

# Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School

## Scholarship Cover Sheet

### Due Date – Thursday, February 13, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- The following scholarships are available to members of this year's graduating class. All scholarships are a one-time award.
- The Blacklick Valley Scholarship Committee and several donors will make selections of the recipients. You may apply for as many scholarships as you would like.
- Some of the scholarships require an essay in order to be eligible (12 point, double spaced)
- Number and amount of awards listed are from previous year and are subject to change.
- **Students must turn in a copy of your acceptance letter from the technical school, trade school, college or university that you are planning to attend by May 1.**

Please check (✓) all scholarships for which you would like to be considered.

#### Essay Required

- \_\_\_\_\_ BVEA Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ PTO Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan and Cory Byich Memorial Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Galko Memorial Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club of Ebensburg Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paul and Genevieve Palko Memorial Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vintondale VFW Post 5211 Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donald Kerekes Memorial Scholarship

#### No Essay Required

- \_\_\_\_\_ Charles & Margaret Kupchella Scholarship – IUP only
- \_\_\_\_\_ Philip Kupchella Memorial Scholarship – IUP only
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dino Rudolph Memorial Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Shandor Memorial Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Polish Citizens Club (APC) Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Edwards Memorial Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ James T. Waldron Memorial Scholarship

# **Blacklick Valley Junior Senior High School Scholarships (2019-20)**

## **BVEA Scholarship - essay required**

The Blacklick Valley Educational Association provides a scholarship to a graduating senior who will pursue a career in the field of education.

Requirements: Write an essay on why you want to become a teacher.

- The Blacklick Valley Scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

## **PTO Scholarship - essay required**

See attached sheet for information regarding criteria.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

## **Ryan and Cory Byich Memorial Scholarship - essay required**

The Ryan and Cory Byich Memorial Scholarship is open to any student, male or female, who is a member of any type of athletic sport.

Requirements: Students should submit an essay which should include why you feel that you should win/deserve the scholarship; future plans including college you are committed to and career field you will be entering and why you chose that school/field; Include all extracurricular activities and/or community services and/or offices held, also why you chose the activities/services and how you think they have impacted your future. What did you take from these activities/services that you can use as a tool for life; include any/all athletic achievements and any awards previously won. Also, include how athletics have impacted you and what tools for life have you taken from playing sports.

- The finance committee of the scholarship is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$1000

## **Paul Galko Memorial Scholarship - essay required**

Paul Galko was a man of service. He was a volunteer firefighter, baseball coach, and mentor to many. The Paul Galko Memorial Scholarship is open to any graduating senior, male or female who like Paul is involved in community service.

Requirements: Students should submit an essay which states why the individual believes they are deserving of the scholarship. The essay should include why you chose the field, and college/university you have decided. Include all past accomplishments and personal experiences that will facilitate success in your future. The essay should focus on community service that you have been involved with, as well as how you wish to continue serving the community in the future.

- The finance committee of the scholarship (with the input from the Blacklick Valley scholarship committee) is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$500

## **Rotary Club of Ebensburg Scholarship - essay required**

As a service organization, The Rotary Club of Ebensburg will continue its tradition of providing a scholarship to the graduating senior who plans on attending a technical school, trade school, or college or university. This candidate must be an outstanding and deserving individual and have demonstrated his/her abilities and commitment to service through the following selection criteria:

- List of all community/service activities involved in during their tenure at their high school.
- Possess good personal character and leadership
- Displays cooperation, friendship, kindness and service towards his/her classmates.
- If possible, the student must not be receiving any other scholarship sponsored by attending high school.
- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ 500

### **Paul and Genevieve Palko Memorial Scholarship – essay required**

Paul and Genevieve Palko raised a family of nine here in the valley. Paul worked in the Blacklick Valley School District as a teacher, athletic director, and administrator while Gen was busy raising the family. Together they believed hard work, dedication to community service, faith in religion, and devotion to each other was instilled through family and education. Their children were given the opportunity of furthering their education whether by vocational certificates, associate, bachelor, or master degrees. They believed all students should have an opportunity to grow and develop themselves, as they will become leaders of the future.

- This scholarship is open to Blacklick Valley seniors planning to further their education at a university, college, technical or trade school. The \$750 scholarship will be administered through the students first two semesters; \$400 in the first semester and \$350 in the second semester provided the student's first semester cumulative grade point average is a minimum of 2.5
- Students applying for this award should submit an essay outlining their leadership qualities either in or out of school along with any service to the community.
- The finance committee of the scholarship is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$750

### **Vintondale VFW Post 5211 "Making a Difference Scholarship" – essay required**

Sponsored by the Vintondale VFW Post 5211, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students that exemplify strong, outstanding characteristics. Each student must be the kind of person that makes a difference, that defends what is right, that can stand independently, and respects themselves, as well as others. To show these characteristics, write an essay consisting of 250 words that explains how you were the saving grace to someone being bullied and how that impacted you OR if you are a survivor of bullying, explain your experience and how it changed you as a person.

