The Carlson Family Scholarship for Public Service

The Community Foundation of Greene County **Typically Awards One $1,000** scholarship from the Carlson Family Scholarship for Public Service Fund each year to a Greene County resident to pursue full-time or part-time post-secondary education leading to a career in service to the public, including, but not limited to, careers in ministry, social work, education (not limited to teaching), psychology, government service, health care related fields, and/or participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) during their education.
Students may attend or be attending a vocational or technical school leading to a certificate, a 2- or 4-year college or university leading to a Bachelor's degree, or a graduate program leading to a Master's degree.

The Carlson Family Scholarship for Public Service was established at the Community Foundation of Greene County by Mark and LuAnn Carlson, and Jack and Lynn Carlson, and their children, to honor their family by helping Greene County individuals who want to be of service to their community, and need financial assistance to get to that point.

Following the example set for them in their homes growing up, the Carlson's have all served the public in their careers, as all of their children and their spouses are doing now. They realize how fortunate they were in their pursuits, to have had so many of the advantages they enjoyed. They also recognize the obstacles others may face on their journey to fulfill a dream of their own to serve and help others. The goal of this scholarship is, in some small way, to help individuals who demonstrate a financial need, to also achieve those dreams of a career in public service.
This scholarship is a one-time, one-year award and is not renewable.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants may be graduating high school seniors, or an adult learner planning to attend post-secondary school for the first time, re-enroll in post-secondary school, and/or complete a post-graduate degree.

In order to apply, applicants must:

- Be a current resident of Greene County, Pennsylvania, and
- Be planning to pursue a certificate or degree at an accredited post-secondary educational school (vocational, technical, two-year or four-year college or university, or graduate program), and
- Be planning to **major in field of study leading to a career in serving the public – including but not limited to** careers in the ministry, social work, education (not limited to teaching), psychology, government service, health fields, and/or participating in ROTC, and
- Have GPA of 2.5 or higher, (GPA will be waived for non-traditional/adult learner students who have not been enrolled in secondary or post-secondary schools for four years or more), and
- Have a financial need.

Attachments and Submission Instructions
The applicant must:
1. Visit http://www.cfgcpa.org/post-secondary-scholarships/ and follow the link to our online application
2. Submit the following attachments with the application:
   - A copy of the student's FAFSA Submission Summary, including the Student Aid Index (SAI)
   - A copy of the **official school transcript** (high school transcript for graduating high school seniors, and/or college transcripts for students currently in a Bachelor's or Master's program). Transcript will be waived for applicants who have not been enrolled in school (secondary and/or post-secondary) for four or more years.
   - Copy(ies) of **post-secondary acceptance letter(s)** and any financial aid letter(s)

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- **One (1) Essay** (not more than 3,500 characters – about 1 page single spaced) addressing the applicant's decision and motivation to pursue a career in their chosen field of public service, including long-term career goals and how this scholarship will help complete those plans/goals.
- **One (1) Letter of Reference** (not related by blood or marriage) which specifically addresses or supports in some fashion the individual and their career choice.
- A Resume of volunteer service.
- If planning to participate in ROTC during schooling, upload a copy of the submitted ROTC application and/or ROTC acceptance letter.

Scholarship Selection
The recipient of the scholarship will be determined by the Grantmaking Committee of the Community Foundation of Greene County.

The online application and all required attachments must be submitted by the deadline. This includes all attachments coming from third parties, such as transcripts and letters of recommendation. CFGC is not responsible for lost, undelivered, late, or incomplete applications.

The Community Foundation of Greene County awards shall be made without discrimination, including, but not limited to, race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, based upon the criteria of the specific scholarship.

CFGC reserves the right to withhold, deny and/or rescind a scholarship award in the event that providing an award would violate the stated eligibility or award criteria of the scholarship, and/or the exempt status and purposes of the Foundation.