

Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarship Program



According to Benjamin Franklin, “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” The Ephrata Alumni Association holds that same belief; this is why the Association is dedicated to sponsoring a scholarship program for students in the Ephrata School District. The Association members are proud to have contributed to the wide variety of successes that scholarship recipients have enjoyed in past years and look forward to assisting other students on their journey into further education.



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The Ephrata Alumni Association is supported by a group of individuals who wish to acknowledge students who are academically successful, as well as actively involved in school and community activities, by presenting yearly scholarships. Full scholarship details may be found at EphrataTigersAlumni.com/Scholarships.

In the following summary of application documents and updated information, the Ephrata Alumni Association presents to you the eighteen individuals who have met its criteria and been selected to receive its support. Ephrata High School has successfully graduated many superior young men and women who impacted the school and have now moved on to being the leaders, doers, and problem solvers of the future. This group of scholarship recipients have chosen a variety of destinations in their efforts to enrich their education and expand their vision of career opportunities.



2014 Scholarship Recipient

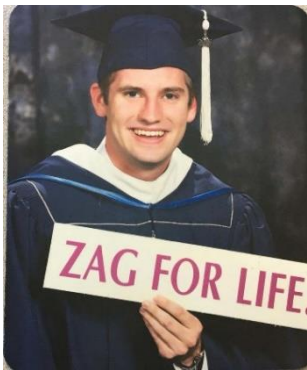
Matthew Mortimer

Scholarship Application: Matthew Mortimer will be attending Gonzaga University at Spokane where he plans to attain an undergraduate degree in Business Administration. In four years, he plans to either pursue a Master of Business Administration or attend law school so that he may practice civil law.

School related activities of Matthew's include serving as Associated Student Body Treasurer and Future Business Leaders of America Chapter President. He was a member of the National Honor Society and attended State competitions as a member of the school's Knowledge Bowl and Math teams. He participated in the sports of cross country and track and field. He was very involved with the school drama department. He was a member of the school's jazz band and, as a symphonic band member, he earned state recognition. He was a member of the All-State High School Marching Band. The volunteer work and personal activities of Matthew were as a Community Church of Ephrata Worship Band member,



Matthew spent his high school years shaping himself into a well-rounded individual. Through sports, advanced courses such as college-in-the-high school, he learned much of his potential and will take the lessons learned at Ephrata High School to gain success in whatever field he chooses to venture.



Up-date: May 14, 2018, Facebook. "I finally have time to unpack what an experience it is to have my BBA in Accounting with a minor in Entrepreneurial Leadership from Gonzaga University. 4 years and 150 credits later, I've learned that I will never finish learning. I have learned, and will continue to learn, so much about accounting, entrepreneurship, general business, philosophy, and religion (among other disciplines) from so many teachers, mentors, and peers as pursuits collide with passion. Attending a Jesuit university has brought out the best in me, and I am looking forward to another year as I finish my Masters in Tax next May."

May 18, 2019 Facebook. "Attending a Jesuit university has brought out the best in me, and I am looking forward to another year as I finish my Masters in Tax next May. Thank you again for making this possible, and I look forward to staying true to my word to give the most that I can whenever I can." **Matthew Mortimer**

2014 Scholarship Recipient Chance Flanigan

Scholarship Application: Chance Flanigan will attend Big Bend Community College at Moses Lake. His education goal is to graduate from the school's Commercial Pilot Program at the top of his class in order to be considered for a job as a flight instructor. His next step will be to complete his bachelor's degree in the Commercial Pilot Program from Central Washington University at Ellensburg.

Chance served as a valued member of the Ephrata High School 100-Year Reunion committee. He impacted the committee in a positive manner with his enthusiasm and youthful perspective. His persistent attitude contributed to the construction of the school's newly-unveiled Celebration Bell.

As a student at Ephrata High School Chance was involved as the Associated Student Body Social Chairman, was a Class Officer and member of the Student Council. He also participated in the Orange "E" Club, the Link Crew Club, and was a member of National Honor Society. He was a member of the football, track/field, and basketball Tiger teams.

Chance volunteered many hours of service to his school; he was willing to sacrifice his time, effort, and hard work for others. He took a simple "more lighting" idea all the way to the school board for their consideration and approval. This resulted in \$12,000.00 being funded by the School District for new lighting on the Ephrata High School campus.

Chance attributes the Ephrata High School's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) class for preparing him to succeed in college and beyond. The class gave him the tools and confidence to go out and live his dream.

Up-date: June, 2019. "I was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Air Force and received my bachelor's degree in Information Technology & Administrative Management from Central Washington University."

Up-date: June 18, 2021. "I have three weeks left in my first phase of pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma. By mid-July I will be done flying the single engine T-6 and will have my wings. The next phase begins right afterwards and is also at Vance. I hope to be chosen to fly the T-1 (twin engine business jet) allowing me to have the



chance to fly heavier aircraft in the Air Force. I will not know what plane I will fly for the Air Force or what base I will be stationed out of until November.

“Since arriving in Oklahoma last May, I assisted in a major safety investigation for the Air Force while waiting for pilot training. Prior to that I worked numerous jobs to include being a cook, ski instructor, and aircraft marshaler before going active duty. I'm very grateful for all the support and aid I have received from the association over the years. Without this scholarship I would not be here doing what I love. I cannot wait to share the rest of this journey with the alumni and association! “



Update: January 03, 2022. “My name is Chance Flanigan and I am a past scholarship recipient of 2014. I am writing this letter because I believe that the scholarship donor(s) and the committee members deserve to see how their generosity has affected my life. Because the Alumni Association Scholarship has invested in my future, I want to show and tell them how that investment has affected me, my family, friends, and the community around me. I hope that you find this letter to reveal how scholarships like this can change people’s lives.

