

**MERCER COUNTY ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION  
2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RULES**

The Mercer County Antique Power Association will be offering two five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarships this year. Two people, who satisfy the requirements set forth below and are chosen by the Association, will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

A. All applicants must be current members in good standing or a child, stepchild, grandchild or step-grandchild of a current member of the Mercer County Antique Power Association. Definition of “a member in good standing”: membership dues paid by **February 28** of the current year.

B. The applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an accredited college, university, junior college, trade or technical school or other similar post-high school educational institution for the fall term of 2026 or the winter or spring terms of 2027.

**2. REQUIREMENTS**

A. All applicants are required to submit an essay of not less than 1,000 or more than 1,500 words. The essay should relate to the following “What role did the blacksmith have in early America?” All essays must be neatly printed or typed. All essays will also be judged on proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling. **NO** plagiarism will be allowed.

B. Essays, along with the completed application, a current photo and a copy of the acceptance letter, shall be submitted to: Mercer County Antique Power Association, c/o T. McElhinny, 510 Courtney Mill Road, Grove City, PA 16127. All envelopes must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2026.

C. All materials submitted shall become the property of the Mercer County Antique Power Association.

D. Each essay shall be titled and have a cover page upon which the title of the essay and applicant’s name appears.

E. The title of each essay shall be repeated at the top of each page of the essay; however, the applicant is not to include their name or any identification within the body of the essay itself.

**3. SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS**

A. The Board of Directors of the Mercer County Antique Power Association shall appoint a committee of five members to review all eligible, timely submitted essays. The committee shall select two of these essays and award each applicant who submitted a winning essay a five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarship.

B. The decision of the committee shall be final.

C. The Mercer County Antique Power Association shall offer this scholarship program on a one-year term. The Board of Directors, on an annual basis, must approve any future scholarships. Winners may apply again if they meet the requirements but can only win the scholarship two times.

**4. AFTER SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

A. Upon the selection of the Scholarship Award recipients, the Mercer County Antique Power Association shall announce the winners on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at the Annual Show.

B. The award will be paid **to the school** after proof of completion of his/her first semester of schooling is received. If not known at the time of application, winners are responsible for supplying MCAPA with their student identification number, the completion date for their first semester and the address and phone number of their Admissions Office. Mail this information to: Terry Minter, Sr., 276 N. Foster Road, Jackson Center, PA 16133.

If you have any questions regarding these rules or your application or would like a copy of these mailed to you, please contact Mr. Minter at 724-992-2596. Copies can be printed from our website [www.mercercountyantiquepower.org](http://www.mercercountyantiquepower.org).