- The finance committee of the scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 2 @ 500

### **Donald Kerekes Memorial Scholarship – essay required**

Donald Kerekes was a 1959 graduate of Nanty Glo High School. Although Don had no children of his own, he had a positive and lasting impact on his community, serving as treasurer of Vintondale Borough and Vintondale Fireman's Club for many years. He had a significant impact on his family, devoting time and love to his mother, six siblings, thirteen nieces and nephews, and multiple grandnieces and grandnephews. The word that most in Nanty Glo and Vintondale who knew Don used to describe him is friend. A classmate remembered him posthumously saying "He was a great dance, especially the jitterbug". The scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has displayed cooperation, friendship, caring and assistance toward others.

- This scholarship is open to Blacklick Valley seniors planning to further their education at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school in Pennsylvania.
- Student must be involved in extracurricular activities and/or community service activities and demonstrate qualities of a well rounded student of the community
- Student should submit an essay of at least 500 words stating why the individual believes they are deserving of the scholarship. The essay should include why you chose the field of study, and the college/university/trade school you have decided to attend. The essay should also include a description of involvement in community service, and specifically how they made a difference in another person's life.
- The scholarship recipient will be determined by a non-biased judging organization that has been established by the family of Donald Kerekes.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Essays will be scored based on the following criteria: originality (40 points), content (30 points), and storytelling (30 points). The scholarship is non-renewable, and it can only be used for expenses related to education.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$1000

### **Charles & Margaret Kupchella Scholarship**

This scholarship shall provide support to an outstanding and deserving student who will pursue their educational goals as a full time student enrolled at Indiana University of Pennsylvania based upon the following criteria:

- The student must be enrolled as a full time entering freshman at IUP and demonstrate financial need.
- The student must have at least a 85% GPA or be ranked in the top ten percent of his/her high school graduating class.
- The student must demonstrate good personal character and display promise for future success.
- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

If there is no graduating student attending IUP, no scholarship award will be given for that year and the interest income will be added to the principal of the fund.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$1335

### **Phillip Kupchella Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship shall provide support to an outstanding and deserving student who will pursue their educational goals as a full time student enrolled at Indiana University of Pennsylvania based upon the following criteria:

- The student must be enrolled as a full time entering freshman at IUP and demonstrate financial need.
- The student must have at least a 85% GPA or be ranked in the top ten percent of his/her high school graduating class.
- Preference will be given to student(s) who has (have) participated in the Forensics program at Blacklick Valley.
- The student must demonstrate good personal character and display promise for future success.
- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

If there is no graduating student attending IUP, no scholarship award will be given for that year and the interest income will be added to the principal of the fund.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$1,400

### **Dino Rudolph Memorial Scholarship**

Mr. and Mrs. Dino Rudolph have established a scholarship in memory of their son Dino. The scholarship began with the graduating class of 2002. The scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has displayed cooperation, friendship, and service towards his/her fellow classmates. If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

- The finance committee of the scholarship ( along with the input from the Blacklick Valley scholarship committee) is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 2 @ \$1,000

### **Paul Shandor Memorial Scholarship**

The Paul Shandor Memorial Scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has perpetuated the spirit and determination that Coach Paul Shandor tried to instill in the students and athletes whose lives he touched as a teacher and coach at Blacklick Valley.

- The finance committee of the scholarship is responsible for the selection of the recipient.

Amount of Award = 2 @ \$500

### **APC Scholarship**

The American Polish Citizens Club scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who is committed to continuing their education. The American Polish Club recognizes that there are many students that need financial assistance. It is their hope that this will help in some way for student to continue his or her education.

- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Amount of Award = 2 @ \$1,000

### **Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit Scholarship**

The Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who is committed to continuing their education. The Twin Rocks VFW Auxiliary Unit recognizes that there are many students that need financial assistance. It is their hope that this will help in some way for student to continue his or her education.

- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Amount of Award = 1 @ 500

### **Robert Edwards Memorial Scholarship**

The following criteria will be used in the selection of the recipient:

- Students who excel in industrial arts or elective art will be given priority.
- Financial need of the student will be considered but is not a major factor in the selection process.
- The Blacklick Valley scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$ 500

### **James T. Waldron Memorial Scholarship**

The Waldron family has established a scholarship in the memory of James "Frex" Waldron. This scholarship is presented to an outstanding and deserving student athlete that is continuing their education.