“For those who have never met me, or cannot recall my history, I graduated from Ephrata High School in 2014, with ambitions to become a pilot. Luckily for me, just down the road in Moses Lake was a flight school at Big Bend Community College. I enrolled in the flight program and began taking classes to earn my AA. During my time there, I worked many jobs to help offset the cost of flight training. One special job would influence my future career aspirations within the aviation community.

“This came about my freshman year in college when the Forest Service employed me to marshal fire tankers into the refueling pits at its tanker base in Moses Lake. I soon learned how valuable this kind of work is and how tight knit the aerial firefighter community was. This is when I decided to start researching my options on how I could one day join this career field. With the total number of hours being the driving factor behind this career field, I decided that flying for the military would yield the best results to attain these hours because of the high operations tempo.

“After earning my commercial pilot certificate and AA in two and half years, I made the decision to transfer to Central Washington University to attend their Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program in hopes to fly for the military. A year later, I earned my pilot training slot and was on my way to graduating with a degree. In the spring of 2019, I was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Air Force and received my bachelor's degree in Information Technology &

Administrative Management. Due to the high number of pilots the Air Force has been training, I was told to report a year after graduation to Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma.

“This allowed me to go back to work at the Airtanker Base for a fifth and final wildfire season. After the summer fires died off, I worked as a ski instructor at Stevens Pass Ski Resort. Just as the spring hit, so did COVID-19, and I was forced to wait out what the Air Force wanted me to do. With much surprise, the Air Force told me to pack up and hit the road for a 6-day journey to my new home in Oklahoma. Once I got to Vance AFB, I was told I would have to wait an additional 6 month prior to starting pilot training.

“I was then recruited for a high-profile safety investigation where I typed up witness statements from numerous interviews. Following three months of investigating, 50-thousand words typed up, and a presentation to a 3-star general, I was presented a distinguished award. Finally, I was ready to start pilot training. Out of sheer luck, I was placed into a new Air Force pilot program that aimed at shortening the length of time in training. With no surprise though with a new program, there were numerous delays, errors in the syllabus flow, and kinks that needed to be worked out of the system as I went through. It was a challenging program that demanded all my attention and energy.

“Despite the high demands and stress levels of this program, I had a blast flying the airplane. Doing barrel rolls, loops, formation flights, and low-level terrain following with my classmates will always be some of the fondest memories I had in the program. I finally finished the program a year and half later and was fortunate enough to be assigned the KC-135 refueling aircraft. I will be stationed overseas in the United Kingdom supporting operations in Europe, Africa, and Arctic North. Currently, I’m still in Oklahoma at Altus AFB mastering the KC-135 before heading across the pond in July.

“Although my journey to accomplish my dreams is not over, I wouldn’t have been able to be where I am today without your help. I am forever grateful for all the aid and support this scholarship has given to me and my family. I will never forget what you’ve done for me, and I will do my very best to pay it forward in the future. I hope you find this letter interesting and hopeful. Within the next few years, I will update you again on my progress. Until then, Blue Skies.”

Sincerely, *Chance Flanigan*

2015 Scholarship Recipient

Fredeline “Freddie” Ham

Scholarship Application: Freddie Ham served as the EHS student body president for the 2014-2015 school year. Academically, she committed herself to high achievement maintaining a 3.9 GPA. Her interests were varied. She participated in numerous clubs including FCCLA, Key Club, Spanish Club, Drama and Knowledge Bowl.

Freddie was a member of the girls’ soccer, basketball and softball teams; earning all-league, inspirational, sportsmanship and Gold Letter awards on the school, league and state levels. She also earned a gold letter for her four-year commitment to the pep/marching band.

In 2003 Freddie and her sister Astrid were adopted by the Ham family and brought to the United States from a Haitian orphanage. She set out and became a young lady who is self-reliant, confident, and poised. Mindful of her good fortune, Freddie traveled to Burkina Faso and Mali Africa on a missionary trip in the summer of 2014 where she helped build a church and taught English to the local people. She volunteered her efforts to many worthwhile projects within the school and Ephrata community.



To the scholarship application question as to why she felt she deserved the alumni association scholarship Freddie replied, “I deserve this scholarship because I am a strong student, a very active citizen in the community, and a young adult poised to be successful in my life. I have balanced school, activities, and family throughout my whole high school career. I love to volunteer and give back to my community and the world. “

Freddie will be attending Wenatchee Valley College where she will engage in studies aimed at entering into the medical field to study dentistry. Her aspirations include operating a professional practice and traveling to other countries.

Update: February 14, 2022.

Since graduating from Ephrata High School, Freddie Ham's list of accomplishments is “longer than a receipt from CVS.” She earned her Associate in Arts degree at Wenatchee Valley College, where she was co-captain of the collegiate soccer team, served as student body president for two terms and vice president for one, and oversaw the design and development of the student rec center.



For three years she was the Recruitment Manager, Podcast Manager, and House Manager for a start-up company. During that time, she purchased her first (and not last) investment property in Indianapolis and began her own entrepreneurial venture.

According to Freddie, “She has spent the last six months working remotely while traveling the globe; currently lives in Puerto Rico. Before then she was traveling to Hawaii, Las Vegas, NV; Austin, TX; Palm Beach, FL; Alaska, Indiana, New York, and Costa Rica. She had plans for Europe but decided it was time for her to start adding her own value by contributing to the world with her creations and problem solving.”

