



Gene "Toots" Staiger Scholarship Fund

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST BE A GRADUATE FROM COUDERSPORT HIGH SCHOOL AND ACCEPTED INTO A POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF PA. SELECTION IS NOT BASED ON GRADE POINT AVERAGE, BUT SOMEONE WHO WORKS HARD AND HAS PROVEN TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

For consideration this application must be completed and returned to the guidance office by **March 1**. There will be no exceptions. The Scholarship Selection Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation will select the scholarship recipient.

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Gene "Toots" Staiger graduated from Coudersport Area High School in 1965 and was very active in high school and in his community. His career and volunteer involvement saw him as a teacher, member and President of Borough Council, involved in the Jaycees, Fire Department, ambulance services and executive director of the McKean County Assistance Office. He established this perpetual scholarship to give back to the community and current students by providing support that will educate Coudersport's future leaders. The Staiger Scholarship Fund was established at the Community Foundation of North Central PA in 2016 and is designed to help, encourage and support students that are active in their community and demonstrate financial need and are attending a 2 or 4-year post-secondary education program. Students must be a graduating senior from Coudersport High School.

TERMS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The committee will grant the **Gene "Toots" Staiger Scholarship** as instructed. The selection of a student to receive the scholarship shall be made by the committee without regard to race, religion or sex of the applicants or their political or economic perspectives. The committee will not place restrictions upon a candidate's choice of college or university, except that it must be a PA school.

The committee shall require, prior to the disbursement of any scholarship, proof that the scholarship recipient is actually enrolled as a student at the educational institution for which the grant is made, and all scholarship grants shall be paid only to the education institution attended by the recipient and never directly to the recipient. This grant covers tuition, fees, and books for the applicable fall, winter, or spring quarter. If you have questions, talk to your guidance counselor or contact the Foundation at 814-834-2125.

The Community Foundation of North Central PA is approved as a PATH Program participant.

If you are awarded a scholarship of at least \$200 from the Community Foundation we will submit your name to AES/PHEAA for additional scholarship funding through PATH. To be eligible for the PATH award, you must meet the following criteria: be enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania College or career school; be a State Grant recipient and have a Federal Student Loan; and demonstrate financial need for PATH Program Grant. PATH grants will not exceed the Maximum State Grant for the particular academic year.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RETURN DIRECTLY TO YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE

Major Field of study:

_____ G.P.A. _____

Name of the College you are attending or will attend. _____

Anticipated Graduation: _____

High School _____
Name and County Year Graduated

Financial Information:

Please enter your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number that can be found on the top of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which is generated after completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form

(FAFSA):_____. If this number is not available at the time of submitting the application, please provide details as to the status of FAFSA. Please fax or call the Community Foundation office when the number becomes available.

Family Taxable Income: _____

Other Family Financial Assets or Resources available to assist the student:_____

Number of Dependents in Family _____ Number of other siblings in College _____

Applicant's Anticipated Financial Aid _____

***Anticipated Financial Aid should be listed specifically that is known at this time, (scholarship, grant, loan, work-study) and list the amount awarded for each. ***

Attachments:

- Please attach an activities resume that highlights all of your activities in the sectors of school and community and any honors and/or awards you have received. Including, but not limited to extra-curricular activities, work and volunteer experiences and career objectives.
- Please attach a, computer-generated essay (200-250 words) describing the influence of your school and community and what your future goals are regarding your post-secondary education. Include what college and major concentration you will be pursuing. The essay should be written with 1 ½ inch spacing, margins justified, 12-point font in Times New Roman. Check for neatness, spelling and structure.

I attest that all personal data included within this application is truthful and in no way misleading. All contents have been completed entirely by myself (the applicant) to the best of my knowledge.

If I am selected as a recipient of a Community Foundation of North Central PA scholarship, I agree to permit the Foundation to confer with my school to verify my continuing enrollment during the term of my scholarship. I also agree that my name and photograph can be used in announcements made by the Community Foundation of North Central PA regarding the particular scholarship(s) for which I have been awarded. I also agree that by signing this I permit my school to give the Community Foundation of North Central PA information regarding my SAT scores or current GPA.

Awards may be used at any accredited, nonprofit college or university within the United States.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Signature