

# The Nelson Family Trust Scholarship



Higher education has been an important value to the Nelson family for a century. Our uncle, Elna H. Nelson, PhD (U of Michigan, NYU) joined the faculty of the Bloomsburg Normal School (now Bloomsburg University) as the director of health education and remained there for essentially all of his career. The Nelson Field House on the Bloomsburg University campus commemorates that distinguished career and contributions to the university. Subsequent generations have also recognized the value of higher education on improving their lives. The children (Jack, Joanne (Pineno), Richard) of his brother, Victor L Nelson, and his wife, Ruth, of Wyoming and their grandchildren (Chris (Pineno), Justin (Pineno), Jeremy) have continued that legacy. In recognition of the impact that higher education has had on their lives, the family is offering scholarships to worthy students graduating from Wyoming Area High School to help achieve their future aspirations.

Several scholarships will be awarded for 4 years based on semester grades and continuation as a STEM major. Selection process will be based on the strength of the application and the 2 required essays, resume, and an interview.

All scholarships will be awarded based on the students' overall academic performance, admission (and commitment to attend) their university of choice, a financial need to help achieve their goals when the university financial aid package does not meet all the student's needs, and demonstration of interest in the area of study.

**The ideal candidates will be interested in a STEM program. Although a student will be eligible for a scholarship upon admittance to any university/college some priority will be given to students who are accepted at the following universities due to family associations with them:** The Pennsylvania State University, Bloomsburg University, Temple University, Purdue University, American University, University of Virginia, University of Delaware, University of New Hampshire, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN), George Washington University, Columbia University, College of William & Mary, Lafayette College, and Yale University.

Each scholarship may be renewed. The renewal will be contingent on adequate academic performance each semester as defined by at least a B average at the end of each academic semester. A waiver of the B average may be given for the freshman first semester but the GPA should be no lower than 2.75.

The total sum of the distributed scholarship grants will be no greater than \$25,000. Each award will be determined individually and will be based on the recommendations of the Nelson Family Trust nominating committee. Payments (generally 50% of the scholarship award) may be made directly to the university upon receipt of the scholarship commitment form which you will receive from Mrs. Fedor who will provide it to the Nelson Family Trust Nominating committee chair. The remaining amount will be provided to the university directly upon receipt of your official transcript for Semester 1 indicating your qualifying GPA and continuation in the STEM program. The transcript and university invoice should be provided to the nominating committee chair. If any award is not offered it will be carried over to the next year.

**Criteria for Selection:** Applicant must be a graduating Wyoming Area senior who has been accepted as a full time student at a 4 Year College/University. Selection will be based on the following:

1. Completed application
2. Overall academic performance.
3. Required essays (2)
4. Required Interview
5. Required submission of EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from your FAFSA Application.

**Essay Required:** Each applicant is required to write 2 well-crafted essays (at least 500 words each):

1. Stating the reason for their interest in the targeted area of study (STEM), how they intend to use their education in the future and what receiving the scholarship would mean to them.
2. To be determined.

\*\* In addition to the essay the applicant must provide the nominating committee a statement of what the expected family contribution (EFC) to their education should be as determined by their FAFSA application.