Freddie expressed her gratitude to the Ephrata High School scholarship program for helping her kickstart her adventures. ***Freddie Ham***

2015 Scholarship Recipient

Matthew Meulman



Scholarship Application: Matthew Meulman's educational goal is to receive an Applied Arts and Science degree in Diesel/Heavy Duty Equipment at Spokane Community College. He is a member of a farming family and has a love and passion for all things agriculture-related, including but not limited to farm operations and diesel mechanics. In order to help fund his college education Matthew has worked diligently as a farm hand in corn, wheat, and hay farming operations. He also gained the skills required to operate a semi-truck.

Matthew was a four-year letter recipient as a member of the Ephrata Chapter of the Future Farmers of America where he served in leadership capacities. While competing in state FFA contests Matt became an outstanding speaker and is able to clearly communicate his ideas to others. FFA Advisor Kent Devine has indicated that "Matt has natural leadership abilities and a mature approach to his responsibilities. He has maintained a clear sense of purpose."

Matthew believes he deserves the Ephrata Alumni Association scholarship because, "I am a driven individual who has worked hard my whole life and realize that many things take hard work to achieve and that to get there you must not rely on others but push yourself and to always be thankful for what you are given and those around you. I feel as if I would make the best of the scholarship money by pursuing a career that, behind the scenes, moves the world."

Update: December 14, 2021.

Grant County Journal. The commissioners of Fire District No. 13 have promoted Matthew Meulman to Captain. "Captain Meulman has demonstrated a commitment to safety, emphasizes team work and is an exceptional problem solver. He will head "C" shift and will bring a new perspective to help build upon the district's leadership."

Update: January 28, 2022.

"I completed my two years at Spokane Community College without being late or missing a single day. I graduated with a gold honor cord; maintaining a GPA of 3.75+. I earned an Associate in Applied Science degree and had multiple job offers before completing my degree."

“I took my first job at North Central Construction and after a year there I was the second main mobile mechanic running all over Washington and Oregon on service calls.

“After 2.5 years I transferred to a sister company Central Machinery Sales which is the local Case IH and Case construction dealer. While there I got to extend my training online as well as being sent to Wisconsin for more in person learning.

“I am now the lead technician for the Case construction side. I run a 2019 service truck all Washington doing computer diagnostics and heavy repair. I also own and operate Meulman Custom Stacking. I have built that business over the past seven years to what it is now. I own equipment capable of baling and stacking hay. Roughly 300k worth of equipment I run after work/ manage. I would be glad to send some pictures of my equipment to better show what they are.

“I am also now the newest Captain at Grant County Fire District 13. I have been a volunteer since 2013. It’s a great honor to be able to represent my department as a Captain.

“I’d like to thank the members of the Ephrata Alumni Association for their contribution to my academic’s. It was a great help for me to be able to instead be able to buy more tools while in the program to better equip myself for my future. If there’s anything else the association would like to know I would be happy to tell you about all my experiences and successes.”

Thank you again!

Matthew Meulman

Facebook.com/Meulman Custom Stacking.



2016 Scholarship Recipient Martin Mendoza

Scholarship Application: Martin Mendoza plans on putting his scholarship money to good use at Washington State University where he plans to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Business Entrepreneurship with the goal of running a hospitality business. During his time at Ephrata High School, he has been involved with the National Honor Society, M.E.C.H.A., Avid, Varsity Soccer Captain, Honor Choir Club, Cabaret, Link Crew, Key Club, and Poetry Out Loud.

Martin's transcript indicates that he is a high academic achiever, earning high marks in Pre-Calculus, Physics, Honors 12, Heritage Spanish 2, American Literature and Trigonometry/Algebra 2. His teachers highly recommended him for the scholarship, noting that he is a well-rounded, hardworking, positive student.



Martin indicated, "I have respected and represented the Ephrata High School to its most beneficial manner and have been a part of its great activities for I knew that one day it would pay off. I hope that this opportunity in receiving this scholarship is one of them. I have given the Ephrata High School my greatest efforts to succeed in life and can say I will take the same and even greater efforts into college."



Update: February 8, 2022. "I have completed an Associate of Arts, General Studies, and Business degrees at South Puget Sound Community college.

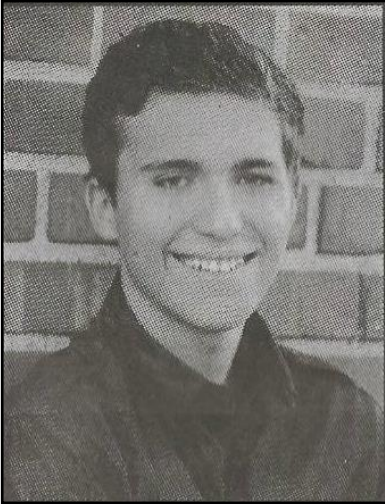
"I am currently a Student Athlete for the Clippers Men's Soccer Team and work as a Student Mentor at South Puget Sound Community College.

"I will be graduating with a fourth Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration and a certificate of completion in Entrepreneurship this winter quarter.

"After SPSCC, I plan to transfer to a four-year Institution in higher education to complete a bachelor's degree." ***Martin Mendoza***

2016 Scholarship Recipient

Thomas Cline



Scholarship Application: Thomas Cline will be attending Big Bend Community College with the goal of being certified as a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA), Bachelor Degree in Exercise Science, and Associate Degree in Business. While attending Ephrata High School he studied American History 101-102, Intro to Shakespeare, Honors English 11, English 101, Chemistry, Physics, Pre-Calculus, and Personal Finance.

Thomas participated in Track and Field, Cross Country, and Wrestling. He was a member of the National Honor Society, EHS Choir, and Choral Club. His teachers agree that he has a very positive attitude about his education and that he is a person who takes a great deal of pride in his work as he strives to make himself better.

Thomas believes he has a plan “that will lead me towards a successful future. I understand what must be done in order to achieve my goals. Having given it much thought, I am confident that becoming a Physical Therapist Assistant is a sound and practical decision.”

