

**DAVE McCANNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
of Berks CountyCommunity Foundation  
SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

**Scholarship in Memoriam**

During the first part of David McCanney's professional career he was employed in the corporate lending and/or bankruptcy departments at American/Meridian Bank and Wilmington Trust Bank. Later, while working full time, he attended Widener University Law School in the evenings. Upon graduation he joined Stevens & Lee/Griffin Financial Group in Reading, PA where he worked until his death in April 2012.

While he enjoyed his professional career, his passion was to enrich children's lives. He became involved with the Olivet Boys and Girls Club as a board member. He also was very involved in the Wilson Jr. Soccer Club in many capacities, serving as president and as a coach and a board member. For the final four years of David's brief life, he was the Wilson High School Girls' lacrosse coach. David loved spending his time coaching youth sports, playing soccer, and providing guidance to community organizations.

**Scholarship description**

The purpose of the fund is to provide two scholarships annually.

1. One scholarship in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to a student who attends Olivet Boys and Girls Club of Reading & Berks County on a regular basis and who will continue his or her education after high school.
2. The second scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to a female Wilson High School senior who played on Wilson High School's lacrosse team in at least her junior and senior years and who is furthering her education after high school at a four-year college or university. The ideal recipient will be a student who, in addition to playing lacrosse, also participated in other school and community activities and was eager to accept a leadership role in those activities. The recipient will also be someone who sets goals for herself and works hard to achieve those goals. The applicant will be asked to write a one-page essay addressing the following subject: Describe a circumstance or time where you established a goal for yourself, not knowing the outcome. Did it work out? Did it not work out? What did you learn from it? Regardless of result, would you reach for the same goal again?

If in any particular year there is no eligible applicant, then the committee does not need to select a recipient and the allocated distribution may be returned to the fund.

The first scholarships to be awarded from this fund will be in 2013 and will be awarded until the fund is depleted.

**Scholarship selection process**

**Wilson Lacrosse Player:** In February the Community Foundation will notify the Wilson High School Guidance and Athletic Departments of the scholarship opportunity so they can notify their students. Students can apply on-line at [www.bccf.org](http://www.bccf.org) between January 15<sup>th</sup> and March 15th.

Berks County Community Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee, along with the family of David McCanney as a group, will review the applications in April to select the annual recipient and will notify Berks County Community Foundation of their recommendation by the first week in May. The Community Foundation will have ultimate authority to determine that all distributions from the Fund are consistent with the charitable purpose of the fund and are permissible under all laws, rules and regulations to which the Community Foundation is subject, including all conflict of interest policies in effect from time to time. At no time may the family of David McCanney represent a majority of the scholarship committee that selects the scholarship.

The Community Foundation will prepare a letter to be sent directly to the recipient. Berks County Community Foundation will also send regret letters to each of the non-recipients.

The Community Foundation will also notify the institution of the scholarship award and will issue the scholarship check payable to the student and the institution in August.

**Olivet Boys and Girls Club of Reading and Berks County:** The recipient will be selected by staff of Olivet's who are familiar with the seniors who attend the Olivet programs. Berks County Community Foundation will notify Olivet's each year in February that they are to select a recipient who meets the qualifications established and notify the Community Foundation of the recipient by the first week in May. The Community Foundation will notify the student that he or she has been awarded the scholarship. The Community Foundation will also notify the institution of the scholarship award and will issue the scholarship check payable jointly to the student and the institution in August.

Berks County Community Foundation employees, board members and/or committee members are not eligible to apply for or be nominated for a scholarship offered by Berks County Community Foundation, nor are their immediate family members. However, immediate family members are eligible to be nominated and recognized as the recipient of a scholarship, but without the financial award of the scholarship. Immediate families include spouses; children, stepchildren, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, and their respective spouses; siblings and their spouses; and ancestors. The ineligibility period for Berks County Community Foundation board members or employees and their family members extends five years after board service or employment terminates. The ineligibility period for committee members who are not Berks County Community Foundation staff or board is in effect only during their term of service and is only related to the committee on which they make decisions.