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PUSH Beaver County

2024 program

Subject: Academic, Trade School and/or JROTC Scholarship

Dear Guidance Counselor:

PUSH Beaver County (PUSH BC) is a small non-profit organization that organizes and manages philanthropic and community events to enrich the lives of those who live in Beaver County.

The first program that PUSH BC spearheaded was to raise educational funds for promising high school students who make a commitment to further their education here in Beaver County. We feel that local high school students who choose Beaver County institutions of higher learning have a greater potential for stay in the county and make a positive contribution to the community. In addition to college programs, we will continue to include trade school education in the scholarship program.

Since the start of the program, we have undergone several changes. First and foremost, we are now offering a total of SEVEN (7) \$1,000 scholarships. PUSH BC is offering **four graduating senior students** of the local, private, cyber school districts, as well as home schooled graduating seniors from Beaver County, who meets the attached criteria, each a \$1,000 scholarship. In addition, Beaver County BOOM! will sponsor an additional \$1,000 scholarship to one **graduating senior JROTC participant**, and the Beaver County Maple Syrup and Music Festival will sponsor an additional **TWO \$1,000 scholarships** to students with the intent to go into Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, Botany, Biology.

We have expanded the awards to include students who are continuing their education by learning a trade instead of attending a traditional college or university. Our county has been forged through a wonderful mix of industry, agriculture, and commerce. We feel strongly that all of these must be cultivated to keep Beaver County relevant and successful. Please encourage students interested in trades to apply as well!

For details, please refer to the criteria detailed on the scholarship applications attached in this packet. Students are expected to adhere to the criteria to be eligible for the scholarship.

We would like to continue to present winning students with their awards at their school's annual awards ceremony. We believe this is a moment for them to shine, and recognition of their achievements in front of their peers may inspire younger students to follow in their footsteps. If a student from your school is chosen, we will be reaching out to attend the awards ceremony.

Please have student essays and entry forms completed and the attached paperwork to PUSH postmarked or emailed no later than **March 31st**. You should email your essays to both Scholarship committee Co-chairs listed at the bottom of this page. Your timeliness is much appreciated and will allow us to disperse the funds to your school district by your annual awards ceremony or an event of your choosing.

If you have any questions regarding PUSH BC, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We thank you for your time, support, and our organization looks forward to helping your students achieve their educational goals.

Sincerely,

PUSH Beaver County

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