Update: February 15, 2022

“Thank you again for selecting me for your scholarship, and for your donor’s generosity. My original plans have not worked out as I thought they would. I’ve been moving from job to job the past couple years; I have no idea what direction in terms of career choice I should be pursuing. I attended one quarter of CNC Machining at Everett Community College in 2019 which abruptly ended due to lock downs. I was working at a medical device manufacturing company for a year and a half, however I was furloughed and then laid off along with a good portion of the company. I started a pressure washing company with two good friends but soon realized how much red tape is involved, and how unnecessarily complicated running a business is (especially in Washington).

“Personally, every job that I’ve had recently has been based solely on the fact that I knew someone at the company. I only achieved an AA, however I cannot in good conscience throw more money away at an institution that has no guarantee that I will have an income. If I were to invest the cost of a bachelor’s "education" by buying a house, or any other financial vehicle; instead of receiving an "education," my net worth would be many times more that of an average

bachelor's grad years down the road in their career (there are of course exceptions, I am speaking from personal experience).

“For the majority of my life, I've lived by the phrase ‘The best advice in life is free.’ In recent years however, I’ve learned that the center piece of that advice is ‘always do opposite of what the majority is doing”. From observation and firsthand experience, people who pursued higher education (Bachelors or higher) are in crippling debt, and are more financially encumbered than those who did not pursue higher education. A college education is not the golden ticket into the next income bracket, contrary to what we are taught in high school.

“As for my long-term goals, I hope one day I will make enough money to raise a family on a single income. However, going into lifelong debt to achieve that is not an option in my eyes. I encourage anyone to apply for scholarships, as they can change family history as it did for me. I am the first member of my family to go to college, in part to this scholarship. Whether or not a college education will help you in the long run? I have yet to see or experience the benefits.”

Thank you again for your generosity,
Thomas D. Cline

2017 Scholarship Recipient

Jennifer Santiago Sanchez



Scholarship Application: Jennifer Santiago Sanchez, who ranks academically in the top ten-percent of the class of 2017, will apply her scholarship award to attend the University of Washington to major in pre-health sciences. From Jennifer's application: "While I am sure that there are plenty of other worthy applicants I should be considered for this scholarship because I believe to be qualified to represent the value that it holds and be an asset to invest into. While I have sustained an education at Ephrata High School, I have also been involved with extracurricular activities which include National Honor Society, Spanish Club, tennis, soccer, and the Choral Arts Club. While I have been dedicated to these programs, I have also been a member of JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) and an ambassador for GEAR UP, both programs advocating for students to pursue a higher education.

"While at high school I have also had the opportunity to attend CB TECH, a technical school located in Moses Lake. The Professional Medical Careers class they offered, gave me the opportunity to earn my nursing assistant certification and the incentive to pursue a career in the medical field. I have always loved helping people, but because of my family circumstances I have never truly considered the medical field to be an option. Yet, this class not only let me directly experience working with patients, but also broke that barrier that I had created for myself, limiting myself because of my background. I now whole-heartedly believe that I can achieve my goal to attend a four-year university and continue my education by attending medical school and becoming a doctor, thus applying for this scholarship."

Jennifer completed her application, "If I receive the alumni association scholarship, I believe that it will be an investment not only to my future, but also of many others that I plan to help through the degree that I will earn."

Up-date: University of Washington Dean's List - Autumn 2020 Quarter.

Major: Public Health. **Study abroad program:** Windows to Oaxaca – Migratory Impacts and Leadership on Sustainable Development Goals. **Destination:** Mexico

“I chose the program as a means to learn and delve more into the history and culture of my identity as an indigenous Mexican American woman. I wanted to go abroad, so I thought why not the country where my family is from? It was an opportunity that I needed to take advantage of or else I would definitely regret it later on.

“The program was an immersive experience through language, education, and culture. I learned in an academic setting about migration and the impacts it has on language, education, and culture in the indigenous communities of Oaxaca. Learning wasn’t only in the classroom, but in the immersive experience of going to Oaxaca. Exploring what the community had to offer in a sustainable manner coinciding with our studies of sustainable development and cultural intersectionality.



“As a person of color living in the United States, I have always felt out of place. However, for the first time, I felt like I belonged. I would have people approaching me and asking me for directions, something that I’m not really used to. While it was unexpected, this sense of belonging helped boost my confidence and pride in my identity because it made me see the beauty of all aspects of who I am.

“My biggest concern was the financial aspect of studying abroad, however there were many resources at my disposal. I spoke to study abroad advisors who helped find the right scholarships for my study abroad. Luckily, I received a scholarship for my study abroad which helped greatly.

“Studying abroad has helped me in my future endeavors because it helped solidify a confidence in my identity and who I am as a person. Moreover, it made me realize the importance of my experiences because while it may be something I alone experienced, the situations that I have come across are not. There are many students who are first-generation, indigenous, or experience other adversity in their lives. It made me realize that I am not alone, nor have I ever been.”

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2017 Scholarship Recipient

Denise Lopez



Denise Lopez plans to apply her scholarship award to attend either Big Bend Community College or Spokane Falls Community College. Her plans are to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design or Illustration.

She is described by Ephrata High School's art teacher as, "A person of character and integrity. She has a strong code of conduct, is a trustworthy individual, has an incredible work ethic, and is teachable. I would rank Denise as being in the top five-percent of my best all-time students in 18 years of teaching art."

Denise has earned recognition as an Adobe Certified Association in Visual Communications, Certificate of Attendance 2016-17, Microsoft Office Specialist Excel 2013 Certificate, Microsoft Office Specialist Word 2013, Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint 2013 Certificate, and National Honor Society Certificate of Membership. Important classes that Denise has completed along the way to earning a 3.989 GPA include History 136 & 137, American Literature, English 201, Human Biology, Medical Terminology, Government, and Math in Society.