The following criteria will be used in the selection of the recipient:

- Student is/was a Blacklick Valley baseball/softball player with preference given to softball.
- Financial need of the student will be considered but is not a major factor in the selection process.
- The finance committee of the scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- If possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has not received any other Blacklick Valley sponsored scholarships.

Amount of Award = 1 @ \$ 500



**BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**\$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP – 2020 APPLICATION & ESSAY Contest**  
**2019-2020 School Year**

### **Eligibility**

The PTO Essay Contest is open to all seniors enrolled at Blacklick Valley High School who will graduate at the end of the 2019-20 school year **AND who are committed to attend a 2 or 4 year College/University beginning fall 2020.**

### **Scholarship**

The winner of the PTO Essay Contest will receive \$500 in the form of a check from the PTO. It is important to note that any received scholarship is considered a financial aid resource. You are responsible for notifying the Financial Aid Office of the college or university you are attending of any outside scholarship monies you receive.

### **Application/Essay Deadline**

**THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 20, 2020.** All applications and essays must be turned into Mr. Gibson by this date. Mr. Gibson will blank out all personal information and forward to the PTO for review.

### **Requirements**

Listed here are the three (3) parts to this packet that each applicant must complete:

1. The **Application** itself (on page 2 of this packet)
2. Answer the **application questions** (on page 3 of this packet)
3. The **ESSAY** – Prepare a written essay as instructed on page 4 of this packet

Incomplete application packets will not be accepted.

### **Judging**

The PTO scores each Application and Essay on the following criteria:

- ✓ Overall Application Completeness
- ✓ Essay Format
- ✓ Were Directions Followed
- ✓ How well the Application Questions were addressed
- ✓ How well the written Essay addressed the Essay questions
- ✓ Basic grammar, spelling, and flow will also be considered



*\*Refer any questions to Mr. Gibson\**

**BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**\$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP – 2020 APPLICATION & ESSAY Contest  
2019-20 School Year**

**PART 1 – APPLICATION**

Please TYPE or PRINT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION # \_\_\_\_\_

IF KNOWN, HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not know your GPA or Class Rank, enter “unknown”

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ BACHELOR’S DEGREE (4 YEAR)

☐ ASSOCIATE DEGREE (2 YEAR)

WHILE IN COLLEGE, I WILL RESIDE: ☐ ON CAMPUS (DORM) ☐ OFF CAMPUS  
(APARTMENT) OR ☐ LIVE AT HOME AND COMMUTE

**\*LIST ANY HONORS AND/OR AWARDS RECEIVED IN HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING DATES:**

---

---

---

**\*LIST ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND/OR VOLUNTEER WORK INCLUDING DATES:**

---

---

---

\*If you need more space to list honors/awards and/or community service, please list on a separate sheet of paper and indicate “see attached” in the space above.



**BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**\$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP – 2020 APPLICATION & ESSAY Contest**  
**2019-20 School Year**

## **PART 2 – APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET(S) OF PAPER, COMPLETELY ANSWERING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION QUESTIONS. **MUST BE TYPED.**

1. **LIST AND DESCRIBE YOUR EMPLOYMENT/WORK HISTORY** (e.g. babysitting, grass cutting jobs, companies you have worked for (i.e., Shop-n-Save, McDonald's, etc.), etc.
  - a. If you have never had a paying job you can list and describe any volunteer work you have done.
  - b. If you have no previous job/work history, please indicate "no previous job history for this question.
2. **WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL CAREER ASPIRATIONS?**
3. **HOW WOULD A SCHOLARSHIP ASSIST YOU IN MEETING YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS?**

## **APPLICATION QUESTION ANSWER FORMAT**

Each application question (above) should be answered individually in paragraph form and follow these formatting guidelines:

- ✓ 1" margins all around
- ✓ 12 point font
- ✓ double spacing





**BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**\$500 PTO SCHOLARSHIP – 2020 APPLICATION & ESSAY Contest**  
**2019-20 School Year**

## **PART 3 – THE ESSAY**

### **IN 500 WORDS OR LESS, EXPLAIN/DESCRIBE FOR THE PTO THE FOLLOWING:**

- WHAT STIMULATED YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR CHOSEN MAJOR AND WHAT ATTRIBUTES YOU POSSESS THAT YOU FEEL WILL ENHANCE YOUR CAREER.
- TALK ABOUT PERSONAL EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE HAD RELATED TO YOUR CHOSEN MAJOR.
- WHAT STRENGTHS/ASSETS DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU FEEL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHOSEN PROFESSION?

### **ESSAY FORMAT**

Your Essay **MUST** be typed, using the following formatting standards:

- ✓ 500 words or less
- ✓ 1" margins all around
- ✓ 12 point font
- ✓ double spacing