

## **Ralpho Township Business Association Scholarship Grant**

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Ralpho Township Business Association (RTBA) is pleased to announce the establishment of an annual \$1000.00 scholarship grant. This grant is \$500.00 from the RTBA and a matching \$500.00 from Mr. Adam Bednar. It will be awarded each year to the student who best meets the criteria and objectives of the grant as outlined herein.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

To award a \$1000.00 scholarship grant to the student who best meets the grant criteria. The winner will be decided by the selection committee and voted on by the general membership.

### **CRITERIA:**

Candidates must:

- a. Reside in Northumberland or Columbia County.
- b. Be pursuing a degree in Business or a Business associated field.
- c. Have been accepted or have applied and awaiting acceptance to a formal school of higher education. (Grant will be held until formal acceptance.)
- d. Submit a minimum 1000 word essay on one of the following open titles:
  - (1) Ten years from today I plan to see myself as ...
  - (2) I am pursuing a degree in Business because ...
  - (3) The positive impact of small business in my community is seen ...

**NOTE: The essay will be typed, double-spaced, and submitted to the school's point of contact (Guidance Office) not later than March 15, 2024. Committee personnel will pick up the essays.**

- e. Be interviewed by the selection committee either in person or by a Zoom interview.

### AWARD:

A \$1000.00 grant will be awarded to the student who best meets the scholarship criteria. The award presentation is made by the Business Association's officers at a time and location convenient for the winner, parents, and the Business Association. The student will be recognized at the school's award ceremony.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS:

- a. The Selection Committee notifies the points of contact at all local high schools to identify eligible students.
- b. The school's point of contact notifies the school principal of program focus, eligible students, and the results, when determined. The school's point of contact will provide the Committee chairman with the school's feedback on eligible students and, eventually, on the program and ways it can be improved.
- c. The grant will be advertised in local newspapers, on Facebook, association's web page and the school's informational systems to promote interest and full understanding of the criteria. Home-schooled students will be notified of the scholarship grant and its requirements via newspaper advertisements and social media.
- d. Essays will be collected from the points of contact at each school and a follow-on interview appointment will be set.
- e. The winner is selected based on the criteria herein with an award of the grant prior to graduation.
- f. Recognition is made by the association at a time and location convenient with the winner, parents and RTBA members.
- g. An announcement letter and certificate is sent to the High School officials for recognition at their awards program.