Denise's thoughts on receiving scholarship, "I think I deserve this scholarship because I am a well-rounded student who takes their education very seriously. Pursuing secondary education is very important to me and my goals."

2018 Scholarship Recipient

Rachel Boruff

Scholarship Application: “Because of the impact my counselors have made on my life, I am pursuing a career in school counseling with the motive to help and serve others,” Rachel Boruff wrote in her application for one of the alumni association’s scholarships. “As far back as I can remember I have thought of every possible way to help fund and further my education; it has become a passion.”

To reach her goal, Rachel excelled academically at Ephrata High School as well as a student in the Running Start program at Big Bend Community College. On June 1st she graduated with the Ephrata High School Class of 2018 and received an Associate’s degree from Big Bend. Her plan for furthering her education is to attend Eastern Washington University.



Since age fourteen Rachel has worked at Splash Zone, the Ephrata community pool, working her way up to the lifeguard position and obtaining all of the skills and knowledge necessary to complete her job. She was a competitive swimmer for nine years and earned a varsity letter with the Ephrata Tigers.

Volunteering for activities around Ephrata High School, Big Bend and in the community of Ephrata is a very important part of Rachel’s life. School activities included the Key Club, encouraging students to volunteer in the community, and the Future Business Leaders of America where she served as its local president and participated in regional activities. At Big Bend she served as President of the Rho Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Up-date: In 2021, Rachel graduated with a degree in Literacy, Reading, and Writing Elementary Education. She will be attending Central Washington University in the fall of 2021 for the School Psychology graduate program. Rachel thanked the alumni association, “I am so grateful and honored to have received a scholarship from the Ephrata Alumni Association. With their support, I have been able to finish my bachelor's degree, as well as continue my education. It is a reminder that I live in a generous and supportive community that strives to help others succeed. I look forward to each year knowing that I am closer to becoming a School Psychologist as well as my mission to make a difference in the lives of my students.” *Rachel Boruff*

2018 Scholarship Recipient

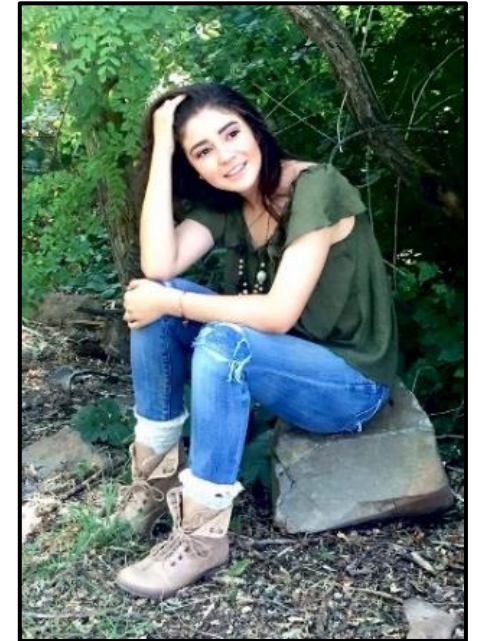
Maricela Sanchez

Scholarship Application: “Maricela Sanchez has not only been a pillar of responsibility throughout her time at Ephrata High School, but also demonstrated dedication, hard-work, and a clear passion for learning,” according to Samantha Byam, teacher at Ephrata High School, “She often exceeds due to her work ethic.”

“As a four-year participant of the EHS Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, Maricela clearly displayed an excellent ability to better herself and her education while being a leader of her peers.”

Maricela served as a team player on the Ephrata High School Unified Special Need soccer team, assisting students to reach their individual skill level. She has donated countless hours of her time working with students with learning disabilities and has worked hard working with the elderly and children with special needs. “I love helping others”, said Maricela, as reason for her volunteering.

“My plans for college are going to Big Bend Community College. In mind I have that I will study hard and give it all I’ve got to have good grades and be able to be a registered nurse”, said Maricela in describing her future plans and how she will make good use of her Ephrata Alumni Association scholarship.

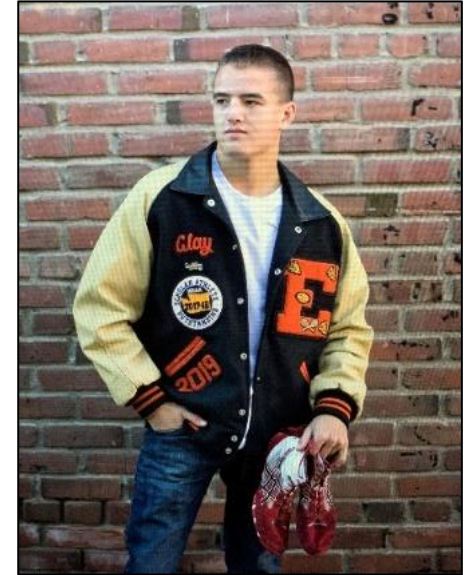


2019 Scholarship Recipient Clay Johns

Scholarship Application: Clay Johns plans to attend Washington State University to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Biology with a further goal of attending medical school. He geared his studies to obtain his goals by taking courses like Math 141 & 142, Human Biology, and Medical Terminology. Clay was involved in STEM Robotics – dealing with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; AVID - Achievement Via Individual Determination.

Other of Clay's activities included student council representative, Math Team, FCCLA (Future Career and Community Leaders of America), National Honor Society, and Men's Choir. He participated in wrestling for four years, ending with a 121-37 record including 64 pins. He completed his second year on the Tennis Team by qualifying to compete in the doubles event at the State Tournament held at the University of Washington.

