

The
Roy W. Piper 2023-2024
Charitable
Trust

**Academic Scholarship
Availability Notice,
Application & Criteria**

*For High School
Seniors Applying
To 4-year schools*

2023-2024
SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, announces the availability of annually renewable scholarships, beginning for academic year 2023-2024. Fully completed applications will be accepted from high school seniors or those students already attending an accredited higher education institution. Principal preference will be given, but not limited to, to Wyoming, Lackawanna, and Luzerne County students. Scholarships are awarded based upon a combination of financial need, academic merit and community service and extra-curricular activities, and are for use of education at an accredited higher education institution.

Application packages can be obtained from the student's high school guidance departments within the above counties or by email request to piperscholarship@frontier.com. (Denote "Application request" in the subject line and note code "ST").

All forms from the trust will be emailed to the applicant.

All completed applications must be received by the Trust by March 1, 2023.

By writing:

P.O. Box 460
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657

Or see details on page 6

An email address must be provided in order to be forwarded an application package copy.

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CRITERIA

The Roy W. Piper Scholarships are administered through the Roy W. Piper Trust Scholarship Administrators (Ronald G. Kukuchka, Thomas P. Tulaney, Robert P. Browning, and William A. Petty). All applications can be requested from the Trust or from the student's school guidance office. The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust will accept applications by mail, addressed to: P.O. Box 460, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657. Only fully completed, hard copy applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications may, in the discretion of the Scholarship Administrators, not be considered. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

The following criteria apply to Scholarships which will be awarded for the Academic Year 2023-2024, which will be administered in a fair and impartial manner, without discrimination in favor of, or against, any applicant or class of applicants for any reason except for the financial qualification discussed below. No restrictions or limitations in the scholarship selection process will be based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation of an applicant.

1. The scholarships have been created by the Agreement of Trust dated May 9, 2001 (the "Trust"), between Roy W. Piper, as Settlor, and William A. Petty, Ronald G. Kukuchka, Thomas P. Tulaney and Robert P. Browning, As Trustees.
2. No scholarship will be awarded to a student who was or is related by blood or marriage to Roy W. Piper, or to any of the Trustees, or to any of the Scholarship Administrators, or to any replacements for them. A disqualifying relationship would include any children or other issue of a trustee or Scholarship Administrator, or of Roy W. Piper, or to any brother or sister of Roy W. Piper, a Trustee or a Scholarship Administrator, or any of their issue, whether of the whole blood, or half blood, or any adoptive or foster children in such relationship.
3. Nothing prohibits the Scholarship Administrators from awarding more than one scholarship in any year to students at, or graduates from, the same high school.
4. As constituted, scholarships are to be awarded to students who wish to matriculate at:
 - a) Keystone College;
 - b) An accredited, secondary or post-secondary military-related school, college or university; and
 - c) Any other accredited school, college or university chosen by the applicant.
5. If qualified applicants are identified, one or more scholarships will be awarded to students who will matriculate, or have matriculated, at any school or accredited college or university chosen by the applicant.
6. A scholarship may be awarded each year to a qualified applicant who has satisfied the academic criteria for admission to, and who will attend, or is attending, any accredited school, college or university chosen by the applicant. The scholarship will be renewed on an annual basis for up to four years, so long as the recipient continues to meet the qualifications established. A renewed scholarship shall be considered to be the scholarship for that year. If the academic criteria are not met, the scholarship will be terminated, and a scholarship may be awarded to a different qualified applicant.
7. For any applicant, still in high school, the minimum academic qualification, certified by the high school guidance department, is a cumulative "C" average (a 2.0 on a 4.0 system) through the first term of the student's senior year in high school.

8. For any applicant who has already matriculated at a qualifying academic institution the minimum academic qualification established by the grade report from the academic institution certified by the appropriate office of the institution is a cumulative average, through the last completed semester or term, of 3.0 on a 4.0 system, or the equivalent.
9. The amount of the scholarship award shall be in the discretion of the Scholarship Administrators. The scholarship is provided on an annually renewable basis, not in excess of the following, as charged by the recipient's academic institution; tuition academic/enrollment-related fees, and on-campus only room and board, to include campus meal plan (commuter or non-commuter). Fees for books, supplies, parking, off-campus housing and board and or expenses, and memberships will not be considered. It is the recipient's responsibility to correctly report on their tax return if they have used any of those funds for non-qualified expenses.

