

Lancaster Chapter

Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association



J. Harold Summers Memorial Scholarship Program Guide

2024 - 2025 Academic Year

Introduction

In 2012, the Board of Directors of the Lancaster Chapter of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association voted to start a scholarship fund for family members of employees of companies who are members, in good standing, of the chapter. A Scholarship Committee was formed to establish this scholarship fund.

For the 2024-2025 academic years, the Committee has authorized awarding FOUR scholarships to individuals meeting the eligibility criteria and guidelines described below. The award per individual is \$750. ***Existing participants and new applicants must apply each year.*** Applications are welcomed from high school students in their senior year, existing scholarship fund participants, college students and those individuals presently employed by member companies.

Mission

The mission of the Lancaster Chapter scholarship fund is to advance the educational opportunities of individuals and family members of those individuals, employed by companies, who are members in good standing, of the Lancaster Chapter of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association. The scholarship is named for long time PMTA member and advocate J. Harold Summers. Harold was a PMTA member for 53 years and was a major financial contributor and leader in the organization. In addition to his commitment to the trucking world, Harold had a passion for education and mentoring others to become their best selves.

Eligibility

Scholarships are available to the following students and individuals.

- Existing employees and family members of existing employees of companies, who are members in good standing of the Lancaster Chapter. Family members are defined as spouses, children, and grandchildren of those employees.
- Preference will be shown to those applicants who intend to pursue trucking industry related studies. Examples of these would be college courses or trade school and vocational training focused on transportation, logistics, training and safety, the repair and maintenance of commercial vehicles and other industry related activities. Applications for non-industry related studies are welcome and will receive careful review.
- An applicant should be able to demonstrate that within the current restrictions of their present course of study, they are making a personal effort to earn part of the cost of their education.
- Current scholarship recipients, who are reapplying, must be students in good standing with minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4) or the letter grade equivalent.

Guidelines

Below is a list of guidelines that the Lancaster chapter applicants need to follow.

- Applications from either existing scholarship fund participants or new applicants will be accepted between **January 15th, 2024** and **April 30th, 2024** and the successful recipients of the scholarship will be notified by **May 31st, 2024**.
- Applicants will be asked to furnish transcripts and employment history.
- **Applicants are required to write and submit an essay detailing their career goals, extracurricular activities, and why that applicant should receive the scholarship.** **New applicants** should demonstrate how their proposed course of studies relates to the trucking industry. *Existing scholarship participants* might discuss how the courses or training received thus far have contributed to the achievement of their career goals and their understanding of the trucking industry.
- Checks will be made payable to the institution of choice.

Selection Information

After the initial applications are received, all applicants are assigned numbers which are used in place of the applicants' names during the selection process.

During and throughout the competition, the names of all applicants are withheld while the applications are reviewed, and the winners are selected.

After the selection process takes place, the names of the winners are then released to the selection committee and the winners are notified of their standing.

Winners are selected based on overall academic record and achievements, strong leadership qualities, and significant involvement in diverse curricular, extracurricular and community service activities. Special consideration will be given to those applicants who explain how their education will help them in careers that would benefit the trucking industry.

Application

Please complete all sections of this application. (**Type or print using black or blue ink.**)
Indicate with N/A if a question does not apply. Please carefully read the Eligibility &
Guidelines sections before starting the application. Submit completed applications to:

Lester R. Summers, Inc.
Attn: Paula Schrecengost
40 Garden Spot Road, Suite 100
Ephrata, PA 17522
Or scan and email to Paula at: paula@summerstrucking.com

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Application: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Name of Employee of Member Company: _____

Relationship to Employee of Member Company: _____

Name of Sponsoring Member Company: _____

Scholastic Information

List below, in order of preference, those colleges or technical trade schools to which you have applied, or intend to apply, or are presently attending. Include name, city, and state of each.

Name	City	State
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Name	City	State
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Name	City	State
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Provide the names, cities, and states of high schools you attended or are currently attending, most recent first. Indicate the month and year of anticipated graduation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Provide cumulative **high school GPA and a high school transcript (or College GPA and college transcript)**. Indicate any college or advanced placement grades recorded to date.

High school or college transcripts, where available, must accompany application.

1. Cumulative GPA _____ (indicate scale)
2. Class Ranking _____
3. Number of Students _____ (for current High School or College class)

NEW:

List the person(s) who have had the biggest impact on your educational life and why:

Extracurricular Activities

In what extracurricular activities has the student participated while attending high school? Indicate elected offices held, if any, and specify purpose of organizations. Indicate volunteerism or other additional activities. Add additional sheets if necessary.

Community Activities:

Student activities (Student Government, National Honor Society, Athletics, Music, etc.):

Goals and Aspirations:

Unusual Circumstances:

Other notable activities:

Employment History

List below full-time, part time, summer, temporary, or other work you have performed. Briefly explain duties and responsibilities. You may attach additional sheets if necessary. Please list the most recent employment first.

<p>Employed from _____ to _____</p> <p>Firm name/address _____</p> <p>Supervisor's Name/Position _____</p> <p>Your duties/responsibilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Employed from _____ to _____</p> <p>Firm name/address _____</p> <p>Supervisor's Name/Position _____</p> <p>Your duties/responsibilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Employed from _____ to _____</p> <p>Firm name/address _____</p> <p>Supervisor's Name/Position _____</p> <p>Your duties/responsibilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay describing your career goals, why you have those goals, and how your education could be used in, or benefit, the trucking industry. Also, explain why you feel you should be selected to receive this scholarship.

Submission Signatures

Applicant:	Parent/Guardian or Employer:
_____ Print Name	_____ Print Name
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
_____ Date	_____ Date
_____ Email Address	_____ Email Address