Clay is reported by his teachers as “an outstanding student and has always challenged himself by taking advanced classes at Ephrata High School. He has earned 45 college credits while maintaining an overall GPA of 4.0”. “Clay's varied experiences have prepared him for the challenges of college, work, and life. He is a person of great character and tremendous potential”



Update: February 15, 2022.

“My name is Clay Johns, I graduated from Ephrata High School in the Class of 2019. As a senior in high school, I knew that I was going to college in order to further my education. I applied to as many scholarships as I could in hopes of getting financial aid to help pay for the expenses of college. I received a total of nine scholarships my senior year, which actually paid for the entire first year of my college journey. I highly recommend applying for scholarships, especially your senior year of high school, because it not only provides you with an opportunity to pay for college but also opens the door to many networking connections that otherwise would not have been made. My senior year of high school was also the most scholarships I have received in one year, there are several scholarships only offered to graduating high schoolers and you should all take advantage of that.

“I am currently a junior at Washington State University studying Biology with a focus in Pre-Med. I have been studying hard for the MCAT (which is a medical school admissions test) and plan to take it in May 2022, then I will be applying

for medical school in June 2022. I have had an amazing college experience up to this point that has been filled with countless life-time friendships, networking connections, community volunteering, and lots of useful academic and life skill knowledge. I have goals to go to medical school and after graduating from there, become a surgeon.

“Through the help of scholarships, the burden of college expenses has been lifted from my shoulders a great deal. Anybody is capable of being awarded a scholarship, you just have to put in the time and hard work. I wish you all the best in your academic and career adventures after high school.”

Sincerely, *Clay Johns*

Note: Clay was named to the Washington State University Fall 2021 Dean's List. To qualify for the list Clay was required to earn 12 quality hours (QHRS) and receive a GPA of 3.5 or better.

2019 Scholarship Recipient McCall DeChenne

Scholarship Application: McCall DeChenne is set to pursue a degree in Biology with specialized Biomedical track. Her ultimate goal is to become a large-animal veterinarian. To reach her goals she has studied college-in-the-high school (CIH) courses in human biology, medical terminology, global issues, Spanish 102 & 103, chemistry, and government. She has also been involved in a College and Career Readiness course.

McCall's activities included: National Honor Society, SkillsUSA Club, Tiger Leadership Council, Executive Board, Orange E Club and Drama Club. She was a four-year member of the Tiger Track Team where she is the school record holder in the 300m hurdles, 100m hurdles, and 4x200 relay. She is a repeat State Track Meet champion in her specialty, the 100m hurdles. McCall was a four-year member of the Soccer Team and a three-year member of the Basketball Team. During her senior year she was on the Unified Basketball Team where she was a mentor, teammate and coach to high school students with special needs.



Teacher, "McCall's positive character traits have helped lead her to great success. It starts with her passion for working hard at all times and enjoying the journey. She sets lofty goals for herself and is willing to put in the effort to reach them".



Up-date: June 18, 2021. "I am currently on track to complete a B.S. in Biology with a Biomedical specialization from Central Washington University and plan to graduate in Spring of 2023. Next spring/summer I will begin the application process of applying to a College of Veterinary Medicine, where I hope to complete the next step in my career goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian. My top choice for DVM programs is Washington State University but I also plan to apply to Colorado State University and Oregon State University's programs as well.

"This summer I am working on gaining the animal experience hours that are required for the applications. I am still a member of the CWU track and field team, where I was able to compete in the 2019-2020 indoor season however lost the 2020 outdoor and 2020-2021 indoor season due to COVID-19. In May, I was able to complete my first outdoor track and field season and competed in the heptathlon with a 4th place finish in the conference and was the 400m hurdle conference champion.

"Thanks for selecting me as a past recipient of the Ephrata Alumni Association scholarship program!"



Update: January 26, 2022. “I am in my third year at Central Washington University pursuing a degree of Biology with a specialization in Biomedical Science and will be set to graduate in the Spring of 2023.

“This upcoming summer, I will be applying to various schools of Veterinary Medicine in hopes of being accepted for the Fall of 2023, but I've got my fingers crossed for Washington State University. My long-term career goals include becoming a veterinarian with a focus on large animal medicine.

“Currently, I'm serving as vice president of CWU's Pre-Vet club while we get it back up and running after a yearlong hiatus. One of our main events is a "suture night" where we learn and practice our stitching techniques on fruit and pig feet.

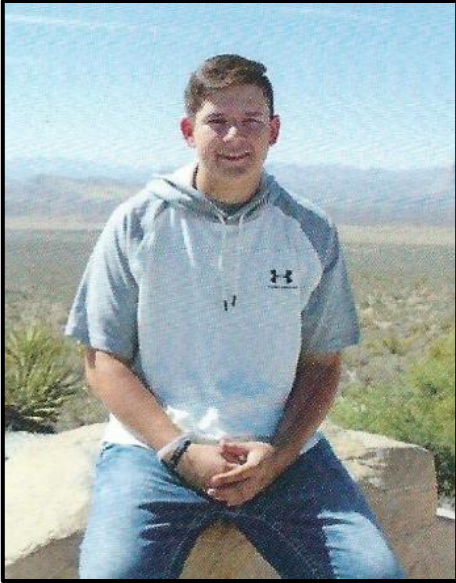
“While I've been at CWU, I am also a member of their Track & Field team where my main events are the 400m hurdles and the heptathlon. Right now, we are in the middle of our indoor season, getting ready for the league championships at the end of February.”

Thank you for reaching out!

