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Upper Merion Township's Board of Community Assistance Grant and Scholarship Application Process Opens

Upper Merion Board of Community Assistance Application Process Opens for 2025 Awards KING OF PRUSSIA, PA (November 18, 2024) – As of November 25, 2024, the Upper Merion Township Board of Community Assistance (BCA) application process is officially open for the 2025 Grant and Scholarship Program. Non-profit organizations and sports organizations that directly benefit Upper Merion residents and high school senior and junior students who reside in Upper Merion Township are encouraged to apply for grants and scholarships that are awarded through the BCA. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2025.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

The scholarship program now includes high school juniors and seniors; scholarship winners who are juniors will have a 10-month project window; the project window for seniors lasts 6-months. The benefit of offering the scholarship program to juniors in addition to seniors is that it enables added time for junior applicants to develop a quality project plan and perform a high-value service project while still in high school.

Scholarship Service Project Deadlines:

High School Seniors: December 1, 2025 (6-month project window; scholarship checks are issued in December 2025 in recipient's freshman year of college).

High School Juniors: March 31, 2026 (10-month project window; scholarship check issued in June 2026 after the recipient's high school graduation).

Early Review Period: Scholarship applicants are invited to submit their applications for BCA member review during the Early Review Period. Applications submitted between November 25th and March 17th are eligible for a preliminary review. Feedback will be provided to the student for application improvement.

ABOUT THE BCA

The BCA was established in 2013 by the Board of Supervisors and Valley Forge Casino Resort to provide financial assistance to organizations via grants that benefit Upper Merion residents, and scholarships for graduating high school seniors who reside in Upper Merion Township. "The BCA grants provide a significant benefit to our residents and community organizations," said Greg Waks, Township Supervisor Liaison for the BCA. "I strongly encourage all organizations that provide services to Upper Merion residents to apply. The BCA is pleased to again invite both high school seniors and juniors residing in Upper Merion to apply for a BCA scholarship."

In 2024, \$207,116.79 was awarded to 61 recipients – 38 organizations, 3 sports, and 20 scholarships, including the General von Steuben \$10,000 scholarship, and several Ronald G. Wagenmann \$5,000 scholarship awards.

Since its inception, the BCA has provided more than \$1,700,000 in grants to local organizations benefitting Upper Merion residents and for education scholarships for high school juniors and seniors residing in Upper Merion. For applications and information about the BCA visit umtownship.org. Contact Gerri Vattimo, Upper Merion Township's BCA Staff Liaison, at 484-636-3899 or gvattimo@umtownship.org with any questions.