

The
Roy W.
Piper
Charitable
Trust

2012-2013

**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
Availability Notice,
Application & Criteria**

For High
School Seniors

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SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY NOTICE
The ROY W. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust announces the availability of one or more scholarships in varying amounts, annually renewable, commencing for Academic Year 2012-2013 to students graduating, or who have graduated, from high school. Principal preference will be given to students graduating, or who have graduated, from high schools located in Wyoming County, Lackawanna County or Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Scholarships will be awarded annually, based on academic merit, community and extra-curricular involvement, and financial need to an accredited college or university of the student's choice.

Scholarship criteria and application are attached, and are also available from the Guidance Departments of high schools situate in the above counties, or from The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust:

By writing:
P.O. Box 460, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657

By emailing:
piperscholarship@frontier.com

By faxing:
570.836.6881

You must provide an email address in order to be forwarded additional application package copies.

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CRITERIA
The ROY W. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Roy W. Piper Scholarships are administrated through the Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust by three Scholarship Administrators (Ronald G. Kukuchka, Thomas P. Tulaney and Robert P. Browning). The 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. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

The following criteria apply to Scholarships which will be awarded for the Academic Year 2012-2013, which will be administrated 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 upon the race, religion, gender or sexual orientation of an applicant. This is a non-military-related application. The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust has separate criteria and application for applicants planning to attend/attending military-related schools. One can be requested from the Trust or from the student's school guidance office.

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 a Scholarship Administrator, or of Roy W. Piper, who was never married, 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. Applications will be accepted and considered from applicants who have matriculated at a qualifying institution, discussed below, and who are otherwise qualified.
4. Nothing prohibits the Scholarship Administrators from awarding more than one scholarship in any year to students at, or graduates from, the same high school.
5. As originally constituted, scholarships were awarded to students who have matriculated, at:
 - a. Keystone College;
 - b. An accredited, secondary or post-secondary military-related school, college or university; and
 - c. Any other accredited college or university chosen by the applicant.
6. If qualified applicants are identified, one or more scholarships will be awarded to students who will matriculate, or who have matriculated, at any accredited college or university chosen by the applicant.
7. A scholarship will 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 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 academic 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 will be awarded to a different qualified applicant.

8. For any applicant still in high school, the minimum academic qualification, certified by the high school guidance department, is a cumulative "C" average through the first term of the student's senior year in high school.
 9. For any applicant who has already matriculated at a qualifying academic institution, the minimum academic qualification, established by a 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.
 10. The amount of the scholarship award shall be in the discretion of the Scholarship Administrators. The scholarship is provided on an annually renewable basis, limited to the tuition charged by the academic institution, and sums required for room and board, books, supplies, and like needs, in excess of any other amounts awarded to the applicant by the college or university, including merit-based or need-based scholarships or 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 does not cause the award to be considered taxable to the Trust.
 11. The amount of the scholarship award will be based on a combination of factors as displayed within a complete application, including community involvement, extra-curricular activities, and merit and financial aid need. The amount is determined after the college or university has awarded needs-based and merit scholarships, and after federal and state entitlements and community awards have been applied.
 12. Awards will only be made to applicants who are members of a family with a combined household income less than \$90,000. The combined household income will be that of the applicant, the applicant's parents or legal guardians and anyone who has a legal obligation to support the applicant. This Adjusted Gross Income number is found on line 37 of federal tax return 1040.
 - a. Depreciation expense reported on an income tax return will not be used 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 reported income for determining the income limitation.
 - b. Each student who is determined by the Scholarship Administrators to be a finalist in the choice process shall be required to submit copies of signed federal income tax returns for the two fiscal years immediately preceding the date of application from each family member residing in the applicant's home, including the applicant and the applicant's parent or parents or legal guardians, and from any person who has a legal obligation to provide financial support to the applicant, whether or not such person resides in the same home as the applicant.
 13. 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 four years, the scholarship recipient can be entitled to 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 a supplemental application to support the continuing award.
 14. Applications for scholarships for the tuition for a graduate degree, except as above stated, will not be accepted.
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15. All scholarship payments to recipients will be disbursed on a semester or term basis, conditioned upon receipt from the academic institution of proof of matriculation, a copy of the bill, an estimate of the costs of books and fees, and a transcript indicating enrollment and grades with GPA.
16. Amounts of the scholarship payments to recipients will not be determined until the recipient provides an invoice from the academic institution showing the balance remaining to be paid after application of other scholarships and other awards, to include, but not be limited to, one-time or 1st year community or other awards.
17. The reimbursement for the costs of books and fees, including the cost of a computer, if otherwise a qualified expense, will be reimbursed to the recipient upon receipt of paid invoices.
18. All scholarship funds shall be paid by checks drawn jointly to the scholarship recipient and the 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 other 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 purposes of the scholarship.
19. For a scholarship recipient, the minimum academic qualification for annual renewal of the scholarship, established by a grade report from the academic institution, certified by the appropriate office of the institution, is a cumulative average ending the 1st full academic year of 2.85 on a 4.0 system or the equivalent; and ending years 2, 3, and 4 with a 3.0 on a 4.0 system or the equivalent.
20. Only signed, hard copies of such grade reports will be accepted; electronically transmitted reports are not acceptable.
21. 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.
22. If any scholarship recipient is determined not to have met the qualifications (academic or good citizenship), during the preceding year, for the award or renewal of a 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.
23. Each scholarship recipient shall cause the academic institution which he or she attends to report, on or prior to May 30 of each year, on the recipient's continuing enrollment and academic status at least once every year for the preceding year.