The scholarship is in excess of any other amounts awarded to the applicant by the college, university or school including merit-based scholarships and grants or awards not required to be repaid by the applicant, provided that the payment for such items, other than tuition shall only be awarded if the granting of such payments do not cause the award to be considered taxable to the Trust.

10. Applications will be accepted and considered from applicants who have matriculated at a qualifying institution and who are otherwise qualified.
11. The amount of the scholarship award will be based on a combination of factors evidenced by a completed application including educational excellence, community involvement, extra-curricular activities, merit and financial need. The amount is determined after the college or university has awarded need-based and merit scholarships, and after federal and state entitlements and community awards have been applied; provided that income of a parent or guardian whose identity or location cannot be determined, or the income of a parent who refuses to participate in paying educational expenses, will not be considered.
12. The Application shall be accompanied by the signed income tax returns for the most recent two years year, including all Schedules, most recently filed, of the applicant and the applicant's parent or parents or legal guardians, and from any person who has legal obligation to provide financial support to the applicant, whether or not such person resides in the same home as the applicant. All social security numbers shall be blacked-out.
13. It shall not be required to include the FAFSA report with the Application.
14. Awards will only be made to applicants who are members of a family with a combined household income of less than \$90,000, subject to increases as set forth below. The combined household income will be that of the applicant, the applicant's parents or legal guardians and anyone who has legal obligation to support the applicant.
 - a) The amount of limiting income shall be adjusted:
 1. If the parent has an additional child currently enrolled in a qualifying educational institution to \$100,000; and
 2. If the parent has two or more additional children currently enrolled in qualified educational institutions, to \$110,000.
 - b) Depreciation expense reported on an income tax return will nonbiased to calculate the income limitation; provided that so-called Section 179 deductions, as provided by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, will be added back to the adjusted gross income for determining the income limitation.
 - c) Each student who is determined by the Scholarship Administration to be a finalist in the selection process shall be required to submit copies of signed federal income tax returns for the two fiscals

years immediately preceding the date of the application from the applicant and the applicant's parent or parents or legal guardians, and from any person who has legal obligation to provide financial support to the applicant, with Social Security Numbers blacked out, whether or not such person resides in the same home as the applicant. All social security numbers shall be blacked out.

- d) Post-application events, such as death or loss of employment, subsequent to the applicable immediately preceding fiscal year may be considered.
15. Applications for scholarships for the tuition and or expenses for a graduate degree will not be accepted, unless qualified under paragraph 17.
16. A request for scholarship reimbursement for study at an accredited educational institution outside the United States shall be considered only:
- a) For academic programs directly related to the student's regular course of study;
 - b) Are sponsored by the academic institution in which the student is enrolled, and are billed by that institution directly to the student;
 - c) For room and board provided to the student by the corresponding educational institution, and related expenses at said institution;
 - d) Travel to and from the site of such off-campus program shall not be reimbursed.
17. If an applicant is awarded a four-year scholarship at an accredited academic institution and continues to meet the criteria for scholarship renewal, and thereafter completes the requirements for graduation from such academic institution in less than eight semesters (or equivalent), the scholarship recipient may be considered for renewal of the scholarship for a graduate degree program to the extent of the unused scholarship award. Such renewal shall be subject to the supplemental application to support a continuing award.
18. All scholarship payments to recipients will be distributed on a semester or term basis, conditioned upon timely receipt by the Trust, of the following:
- a) Proof of matriculation from school or academic institution, to include a registered transcript indicating current enrollment and grade report from previous semester, including course grades with semester/term and current and cumulative GPA's.
 - b) A copy of the semester/term invoice displaying school's name and address, student's name, tuition, academic enrollment, related fees, on-campus only room and board and/related fees, and/or commuter/non-commuter meal plan, and,
 - c) It is the scholarship recipient's responsibility to be sure the above items are received by the Trust following the end of one semester and prior to the start of the next semester.
19. Amounts of the scholarship payments to recipients will not be determined until the recipient provides an invoice from the school or academic institution showing the balance remaining to be paid after application of other scholarships and other awards, to include, but not limited to, one-time or 1st year community or other awards. Awards or credits required to be repaid by the student shall not reduce the amount of this scholarship.
20. All scholarship funds shall be paid by checks drawn jointly to the scholarship recipient and the school or academic institution which the recipient attends, and the Trustees shall secure the agreement of the academic institution to use the funds only to pay tuition and room and board, and to provide funds for the purposes for which the scholarship is granted, and only so long as the recipient attends the academic

