



2023-2024 Dream...Innovate...Grow Trade School + College Scholarship

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024, at 3:00 pm

Sponsored by:

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
The Preferred Realty

Application Deadline: 3/1/2024

Amount: 3 - \$1,000 renewable scholarships for four years (equaling \$4,000 total)

Inspiration for the scholarship

Dream...Innovate...Grow - these are a few of the key beliefs and attributes on which our company has been built. Our CEO & President, Tom Hosack, has often expressed the mission of our brokerage is to have our real estate agents and our corporate personnel embody these passions in pursuit of their careers and in their approach to life. We at **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty** ("SPONSOR") are looking for three (3) students who clearly embrace these ideals both personally and academically. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 towards their tuition for four years. To be eligible, the applicant must be a high school senior and plan to attend a college, university or trade school in the fall of 2023. Recipients of the scholarships are eligible for renewal for up to four total years, provided the student maintains a cumulative 3.25 GPA; thus, making the value of this **scholarship worth \$4,000**.

Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee shall have:

- Permanent resident status in Western Pennsylvania, in the counties (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Washington, Westmoreland); and in Eastern Ohio, in the counties (Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Wayne) where Sponsor (Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty (PA) & Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Stouffer Realty (OH)) has a sales office or the counties contiguous thereto.
- Excelled academically with an overall minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (based on a maximum of 4.0) or its equivalent. The nominee shall be evaluated upon all academic work completed through the first semester of their senior year in high school.
- Performed with distinction in terms of leadership, volunteerism, character, and positive attitude serving as an example to fellow students as a participant in community, charity and school related activities. The amount of participation shall be weighted equally with the degree of academic performance.
- Signified the intention to continue academic work beyond the high school level.
- Been accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school for the upcoming fall semester. For the purpose of this scholarship, "full-time student" shall be defined as a student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, or the equivalent, in a school term.

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Application Instructions

There are four items to be completed:

1. The application must be completed (legibly) and signed by the applicant.
2. The endorsement form to be completed and signed by the school's academic advisor and/or Principal.
3. A High School transcript of the student's grades for their 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and first semester of their 12th grade years (if available).
4. A letter of recommendation (from a non-family member) who is over the age of 21 and can attest to the applicant's performance in school, community, or through a charity.

Finalists will be required to partake in a Zoom interview as the last step in the process. Winners will be chosen subjectively by a special committee comprised of Sponsor's employees and/or salespersons. Winners will be notified via email and/or text. Scholarship checks will be made payable directly to the recipients' Registrar's Office institution. If the scholarship cannot be used "in-full" for tuition, then the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to another applicant.

Employees and Salespersons of **Sponsor**, Northwood Settlement Services, LLC, d/b/a Everest Settlement ("Everest"), My Preferred Insurance, West Penn Financial Service Center, Inc. ("West Penn") or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates, as well as their **immediate family members**, and/or any of the advertising and promotion agencies for this scholarship or in connection with this scholarship (collectively, the "Released Parties") are NOT eligible to be a recipient of the scholarship.

Please return completed application forms to:

Todd Van Horn, Vice President of Career Development at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty via his email: Scholarships@TPRSold.com

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Applicant Information (Write legibly)

Student's Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student's Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Names of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

High School (currently attending): _____

H.S. Graduation Date: _____ Overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____

Please indicate which schools you have applied to and which you have been accepted:

1. _____

Accepted: _____ Yes _____ No

2. _____

Accepted: _____ Yes _____ No

3. _____

Accepted: _____ Yes _____ No

Potential course of study: _____

Essay Question

On a separate sheet, please write an essay, no longer than 500 words, to answer the following question.

Share a personal narrative that illustrates your journey as you triumphed over adversity. Highlight the pivotal moment when you faced and conquered this significant challenge. Reflect on how this journey has molded and influenced your future aspirations. Provide "specific examples" that demonstrate how your experiences align with the core values of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty: ***Dream, Innovate, and Grow.***

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School, Community, Charitable, or Volunteer Participation

Clubs/Committees/Activities:

Leadership Positions:

Community/Charitable/Volunteer Activities (please indicate if it was a one-time event and/or project OR it's an on-going weekly/monthly activity.):

Awards/Honors/Recognition Received:

Part-time job(s)/How many hours per week/Please describe your job:

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Letter of Recommendation

One, and only one letter of recommendation is required. The recommendation must be from a non-family member, who is over the age of 21 and can attest to the applicant's performance in school, community, charitable or volunteer accomplishments.

Please explain your relationship to the person who wrote your recommendation and attach their letter to your application. Please provide their contact information below. All finalists' references will be contacted prior to the awarding of the scholarships

Name of Reference: _____

Relationship to above person: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Guidance Counselor's Endorsement & Statement of Support

Nominee's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Counselor's Email Address: _____

Counselor's Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

School City, State, and Zip: _____

Nominee's Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Counselor or Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Statement of Correctness & Authenticity

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me, to the **2023-2024 Dream...Innovate...Grow Scholarship** committee at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty is true, correct & without forgery. I affirm that decisions are final, and falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. I acknowledge the sponsor's scholarship committee has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based upon information received and that this application becomes the property of the sponsor. (It is recommended you keep a copy for your files). I understand that a home purchase and/or sale through **sponsor** will **not** increase my chance of being awarded one of the three available, 4-year renewable \$1,000 scholarships. I consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner the sponsor, may use my name, photograph or other likeness, without additional compensation, in any and all advertising and promotional materials relating to the scholarship and other promotions which may be offered by the sponsor.

Lastly, I affirm that I permanently reside in one of the counties outlined in the criteria section of this application. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration (each renewable year) at the post secondary institution of my choice before the scholarship funds can be awarded by **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty**.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature (if applicant is under the age of 18):

_____ Date: _____

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Email the entire, complete Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty Scholarship Package as one entity to:

Scholarships@TPRSold.com

Please be sure to include your:

- Completed 4-page Scholarship Application
- 500-word BHHS "Dream, Innovate, Grow" Essay Question
- Letter of Recommendation from someone who can speak to your excellence
- A High School transcript of the student's grades for their 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and first semester of their 12th grade years (if available).

Reminder:

All completed applications must be received by Friday, March 1, 2024, at 3:00 pm. No Exceptions!



Congratulations to last year's winners:

Alexa Wilsey (Beaver County Christian HS-PA)

Brett Skerbetz (South Fayette HS-PA)

Carla Nemer (Revere HS-OH)

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