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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 Availability Notice for 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 above address on or prior to **March 15, 2012**.

Mail the Application & All Supporting Data to:

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

Important Notes:

The following will not be accepted:

1. Electronically-submitted 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 this 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 consideration of multiple schools.**

Each finalist, as determined by the Trustees, will 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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College Data

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

1. Your Name, Address (including municipality and county), Telephone and Email Address:

2. Name and Address of College or 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 2012-2013 (full year): tuition \$_____;
room and board \$_____; books, fees, and costs \$_____.

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 financial award letters.*

5. Have you applied for other scholarships/grants? If so, list name and monetary value.

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Personal Data

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

1. Your Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

2. Number of Siblings: _____; Ages: _____

Number of siblings enrolled in academic institutions beyond secondary school: _____

List schools: _____

3. Father's name & occupation: _____

Father's address: _____

Father's phone number & email address: _____

4. Mother's name & occupation: _____

Mother's address: _____

Mother's phone number & email address: _____

5. Prepare and attach a resume of your work experience.

6. Prepare and attach statements of your extra-curricular activities and of your community involvement. Describe how your volunteer work has impacted your community or those you have helped, with an emphasis on how the volunteer efforts have influenced your life, your decisions and your future goals.

7. Scholarships are limited to students whose combined family has a combined household income not greater than \$90,000, as defined in the criteria. If you are chosen as a finalist, 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 for anyone else who has a legal obligation to support you.

8. Personal Statements: (statements to be prepared on separate sheets, titled and attached)

- a. 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.
- b. Prepare and attach a statement which best describes you as a human being.
- c. Creative people often state that taking risks promotes important discoveries in their lives and work. Prepare and attach a statement regarding a risk that you have taken which has led to a significant change (positive or negative) in your personal or intellectual life.

9. Attach a full copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Cover page only will not be accepted.

10. Attach an original 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 agency of your college or university).

11. Attach letters of recommendation from at least two of your teachers or professors.

12. List two character references (non-family members).

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

13. How did you hear about the Roy W. Piper scholarship? (please be specific)

Your 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: _____

Date: _____

Counselor's Name:

Counselor's Signature:

Phone/Email:

Guidance: Please also supply the following information. The Trust will utilize this information should a student from your school be awarded a Piper scholarship:

Our school awards banquet/ceremony (circle appropriate) is tentatively scheduled for (date & time):

_____ at (building & full address):

Point of contact / phone & email:

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Application Checklist

Submit as front cover of your application.

Office use only

Date: _____

Name: _____

High School: _____

Complete & Check:

My application is for 1 school: (name):

 Acceptance letter enclosed Financial award letter enclosed

My application is for multiple schools: (list in order):

 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Recommendation (2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Dept. Verification sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> Character References (2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resume | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra-Curricular/Community Statements | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statements (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA Form | |