

SNYDER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
of Berks County Community Foundation
SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Scholarship description

This fund was established in 2015 in memory of Mary Jane Snyder and in honor of Roy Snyder. Mary Jane graduated from Alvernia College in 1975 at the age of 39. She went on to teach third grade at the Womelsdorf School in the Conrad Weiser School District for 27 years where she was a caring, creative, conscientious, highly respected, and much loved teacher.

Roy taught physical education, was athletic director, and coached swimming at Wilson High School for more than 50 years, leading the Bulldogs to many individual and team successes.

This fund will provide two annual scholarships. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior graduating from **Conrad Weiser High School** who intends to major in education, with a preference for elementary education. Preference will also be given to applicants who plan to attend Alvernia University or Penn State University. Applicants will write an essay on the following topic: What motivated you to become a teacher, and what mentor or teacher inspired you the most and why?

The second scholarship will be awarded to a senior graduating from **Wilson High School** who will be furthering his/or her education after high school and who has been a member of the Wilson High School swim team or dive team, with a preference to students who will continue to participate in an aqua sport in college. Preference will also be given to seniors who participated on the swim team or dive team for four years and to students who were previously members of Wilson's Age Group Swimming & Diving for at least two years. This recipient displays qualities of hard work, self-discipline and leadership.

Scholarship selection process

1. Students may apply for the **Conrad Weiser scholarship** on-line at www.bccf.org between January 15th and March 15th. Selection will be based on: community service, leadership skills, GPA (but grades are not the most important thing), and an essay, with a preference to elementary education and a preference to applicants who will attend Alvernia or Penn State. This scholarship will be selected by Berks County Community Foundation's scholarship selection committee.
2. Students may apply for the **Wilson scholarship** on-line at www.bccf.org between January 15th and March 15th. After the deadline, applications will be forwarded to Roy Snyder, or Allison Snyder in Roy's absence, for distribution to the committee members listed below. Selection will be based on: the applicant's display of hard work, self-discipline and leadership, with a preference to applicants who will participate in an aqua sport in college, and to applicants who participated on the swim or dive team for four years, and to applicants who were members of Wilson's Age Group Swimming & Diving for at least two years.

The Wilson scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee made up of the following Wilson staff members:

- High School Principal or Guidance Counselor
- An Age Group Swim and Dive Coach
- A High School Swim Coach
- A High School Dive Coach
- Snyder Family Representative

BCCF should be supplied with the name/s of the scholarship recipients by the first week in May.

BCCF will send a congratulatory letter to the recipients. BCCF will send regret letters to the applicants who were not selected.

BCCF will notify the colleges of the scholarships and will send the checks to the colleges in August, payable jointly to the student and the college.

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.