



United Way of
Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike

2025 Mike Munchak Community Service Scholarship

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

GENERAL

Please type or print all information (EXCEPT SIGNATURES)

Applications must be postmarked or submitted no later than March 31, 2025.

To be eligible applicants must be:

- Be graduating seniors from a public, private or charter school in Lackawanna, Wayne or Pike Counties, PA and/or full-time residents of Lackawanna, Wayne or Pike Counties, PA.
- Have demonstrated community service activities within programs/agencies funded by United Way.
- Meet minimum academic requirements (GPA of 2.5 or better).
- Submit a valid FAFSA Score (SAI number). Copy of the page indicating score must be attached.
- Be accepted by an accredited university, college or trade school in a two or four year degree program.
- Complete and submit a valid signed application form along with all required documentation, essay response and letter of reference from the nominating United Way funded program/agency.

APPLICANT DATA

Complete this section with your personal data and include documentation to verify;

- Your permanent home address is within Lackawanna, Wayne or Pike County.
- You are a high school senior attending school in Lackawanna, Wayne or Pike County.

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

List the names and contact information for your parent(s) and/or legal guardian.

HIGH SCHOOL AND TRANSCRIPT DATA

Applicant should identify High School; appropriate School Official; including name, title and telephone number and include a copy of their transcript of grades.

FAFSA SCORE

Applicant must submit a valid FAFSA score (SAI Number). Copy of the page indicating score must be attached.
(Please do not include personal financial information)

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List all high school activities, awards, work experience and honors.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please list the programs and/or agencies where you have demonstrated community service activities and briefly describe your personal involvement.

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

Indicate the name of post secondary school you plan to attend, degree being pursued, and whether it is a two year or four year program.

ESSAY

Attach a typed or printed essay of 1500 words or less on the following topic: (essay should be double-spaced in 12 pt. font)

How have your community service activities contributed to your leadership qualities? Please list specific ways that your Community Service Activities have impacted and changed your individual goals, aspirations and future plans

Please make certain to write your name at the top of your essay. ****AI assisted essays will be disqualified.****

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

All applications must include a written recommendation from the Executive Director or their authorized/ official Agency Staff Representative documenting community service involvement and reasons applicant should be selected. The recommendation must be from a program/agency funded by United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ENCLOSURES

- Letter of recommendation
- Copy of high school transcripts
- Copy of FAFSA (SAI Number) page indicating score
- Essay
- Signed Marketing Release Form (if under 18 years old, must contain signature of parent or guardian)



United Way of
Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike

ANNOUNCEMENT:

2025 Mike Munchak Community Service Scholarship

Dear School District Superintendents/Guidance Departments/Agency Executive Directors:

The United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties has established the aforementioned scholarship program to assist high school students from Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties, PA, who plan to pursue a post-secondary education.

To be eligible, candidates must be actively involved in community service activities in programs funded by this United Way, be full-time resident and/or students of school districts within Lackawanna, Wayne or Pike Counties and accepted by an accredited university, college or trade school, in a two or four year degree program track, for the 2025/2026 school year.

Following are program eligibility criteria and highlights:

- The scholarship amount for 2025 is \$6,300.00
- The scholarship will be awarded for a one (1) year period only
- Only open to graduating seniors within our school districts
- Demonstrate commitment through community service activities
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Applicants must be graduating seniors from a public, private, parochial or charter school within either of the two counties

Scholarship packets including applications have been enclosed with this announcement to each school district in the Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike County area in January 2025. **An online version is available on our website located at www.uwlc.net. Please note that one component of the application is a Letter of Recommendation for the student from either you or your designee.**

All completed application packets must be returned no later than March 31, 2025. Any incomplete packets will not be considered. Send to:

United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike Counties
Attn: Community Service Scholarship Committee
PO Box 526
Scranton, PA 18501-0526

The scholarship winner will be selected by April 30, 2025. The winner and his/her parents or guardian will be invited to the dinner and auction portion of the Mike Munchak Charity Golf Classic in June 2025 at the Scranton Country Club. The formal presentation of the scholarship will take place at that time when the winner will meet Mike and have photos taken together.

Please contact Frank Kincel at the United Way - 570-343-1267 ext 233 or email him at fkincel@uwlc.net with any questions pertaining to the program outline or the application.

We hope to see a wide array of gifted and committed students from our counties represented in the applicant pool for this incredible educational and financial gift.

Best Regards,



Angela Bassani, Ed.D., CPA
President & CEO

P.S. United Way staff, board members and their immediate families, the Scholarship Selection Committee and their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

CERTIFICATIONS / LIABILITIES

The Scholarship Selection Committee has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on the criteria set forth herein.

All applicants and their parents or guardians, in submitting a signed application, agree to hold harmless the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties and their respective agents, including the Scholarship Selection Committee and agree that the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee is final.

All applicants understand that this is a one-time, one-year scholarship and is nonrenewable. The availability of the Scholarship will be determined annually based on available funding.

The scholarship will be awarded annually at the discretion of the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties pending the availability of funding. Funding for the scholarship will be made available from the proceeds of the Annual Mike Munchak Charity Golf Classic to benefit United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties.

