



2017 Scholarship Program Qualifications/Criteria:

1. Applicants must reside within the New Hope Ministries' service area which includes:
 1. Dillsburg Center
 - a. Is defined by the 17019, 17365, and 17372 zip codes
 - b. Anyone residing in the Northern York County School District
 - c. Anyone with a Dillsburg, Rossville, Franklintown, Mount Pleasant, Siddonsburg, Wellsville, or York Springs mailing address
 - d. Anyone who has historically been a part of the Dillsburg service area
 - e. Wellsville mobile pantry catchment area includes the 17365 zip code and Wellsville and Rossville mailing addresses.
 2. Dover Center
 - a. Is defined by the 17315 zip code
 - b. Anyone with a Dover mailing address
 - c. Anyone residing in the Dover school district
 3. Hanover Center
 - a. Is defined by the 17331, 17344, or 17340 zip codes
 - b. Anyone with a Hanover, McSherrystown, or Littlestown address
 - c. Anyone residing within Hanover or Southwestern school districts
 - d. Littlestown mobile pantry catchment area includes the following: residents of Littlestown School District, 17340 zip code, and Littlestown mailing address.
 4. New Oxford Center
 - a. Is defined by the 17301, 17350, and 17316 zip codes
 - b. Anyone with a New Oxford, Abbottstown, or East Berlin mailing address
 - c. Anyone residing within Conewago Valley school district
 - d. East Berlin mobile food pantry catchment area includes 17301 and 17316 zip codes and East Berlin and Abbottstown mailing addresses.
 5. Mechanicsburg Center
 - a. Is defined by the 17025, 17093, 17050, and 17055 zip codes
 - b. Anyone with a Mechanicsburg, Enola, Summerdale, New Kingston, or Camp Hill mailing address
 - c. Also includes all residents living in Monroe and Silver Spring Townships even if out of Mechanicsburg zip codes.
 - d. Anyone who has historically been a part of the Mechanicsburg service area
 - e. The Enola mobile pantry catchment area includes residents of the 17025 zip code and Enola and East Pennsboro township residents.
 6. West Shore Center (Lemoyne)
 - a. Is defined by the 17011, 17070, and 17043 zip codes
 - b. Anyone with a Camp Hill, Lemoyne, Wormleysburg, or New Cumberland mailing address
 - c. Please note that the 17043 zip code and New Cumberland addresses include both Cumberland and York County residents. New Hope will serve these York County residents as part of our commitment to the New Cumberland community.
 - d. The New Cumberland mobile pantry, also known as the Bridge, catchment area includes residents of the 17070 zip code and New Cumberland mailing addresses.
 7. Anyone closely affiliated with a New Hope supporting church.
Residency and/or church affiliation may be subject to verification.

2. Applications for New Hope’s scholarship program, especially the essays, must be completed by the individual requesting assistance. Applications and essays completed on behalf of another person will be disqualified.
3. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Parent or guardians’ income (or personal income for self-supporting adult) falls at or below 200% of the 2017 federal poverty guidelines. Below are the current guidelines. Applicants can also view the updated poverty guidelines on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Federal Register website: <http://aspe.hhs.gov>.

Persons in family/household	Income
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.	
1	\$24,120
2	\$32,480
3	\$40,840
4	\$49,200
5	\$57,560
6	\$65,920
7	\$74,280
8	\$82,640

4. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have participated in a New Hope Ministries’ After School Program and/or have participated in New Hope’s crisis, food, and stability programs.
5. All applicants planning to complete a program which qualifies for financial aid must have completed the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) and supply a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). Information is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> as well as through your school’s financial aid office. This document is 4-6 pages and includes income, not just the one page document that states you requested the information.
6. Applicants must have acceptance at a college, trade school, beauty school or other institution approved by the selection committee.
7. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of reference with their completed application. Current students should submit a letter, with academic and character references, from a teacher or guidance counselor of the applicant’s school district. For adult students, a letter of reference from another responsible party, such as a New Hope caseworker or minister is acceptable. A letter of reference from a New Hope staff member or volunteer who is familiar with you and your situation will greatly strengthen your application.
8. Applicants will submit an essay, with a minimum word count of 250 words, explaining why post-secondary education is important to him/her and why he/she is deserving of the Scholarship Award. Please pay special attention to your financial need factors, as well as obstacles that are limiting your educational pursuits. If you are a previous recipient of a New Hope Scholarship award, please describe your progress toward your educational goals and how receiving a past scholarship award has made a difference for you. The Selection Committee will evaluate each letter/essay with consideration given to the content, form, grammar, neatness and presentation of the letter/essay.
9. Applicants will provide a detailed plan for securing educational funds beyond those awarded through this scholarship.
10. Applicants must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.
12. Current college/secondary school students should supply a transcript/grade report from their most

recent academic year in order to demonstrate commitment to academic excellence and their academic goals.

13. Applicants must complete the attached application in its entirety and submit it to New Hope Ministries no later than April 30, 2017. Incomplete Applications will not be considered.

Additional Scholarship Information:

1. To request an electronic version of the scholarship application, email info@nhm-pa.net or visit our website at www.nhm-pa.org.
2. Questions about the scholarship application process may be directed to the New Hope Mechanicsburg Center at 717-766-7333 ext. 3004.
3. Recipients will be notified by the end of May 2017 whether they have received an award.
4. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the institution of higher learning. Institutions will be instructed to return the balance of the scholarship to New Hope if the student is unable to complete their academic plan.
5. We encourage previous recipients (upon satisfactory completion of their current academic year) to apply for additional assistance. **Re-applicants do not need to include the following information unless something has changed:**
 - High School Transcript, Diploma/GED
 - Letter of Acceptance (unless it has changed)

Mail to: New Hope Ministries
Attn: Scholarship Committee
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Dillsburg, PA 17019