college, trade, or technical school, having a GPA of 2.5 or above, and having a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less. A Letter of recommendation from student's school, church, or community groups speaking to their outstanding community service (examples include feeding the hungry, tutoring/mentoring another student, involvement in an environmental project, helping people with special needs, or other recognized service projects) is required.

Other Local Scholarships not administered by BBCF

Frank Williams and Laura Smedley Scholarships – These two local scholarships are specific to Cranberry students and are administered through www.scholarshipamerica.org . Online scholarship applications will available beginning sometime in March or April 2026 here:

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/williamsscholarship/>

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/smedley/>

Tommy Flinspach Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is jointly administered by Cranberry High School, the Scrubgrass Power Plant. This scholarship is for students who are currently graduating from Cranberry Area High School and who will be attending an accredited college, university, technical or trade school, nursing school, business college, or community college. The recipients of this one-year scholarship will be chosen based on their past academic performance and their community involvement. 2026 details soon to be finalized.

Venus Telephone Scholarship – The Venus Telephone Corporation offers a scholarship for students who live in the Venus area and have a home phone with a 354 extension. Applications are available in the SSC and on the Class of 2025 Google Classroom, and are due to Mr. Godinich by April 17, 2026.