Sincerely,

McCall DeChenne

2019 Scholarship Recipient Brennen Bazaldua



Scholarship Application: Brennen Bazaldua will be attending Eastern Washington University with the intent of receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering. To help ensure his goal he has studied geometry, advanced algebra/trigonometry, pre-calculus, and college pre-calculus, along with Integrated Sciences 1 & 2, chemistry, and physics. He has been an Honors English student for four years, studied Spanish, college US history, American Literature, and global issues.

Sports activities for Brennen included being a member of the Tiger Baseball Team for four years and the Football Team for two years. He was a member of the school Choir-four years, National Honor Society-three years, and served as a Baseball Representative to the student council.

Teachers and friends describe Brennen as “an intelligent young man with an inquisitive nature; is self-driven, motivated, and possesses the qualities necessary for success”. “He has distinguished himself as a leader and top achiever amongst his peers. He earned a

3.91 GPA while taking challenging courses including college in the high school dual credit class; allowing him to earn university credit in a secondary setting.

Update: February 14, 2022.

“Brennen has been attending Eastern Washington University since he graduated from high school. He is majoring in mechanical engineering and will have one more year left after this year. His career goal would be to come back to Grant County and work as an engineer. Thank you for supporting him with your scholarship it was greatly appreciated!”

Heidi Bazaldua

Note: Brennen was named to the Eastern Washington University Fall 2021 Dean’s List. To qualify for the list Brennen was required to earn 12 quality hours (QHRS) and receive a GPA of 3.5 or better.

2020 Scholarship Recipient

Emmie Dilling



Scholarship Application: At Ephrata High School Emmie Dilling completed courses in preparation for her further education such as Honors English, College English, College Human Biology, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Pre-calculus, Algebra III, College Math in Society, College World Studies, College U.S. History, College Global Issues, Chemistry, Physics and Spanish I/II. She maintained a 3.779 GPA.

Emmie participated in activities including the Associated Body leadership, Key Club, Leadership Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Cabaret and Spanish Club. She participated in soccer, basketball and golf.

Among the honors she received were being named by the Central Washington Athletic Conference as a 3-Sport Honor Student (scholarship) and to the All-conference team in golf. She was chosen as Homecoming Queen. She received Grand Champion in art, Best of Show in photography and showed a Blue-Ribbon sheep at the Grant County Fair.

Emmie was a member of the Basin Youth Bells-Operation Christmas Child, Joyful Noise Piano, 4-H member, Tiger Sharks Swim Team as a swimmer/coach and worked at the Splash Zone Pool as a lifeguard/instructor.

Emmie is firmly committed to the field of medicine, whether it be with people or animals, exploring options either as a medical professional or in the field of veterinary science. She will be attending Washington State University.

Update: January 31, 2022

“I am Emmie Dilling and would like to give you a little update on myself. I graduated from Ephrata High School in 2020 during the start of the COVID pandemic. My first year of college was spent at home attending Washington State University online, with my parents as my roommates. While taking online classes I also worked as a Barista for Red Silo Coffee and coached an awesome group of kids in swimming out at Shady

Acres. They call themselves the Shady Sharks. I also volunteered at St. Rose of Lima School, as both a tutor for students who were being educated online and a GTA bus chaperone for students from the Quincy area.

“I am happy to report that this year I am getting to experience college life in person. I attend class at WSU where I am a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. I am currently taking classes like Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, and Statistics. My goal is to pursue a career in nursing and would eventually like to apply to Physician’s Assistant School.

“I am very involved in my sorority where I have been chosen as a Recruitment Counselor for the 2022 school year. I am a member of ROAR, where I am a Social Ally helping students of need with college tasks. I have joined the Pre-Nursing and Pre-Health Clubs.

“Attending college in the midst of a pandemic has not been easy, but I have worked hard to keep my grades up, earning the President’s Honor Roll Award. The last two years since graduation have been a whirlwind of both excitement and challenges. I am again excited to see what next year will bring and hope to continue to attend college in person. I have really enjoyed WSU and the many new friends I have made along with all of the new experiences I am gaining.

“Here in Ephrata, I am a member of the Ephrata Alumni Association and they have provided support to me both financially through a scholarship and by staying connected to my college progress. Receiving that support has been a great help to me, making the financial burden of college easier. I am forever grateful to live in a community that supports and values education. The reality is I am just thankful to be able to attend college in person, and will continue to keep striving to reach my goals.” *Emmie Dilling*

Note: Emmie was named to the Washington State University Fall 2021 Dean’s List. To qualify for the list Emmie was required to earn 12 quality hours (QHRS) and receive a GPA of 3.5 or better.

2020 Scholarship Recipient

Kayla Anderson



Scholarship Application: Kayla Anderson prepared for her future education by taking challenging courses while simultaneously attending Ephrata High School and Big Bend Community College. She studied Pre-calculus, Chemistry, college US History, American Literature III, college English, college Pre-calculus, Human Biology, and, at the time of her submission, she was enrolled in college Precalculus, Medical Terminology, HED, and college Spanish. Her high school GPA was 3.945 and college GPA was 3.68.

Kayla was a member the Tiger jazz, percussion, symphonic, marching and pep bands. She was involved with Cabaret productions, played basketball and tennis and belonged to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the Spanish, and Band clubs. Kayla was recognized as Student of the Month-five times, Ephrata Tiger Orange Card-ten times, member of the National Honor Society and 4-Year Letter Winner for band.

Kayla has set her goal to becoming an emergency room nurse. She has a strong desire to have a job where she can make an impact and difference in the lives of those in need. She will be attending Washington State University.

Update: January 29, 2022.