institution. The academic institution shall agree in advance to refund the scholarship funds to the extent that they are not used for the stated purpose of the scholarship.

21. For a scholarship recipient, the minimum academic qualification for the renewal of the scholarship, established by a grade report from the academic institution, certified by the appropriate office of the institution, is a GPA ending each individual academic year (non-cumulative) with a 2.85 for years 1 and 2 and a 3.0 for years 3 and 4 on a 4.0 system or the equivalent.
22. Only signed, hard copies of such grade reports will be accepted; electronically transmitted reports are not acceptable.
23. The Scholarship Administrators shall be entitled to consider circumstances, such as illness or family emergency, which might have contributed to a failure to meet the academic qualifications.
24. If any scholarship recipient is determined not to have met the qualifications (academic or good citizenship), during the preceding year, for the renewal of a scholarship, or for the final year of the scholarship, the Scholarship Administrators shall recommend to the Trustees of the Trust to seek reimbursement from the recipient and the recipient shall repay the same to the Trust. The recipient will sign an agreement to that effect at the time of granting the scholarship.
25. Each scholarship recipient shall cause the school or academic institution which he or she attends to report, on or prior to May 30th of each year, on the recipient's continuing enrollment and the academic status and GPA for the preceding year.
26. If the scholarship recipient determines, for any reason, to change a college or university to a different qualified college or university, he or she shall notify the Trust of such decision, and the reason for the change, and request that the scholarship shall be transferred to the new educational institution, supported by:
 - a) A detailed list of the qualified costs and expenses at the new institution;
 - b) A list of all awards and scholarships being made available at the new institution; and
 - c) An agreement from the new institution (available from the Trust) to reimburse funds paid pursuant to the scholarship, to which the scholarship recipient becomes unentitled

Such transfer shall be permitted in the discretion of the Scholarship Administration.

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APPLICATION

Before Completing & Submitting Application:

Review the Trust's criteria for awarding Scholarships which are attached and available from the Guidance Office of your school. If none are available, please contact The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust (see attached Available Notice for the contact information). You must provide an email address so that the forms can be forwarded to you electronically. No forms will be mailed.

Deadline:

The Completed application and all supporting data must be received by the Trust at the below address on or prior to **March 1, 2023**

Mail the Application & all Supporting Data to:

**The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust
P.O. Box 460
Tunkhannock, Pa. 18657**

Important Notes:

The following will **not be** accepted:

1. Electronically- submitted and/or faxed applications.
2. Stapled applications (paperclip only).
3. Double- sided copy applications (single-sided sheets only).

One or more scholarships will be awarded, if qualified applicants are identified, for an accredited, college or university of the applicant's choosing.

If you are awarded a scholarship and do not matriculate at the academic institution to which the application applies, the Trustees will consider the scholarship withdrawn.

****** If you are applying for this scholarship, have not yet decided on an academic institution, and would like the Trust to consider your application for more than one academic institution, then provide ONLY an additional "College Data" sheet. Along with any acceptance and financial award letters, for each separate institution you wish to be considered. There is no need to duplicate any other portion of the application for the consideration of multiple schools.

Each finalist, as determined by the Trustees, may be required to be part of an in-person interview process with one or more of the Scholarship Administrators in Clarks Summit or Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

Use additional pages if necessary for this application.

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School or College Data

Submit a separate School or College Data sheet for each college you wish to be considered as part of your application.

