



## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR The Bill Knecht Tourism Scholarship Shenango Valley Foundation**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorial scholarship fund is to provide one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a sophomore, junior or senior of Butler County Community College (Linden Pointe), Grove City College, Penn State – Shenango, or Thiel College who is pursuing a tourism-related major such as Marketing, Recreation, Hotel Management, etc. This also would include students in the School of Business for business management and business administration.

The Bill Knecht Tourism Scholarship Fund Committee will give consideration to the following criteria:

- Financial Need
- Grade point average
- Awards and Achievements
- Work history
- Community and personal activities

If you are applying for this scholarship: You should submit a transcript of your grades, and personal reference from a teacher, coach or adviser.

You are also to write an **essay** of no more than 500 words (double spaced) on why you are applying for the scholarship and how it would make a difference to you while you pursue your education. The Selection Committee, which shall select the scholarship recipient shall be the committee approved by the Community Foundation. (No scholarships will be given to applicants who are direct relatives of the donors or, to trustees, officers or employees of the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH.)

### **Eligibility**

Any student of sophomore status or higher who is pursuing a tourism-related major such as Marketing, Recreation, Hotel Management, Business Administration, etc. (The scholarship will be granted upon completion of the student's third semester.) Applicant must be a full-time resident of Mercer County and a citizen of the U.S.A.

## **Terms of Scholarship**

The Committee will grant scholarships for one year only. The selection of students to receive scholarship grants shall be made by the Committee without regard to the race or religion or sex of the applicant or their political or economic views. The Committee shall place no restriction upon a candidate's choice of college, university, or military service.

## **Application**

Each applicant will complete a "Request for Scholarship Application Form" available from the Financial Aid office or online at [www.sv-foundation.org](http://www.sv-foundation.org).

Make and keep copies for your records of all forms that you send to us.

1. The application must be filed by March 7 of the current year.
2. Return Scholarship Application to:  
Community Foundation  
c/o Knecht Scholarship  
33 Chestnut Street  
Sharon, PA 16146
3. Once the application is submitted it will be considered at a regular meeting of the Scholarship Committee.
4. The Committee will then notify the applicant that his/her scholarship request has been approved, if that is the case and to expect a grant from the scholarship to be forwarded to the college or university of the applicant's choice.

Please do not submit the instruction pages with your application. You should remove and retain these instructions for your personal records.

**The Shenango Valley Foundation**  
**Bill Knecht Tourism Scholarship**  
REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: (Please Circle) Male or Female

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? \_\_\_\_\_

**RESIDENCY/PARENTS' NAMES**

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

County of Home Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status of Parents: ( ) Married ( ) Separated ( ) Divorced ( ) Widowed ( ) Single

Number of Siblings \_\_\_\_\_ Siblings in College \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Academic program in which you are enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ What year do you anticipate to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career plans upon graduation from college?

Do you commute, reside on campus or live off campus? \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Employed at: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Hire: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATIONS/ACTIVITIES**

Please list any associations, clubs, organizations or activities in which you participate or are a member. Indicate any position(s) of leadership held.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**OTHER**

Are you receiving any other financial assistance for your education? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:**

In signing this application, I certify that the information given is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In connection with this application for a scholarship from the Bill Knecht Tourism Scholarship Fund Program, I hereby authorize the administrator serving this program to request from any school attended by me: information, transcripts, financial aid records and any other records deemed necessary for the administration of this scholarship program, and I authorize any such school to submit any information, transcripts and other records that may be requested by the scholarship administrator.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_