If selected, the scholarship recipient will receive \$6,300.00 for the 2025/2026 award.

A formal awarding of the Scholarship will take place at the Annual Mike Munchak Charity Golf Classic dinner. The 2025 dinner is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025 at the Country Club of Scranton. Photos of recipient and parent (s) will be taken with Mike during the program portion of the tournament. A current photo release must be on file with the United Way prior to the event and is included in the application packet.

Awards are granted without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Mike Munchak Community Service Scholarship shall:

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APPLICATION

Interested applicants are required to complete the application, enclose all required documents of support including your essay and letter of recommendation and mail to the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties, ATTENTION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, PO Box 526 Scranton, PA 18501-0526.

An online version is available and can be completed on our website located at www.uwlc.net.

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Applicants will receive acknowledgement as to the receipt of their application on a rolling basis.

Applicants will be evaluated on the information supplied. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and will only be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee and appropriate staff support.

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PROGRAM/AGENCY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

One recipient will be selected in any given year. The award will be for one year only.

Recipients will be selected from a pool of qualified applicants with consideration given to those who demonstrate an extraordinary involvement in community service with a United Way funded program/agency, past academic performance and future potential, statement of career goals, unusual personal family circumstances, response to the essay question and stated recommendations of program/agency Executive Director or their authorized official Agency Staff Representative.

Selection of recipients is made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. At no time will any officer or employee of the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties be part of the selection process. All applicants, in submitting a signed application, agree that the decision of the Scholarship Selection committee is final.

EXCLUSIONS

United Way staff, board members and their immediate families, the Scholarship Selection Committee and their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties will pay the scholarship in TWO equal installments mailed directly to the college, university or trade school with the checks made payable to the school in the name of the student. The scholarship recipient must furnish the official name, address, phone number and point of contact to the United Way for the check to be posted.

The first payment will be released in August once written notification of acceptance from the school is received by United Way. The second payment will be released in January upon written notification from the recipient demonstrating they maintain a full-time status with the school.

At no time will the scholarship amount exceed the total cost of tuition, books and room and board.



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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES
ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE TYPED /12 POINT / DOUBLE SPACED

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 30, 2025.

APPLICANT DATA

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail Address _____

Are you a high school senior in Lackawanna or Wayne Counties, PA? YES NO - If no you are not eligible to apply

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Last name _____ First _____ MI _____

Address (if different from applicant) _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name _____ Graduation Date _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

ACTIVITIES/AWARDS/HONORS/WORK EXPERIENCE

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past four years. Also list any awards or honors you have received during this period. Additionally, list all work experience you may have attained. *(Attach separate sheet if necessary)*

TRANSCRIPT DATA

A complete transcript is enclosed with this application. (Grade reports are not sufficient). List Name of School Official, Title and Phone

School Official Name _____ Title _____ Telephone () _____

FASFA SCORE (SAI Number) - A Valid Copy Must Be Attached

A valid FASFA Score is required. SCORE _____ Date completed _____ Date Notified _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

List all community service accomplishments including program/agency name, Official Contact Person and briefly describe your involvement and accomplishments. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

Scholarships will only be considered for two year or four year degree programs at fully accredited universities, colleges or trade schools.

Name of post secondary school you plan to attend. _____

Major or course of study _____

- 4 year program 2 year program

ESSAY

Attach a separate TYPED sheet with your completed 1500 word or less essay on the following topic. (Must be double spaced 12 point type)

How have your community service activities contributed to your leadership qualities? Please list specific ways that your Community Service Activities have impacted and changed your individual goals, aspirations and future plans. ****AI assisted essays will be disqualified.****

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Letter of recommendation from United Way funded program/agency Executive Director or official designee is attached.

Agency name _____

Name of authorized Agency Representative submitting letter of recommendation. _____

Title _____

CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS/ENCLOSURES

- Letter of Recommendation High School Transcript Copy Signed Marketing Release Form
 FASFA Score Copy (SAI Number) Essay _____

AGREEMENTS/SIGNATURES

All applicants and their parents or guardians, in submitting a signed application, agree to hold harmless the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike and their respective agents, including the Scholarship Selection Committee and agrees that the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee is final.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Marketing Release Form

**United Way of
Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike**



I, _____, hereby grant permission for the United Way of Lackawanna,
Name (Please print.)
Wayne & Pike Counties to use my picture, likeness, story, etc. in their marketing materials. Such usage includes but is not limited to: print materials, billboards, Internet, video, media outlets, social networking Internet sites and other promotional purposes. I understand that I will not receive compensation for usage, and I hereby waive all rights to inspect and/or approve usage.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Minors (under 18 years of age)

I, _____, hereby grant permission for the United Way of Lackawanna,
Name of Parent/Guardian (Please print.)
Wayne and Pike Counties to use the picture, likeness, story, etc. of my child/children _____
Name of Child/Children (Please print.)
_____ in their marketing materials. Such usage includes but

is not limited to: print materials, billboards, internet, video, media outlets, social networking internet sites and other promotional purposes. I understand that I will not receive compensation for usage, and I hereby waive all rights to inspect and/or approve usage.

Signature of Parent/Guardian of minor child/children: _____

Date: _____

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