1. Your Name, Full address (including zip code, municipality and county). Telephone & Email Address:

2. Name and Address of School or College/University:

_____ Yes, I have been accepted to this school (Attach acceptance letter).
_____ No, I have not yet been accepted to this school

3. Anticipated costs for the 2023-2024 year (full year): Tuition & Academic fees \$

_____ On-campus room and board (including meal plan) if necessary
\$ _____

4. Has the academic institution to which this application applies awarded you scholarships or Grants (do not include loans or work opportunities). If so, what types and how much?

*Attach copies of the financial award letters.

5. Have you applied for other scholarships/grants? If so, list name, monetary value per academic year and duration (ex: one-time award, multi-year award, number of years). Please circle those you know you have received/been awarded.

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Personal Data

Do not duplicate Personal Data or Guidance Dept. Verification for multiple school consideration.

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Number of
Siblings _____

Age and Number of siblings enrolled in academic institutions beyond secondary school:
List Schools;

1. Father's Name & Occupation: _____
Father's Address: _____
Father's phone number & email address: _____
2. Mother's Name & Occupation: _____
Mother's Address: _____
Mother's Phone Number & email address: _____
3. If parent is "not available" or "unavailable" explain briefly why
4. Prepare and attach a resume of your work experience.
5. Prepare and attach statements of your extra-curricular activities and your community involvement. Describe how your volunteer work has impacted your community or those you have helped, with an emphasis on how volunteer efforts have influenced your life, your decisions and your future goals.
6. Prepare and attach a statement of 300 words or more on a topic selected from the attached addendum. There are five choices of topics, pick only one. This statement secures that your application will be reviewed.
7. Scholarships are limited to students whose combined family has a combined household income not greater than \$90,000 as defined in the criteria. You will be required to provide copies of the signed federal income tax returns for the past two years for you and your parents, and anyone else who has legal obligations to support you.
 - a) The amount of limiting income shall be adjusted:
 1. If the parent has an additional child currently enrolled in a qualifying educational institution, to \$100,000; and
 2. If the parent has two or more additional children currently enrolled in qualified educational institutions, to \$110,000.
8. Personal Statements: (statement to be prepared on separate sheets titled and attached).
 - b) Describe the most challenging obstacle you have had to overcome, discuss its impact and effect on you, and describe what you have learned from the experience.

- c) Prepare and attach a statement which best describes you as a human being.
- 3. Attach an original copy of your official high school transcript certified by your guidance counselor (and an original grade report, if already enrolled at a post-secondary school, certified by the appropriate officer of your accredited institution).
- 10. Attach letters of recommendation from at least one of your teachers or professors.
- 11. List two Character references (non-family members)

Name & Address

Telephone () _____

Name & Address

Telephone () _____

- 12. How did you hear about the Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust Scholarship? (Please be specific).

Signature

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Guidance Department Verification
(To be completed by your guidance office counselor)

Applicant's Name:

Name of High School:

Applicant's Class Rank: _____ of _____ GPA: _____

Counselor Name:

Counselor Signature:

Date:

____ / ____ / ____

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Application Checklist
(Submit as front cover of your application)

Date:.....

Name: _____

High School _____

Complete & Check:

My application is for one (1) school: (Name):

Acceptance letter enclosed financial award letter enclosed

My application is for multiple schools:
(List in order of your preference):

Acceptance letter enclosed; financial award letter enclosed

Acceptance letter enclosed financial award letter enclosed

Acceptance letter enclosed financial award letter enclosed

I have enclosed the following required items in my application package (check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College Data Sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Transcript |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Data Sheet (with essays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Dept. Verification Sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> Character References (2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resume | <input type="checkbox"/> *Last two years tax returns |

Extra-Curricular/Community

- Statements
- Personal Statements (2)

Addendum

Please choose ONE of the following five topics for your response to the essay question:

1. Should male athletes be allowed to participate in women's sports and would this conflict with title nine?
2. Should voter ID be required to vote in all municipal, state and federal elections?
3. Should all illegal aliens be granted US citizenship and free health care?
4. Should candidates for State and Federal elections be required to participate in two or more public debates prior to the general elections?
5. Should there be term limits on US appointed court justices?

Please make sure this is included in your application upon submission.