

# 2026 Maggie Scholarship Fund

**The Maggie Scholarship Fund** was created to provide financial assistance opportunities to Carlynton High School graduating seniors. Named after Margaret Rushnik Bunio, a graduate of Carnegie High School, a person who valued all forms of education and learning, the scholarship is intended to provide partial funding for deserving high school graduates that want to further their education and training. The recipients of these scholarships will be selected based upon their personal character, work ethic, attitude, and other qualities. The scholarships can be applied to technical schools, nursing schools, trade schools, junior colleges, colleges, and universities. The major target is to provide assistance to obtaining the 'education/training' to obtain meaningful employment and carry forward the tradition of "being your best" developed by the Carlynton School District system of Community ~ Excellence ~ Character.

Recipients will be selected by a committee of CHS graduates serving the Maggie Scholarship Fund process. Recipients will be announced in the spring of 2026. **The scholarship is a one-time award of \$5,000. There will be four scholarships awarded each year. Completed applications must be typed and returned by March 27, 2026 to the Carlynton Education Foundation. No handwritten applications will be accepted.**

## Guidelines for the Maggie Scholarship

To provide a one-time scholarship of \$5000.00 to a graduating senior of Carlynton High School who portrays the distinct qualities of a Carlynton Graduate including individual character, sense of community and personal excellence and intends to pursue a post-secondary certification program or a two or four-year program of study beyond high school graduation.

### Eligibility:

- Have a residence in: *Allegheny County*
- Institution at which to use scholarship: Post-secondary program (i.e. technical institute, community college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc.); 2 or 4 year college or university.
- Complete an application.
- Have a High School GPA of at least: 2.00
- Create a **written response**, not to exceed 100 words, to the prompt included in the application.

### How to apply:

- Provide two letters of recommendation – 1 from CHS staff member and 1 from outside of CHS.
- Completed application form.
- Respond to the prompt: Not to exceed 100 words

### For additional information please contact:

- Lisa Rowley – [lisa.rowley@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:lisa.rowley@carlynton.k12.pa.us)
- Wendy Steiner – [wendy.steiner@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:wendy.steiner@carlynton.k12.pa.us)
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# Maggie Scholarship Application

## APPLICANT DATA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Month/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification/Degree Pursuing/Field of Study:

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## EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Which post-secondary school/technical school/apprentice program/college/university do you plan to attend?

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Yearly cost including tuition, housing and other projected costs:

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Indicate your planned enrollment status and where you will live:

Full-time ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

On campus ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Off campus ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Name of Parents (s) Legal Guardian(s) and their respective occupations:

Name

Occupation

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List names and ages of brothers and sisters who are under the age of 21 and indicate whether they are attending school beyond high school level and if so, whether they are receiving financial aid:

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Will you be receiving any other Grant or Scholarship money? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, from what source and what amount? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any other financial situations/considerations you would like to share in this application? \_\_\_\_\_

## **CURRENT WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Please list past and/or current employment and/or volunteer experience:

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Tell us about your work/volunteer experiences – what did you like/dislike? Did you learning anything worth telling us about?

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Were there specific subjects, classes, and teachers you felt helped you prepare more than others?:

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## **APPLICANT ESSAY**

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church....a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.”

— **Charles Swindoll**

### **Prompt**

Please include a written response, not to exceed 100 words, responding to the following prompt:

**"What has happened in your personal life that has resulted in your plan for life after high school? Who or what helped you decide on your next steps?"**



## **LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals not related to you (someone who knows your educational goals, someone you worked for, someone you helped.). – One from inside CHS and one from outside CHS.

Each reference should include the applicant's name, the name of the person providing the reference, position, signature and date signed. Each reference should address the following:

- (1) the applicant's general ability;
- (2) appraisal of the applicant, giving details in the form of examples with regard to leadership ability, citizenship, attitude, concern for others, responsibility, initiative and general interest; and
- (3) qualities that most commend the applicant.

**The following items must be received by March 27, 2026 in order to be eligible for a scholarship:**

1. The application
2. Written response to the listed prompt
3. Two letters of recommendation **emailed to: carlyntonfoundation@gmail.com**
  - \* 1 – CHS staff member
  - \* 1 – Outside CHS

## **PLEASE NOTE**

**The application and essay response must be emailed to: carlyntonfoundatio@gmail.com**