

Sharp Scholarship Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the Sharp Scholarship Fund shall be to further the education of students by awarding scholarships to Wilmington Area School District students.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were lifetime residents of the Borough of New Wilmington, owning and operating the Sharp Funeral Home, now known as the Smith Funeral Home. They had no children of their own but wanted to assist students from the local school district.

This scholarship award shall be awarded only to Wilmington Area School District seniors or graduates.

The Scholarship is awarded for one year and may be renewed up to three additional years. A new application must be submitted each year for consideration.

The scholarship awarded hereunder shall be given to students with consideration to need, aptitude, and achievement.

The deadline for applications is the second Friday in July. The application is to be submitted to the Guidance Office at:

Wilmington Area High School
Attention: Sharp Scholarship Committee
350 Wood Street
New Wilmington, PA 16142

Applications are available in the High School Office or on the Wilmington Area School District website www.wasd.school

FAQ

Application Deadline: 2nd Friday in July

- Awarded every year? yes
- Unlimited amount awarded? no
- Renewable? *(Must re-apply each year)* yes
- Must be repaid? no
- Required to attend a specific school? no
- **Eligibility:** All Wilmington Area School District students are eligible for four years of post-secondary education. Note that four years of eligibility also includes any post-secondary education that is LESS than four years, such as a two-year associate degree program, a trade school program, and any other form of post-secondary education. Further, there is no age requirement, nor is the student required to seek further education immediately following high school.
- Is a separate application required each year? yes

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING APPLICATION FOR THE MARGARET AND E. GAILEY SHARP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

All applications must be returned to the address on the cover page of the application no later than the second Friday in June. Incomplete applications or applications received after that day will not be eligible for scholarship consideration.

All applications must include the following: (Use as a checklist to prepare your application). All submitted papers must be uniform in size (8 1/2 x 11) and one-sided.

Part I – Applicant Information

Part II – Financial

_____ A copy of the cover page (both sides of your parents' or guardians' most recent IRS Form 1040 along with Schedules A, C, E, F, Form 4797 and Form K-1, if filed. If no IRS Form 1040 is filed, submit a copy of the PA 40 with schedules. If this is not available, a written explanation MUST be given. If you are not supported by your parents or are emancipated, submit your own tax information. (Please remove all Social Security Numbers from tax documents.)

Part III – Scholastic

_____ Your most recent grade transcript.
_____ If you are an incoming freshman, a copy of Acceptance Letter.

Part IV – Scholarship Information

_____ Copy of the current Financial Aid Package (Include an itemized printout of all financial assistance provided to you from your college/hospital/institution including FAFSA support)

Part V – Summary

Part VI – Handwritten Statement

Itemized Anticipated College Expenses for One Year

_____ A copy of the current invoice from your college/hospital/institution for the current semester/term. Because the Sharp Scholarship Fund can make distribution only for tuition and related expenses, the invoice must include all costs, tuition, scholarships, and loans

If you change school between terms, a new application must be completed.

If your parents are separated or divorced, you must explain the financial support given to you by both parents. If you are a separated or divorced person, you must submit documentation of the financial support given to you by your spouse or former spouse.

If you receive a grant, it will be designated for the entire school year. The grant will be divided into two terms, one-half will be paid for the fall term; and, if you qualify academically, a like amount will be paid for the spring term. In order to qualify for the spring term, a transcript of your first term grades and an invoice for the spring semester must be submitted to the Sharp Scholarship Fund. Your transcript will be reviewed, and a determination as to your eligibility for the second term will be made.

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Part I – Applicant Information

1. Name of Student _____
2. Home Address _____
3. Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____
4. Personal or college e-mail Address _____
5. Parents with whom you reside:
Father/Stepfather _____
Living Yes No
Mother/Stepmother _____
Living Yes No
6. Parents with whom you do not reside:
Father _____
Address _____
Living Yes No
Mother _____
Address _____
Living Yes No
7. Occupation of parents:
Father _____
Stepfather _____
Mother _____
Stepmother _____
8. Name of Employer
Father _____
Stepfather _____
Mother _____
Stepmother _____

Part II – Financial

1. Value of Assets Owned by Family:

Family Residence \$ _____
Stocks and Bonds \$ _____
Cash \$ _____
Others \$ _____

2. Mortgage Balance:

Amount \$ _____
Monthly Payment \$ _____
Current? Yes No

3. Amount of Other Indebtedness: \$ _____

Describe _____

4. Have you accumulated funds toward your college expenses?

Yes No

5. If parents are separated/divorced, do you receive support from both? _____

6. If you stated that you are an independent student and receive no financial support from parents, please provide documentation to support this.

Part III – Scholastic

1. Class Rank _____
2. SAT Scores _____
3. GPA _____
4. Choice of College _____
5. Major Course of Study _____

Part IV – Scholarship Information

1. Have you applied for scholarships, grants, loans or any type of financial aid?

Yes No

2. If not, why have you not applied for other aid: _____

3. Have you received notice of any scholarships, grants, loans or other financial aid?

Yes No

If so, please elaborate: _____

4. What types of work have you done? _____

5. Are there any special circumstances that create a financial hardship for your family? (medical, etc.) _____

NOTE: THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CAREFULLY CONSIDERS ALL OTHER AID AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT. THEREFORE, IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS IS INACCURATE IT MAY CAUSE THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO ADJUST OR ELIMINATE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AID.

I hereby grant permission to the members of the Sharp Scholarship Committee to review my academic records.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Part V – Summarize activities, accomplishments, honors and awards received, and objective of further education.

Part VI – Handwritten Statement (Limited to 300 words and must be in your own handwriting.)

Keeping in mind the criteria of need, aptitude and achievement, explain why you deserve this scholarship.