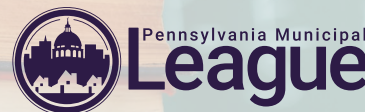


PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

2027 JOHN A. GARNER, JR. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS



The Pennsylvania Municipal League represents participating Pennsylvania cities, boroughs, townships and home rule communities that all share The League's municipal policy interests. The Pennsylvania Municipal League strengthens and empowers effective local government through advocacy, education, and support for our members.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship funds may be used toward tuition, books, laboratory fees, other academic expenses, and institution-provided room and board. Scholarship funds may not be used for personal allowances or other personal expenses. Payment will be made directly to the institution's Financial Aid Office in August of the recipient's first semester. If the recipient leaves the institution and a scholarship balance remains on the student's account, the institution must return the remaining funds to the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

HOW TO APPLY

Essay Theme: "Civics and You"

Participants are invited to explore the theme by writing about opportunities within their community that promote civic involvement and encourage citizens to take an active role in addressing local challenges and strengthening their community. Students are encouraged to consider what civic engagement means to them, how people can become more involved in their community, and the role they see themselves playing in creating positive change.

Length: Three typewritten, double-spaced pages.

Eligibility: The school counselor selects the applicant. Applicants must be high school seniors who are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. As part of the application review process, additional consideration will be given to applicants who reside in or attend school in a municipality that is a member of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and/or the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC).

School Counselor Selection Process: Each high school may submit **one scholarship application**. School counselors should review all eligible applications submitted by students at their school and select one student essay and application to advance for consideration. The selected application must be submitted by the school counselor by the stated deadline.

Entry Deadline: The completed application and essay must be submitted by email and received no later than **Monday, May 3, 2027**. Late submissions will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be announced in July. Selected recipients must provide the Pennsylvania Municipal League with a certificate of admission or letter of acceptance from the college, university, or other eligible postsecondary institution they plan to attend by **Friday, July 16, 2027**.

Essay Evaluation: Essays will be evaluated based on how well they address the "Civics and You" theme, the thoughtfulness and originality of the student's ideas, the clarity and organization of the essay, and overall writing quality.

Scholarships: Three scholarships will be awarded:

1st Place: \$2,000 | 2nd Place: \$1,000 | 3rd Place: \$500

Scholarships may be used at an institution of the recipient's choice for an educational program requiring at least one year to complete.



Please email questions
and submissions to:

Mary Costik, CMP
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Scholarship Application

Please type or print clearly.

1. Student's Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)
2. Student's Name: (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Last) _____
3. Student's Home Phone: () _____
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address:

(Number and Street)

(City, State, Zip)
5. Municipality of Residence: _____
6. Email: _____
7. Name of High School: _____
8. School Address: _____
(Number, Street)

(City, State, Zip)
9. Municipality Where High School Is Located: _____
10. School Phone: () _____
11. Parent/Guardian Name: _____
12. Parent/Guardian Email: _____
13. Parent/Guardian Phone: _____
14. Name of School Counselor: _____
15. School Counselor's Email: _____
16. Institutions where applicant has applied and/or been accepted:

Institutions applied to:

Accepted:

Yes	☐	No	☐	Pending	☐
Yes	☐	No	☐	Pending	☐
Yes	☐	No	☐	Pending	☐

(Course of Study)

(Degree Sought)