“I am currently a second year, pre-nursing student at Washington State University finishing up my prerequisites. I will hopefully be attending the WSU nursing program in Tri-Cities starting Spring 2023. My current employment is at Cougar Country in Pullman, WA. Hopefully this current employment won't be much longer as I'm trying to get my Certified Nursing Assistant license and get a job soon after. My goals are to try to get into the nursing program and continue to accept any challenge thrown at me.” **Kayla Anderson**

2020 Scholarship Recipient

Berlyn Stevems

Scholarship Application: Berlyn Stevens was enrolled in several challenging courses while attending Ephrata High School and at Big Bend Community College where she was a running start student; earning transfer degree. She successfully completed three quarters of general chemistry and calculus, as well as various humanity and social science classes. In addition, she completed high school Intro to Agriculture. She maintained a 3.978 GPA in honor classes at Ephrata High School and was on the President's List the past two years at Big Bend Community College.



Berlyn participated in various sports such as volleyball, basketball and track. She was a band member competing in Solo Ensemble competitions, concert band, pep band and marching band. She was a member of the National Honor Society where she served as the vice-president.

Berlyn volunteered at local animal shelters, senior thrift centers and through community events such as Relay for Life.

Berlyn has worked in the field of agriculture as a machine operator and job shadowed at a veterinary clinic. Berlyn plans to attend Washington State University and pursue a degree in Zoology. After, she plans to apply to a school of Veterinary Medicine to ultimately become a large animal veterinarian.

Note: Berlyn was named to the Washington State University Fall 2021 Dean's List. To qualify for the list Berlyn was required to earn 12 quality hours (QHRS) and receive a GPA of 3.5 or better.

2021 Scholarship Recipient

Maxwell Boruff

Scholarship Application: Max Boruff graduated with a diploma from Ephrata High School as well as an Associate's degree from Big Bend Community College in 2021. He has chosen to attend Eastern Washington University because of the Doctorate's graduate program offered in Physical Therapy. He has concluded that, "The great thing about a career in physical therapy is it has a wide range of opportunities. This continually changing field will allow me to certify in different areas anytime or until I find a spot that I can be successful. My long-term goal on the other hand is to minor in business and run my own sports physical therapy business. I want to help injured athletes and people who desire to be physically active."



In order to obtain his objective Max enrolled in academically rigorous coursework at EHS, earning a 4.0 cumulative GPA. While attending BBBC as a Running Start Student, he took advanced classes that counted as prerequisites for the medical track at EWU including Chemistry 161-163, Diversity requirements, and math classes. He was on the EHS Honor Roll, a member of National Honor Society and named to "Presidents List" at BBCC.

Max is an outstanding musician and has performed with the EHS Choral and Band Departments and was a member of a Youth Group Worship Band. He has played piano since age six and believes that this foundation of music has allowed him to use his talents to give back to the community.

At EHS, Max held leadership positions with the Associated Student Body, Key Club, FBLA and Spanish Club. He was a member of the Tiger Golf and Cross-Country teams. His out-of-school activities included participating with the Ephrata Tiger Shark and Moses Lake Manta Ray Swim Teams.

Max is justly proud of his involvement with the Waypoint Chess Tournament. After seven years of developing skills, he became the Waypoint Champion and realized along the way, "With hard work and determination I can be successful in the continuing game of life".

Max has shared that, “From an early age I was taught the valuable lesson of taking education seriously and I have worked hard and stayed focused being determined to do my best academically. Throughout the years I have learned how to turn challenges into new opportunities; I know I am prepared for the next chapter of education in my life”.

Update: February 14, 2022

“Being a recipient of the Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarship has been very helpful in making this year at Eastern Washington University possible. The financial support has allowed me to focus on my education, learning how to live on my own, and being able to participate in school events. I have also been able to join climbing club which will be participating in NC3 competitions competing with schools such as University of Washington, Washington State University, University of Idaho, and Walla Walla.

“After graduating from Ephrata High School, I have spent the last two quarters at Eastern Washington University pursuing a bachelor’s in Biology / Pre-Physical Therapy. After this year, I will be finished with the biology series, physics series and chemistry series. My goal is to stay at Eastern for the next couple of years to join the Doctor of Physical Therapy program offered. The next step to achieve this goal will be one hundred internship hours at local physical therapy offices before applying for grad school.

“My long-term goal is to also have a minor in business so in the future I will be able to run my own physical therapy clinic. Obtaining these hours with a full-time job wouldn’t be possible without the financial support from the Ephrata Alumni Association, so thank you again for all the support.” *Maxwell Boruff*

Note: Max was named to the Eastern Washington University Fall 2021 Dean’s List. To qualify for the list Max was required to earn 12 quality hours (QHRS) and receive a GPA of 3.5 or better.

2021 Scholarship Recipient

Caden Sheneman



Scholarship Application: Caden Sheneman posted on his scholarship application, “I strongly believe I deserve the Alumni Association Scholarship because I feel that I left one of the biggest impacts at Ephrata High School of all time.” And, he has the letters of recommendation to prove it! According to EHS teachers, Caden has been dedicated to extracurricular activities that helped shape EHS into a fantastic scholastic/athletic institution. His ability to not only succeed in the classroom and manage his time in multiple extracurricular activities was outstanding.

In the classroom Caden excelled with a 3.9 GPA including courses in College History 136/137, Honors English 12, Math in Society/Algebra III, Commercial Photography and Drawing I/II. He was a member of National Honor Society.

In athletics Caden served on the Tiger Athletic Leadership Council while participating on the Tiger Basketball, Track and Field, and Football programs. He was voted Captain and Most Inspirational on the Basketball team.

As for Caden’s other impacts on EHS, he served the Associated Student Body Council as a Boy’s Representative and then, during his senior year, as President. During his time as a representative, he came up with the idea of “Tuesday Newsday” to get more students involved through the school’s announcements. “Tuesday Newsday” became a weekly news channel where the members of the ASB record short segments that go over school news, sports, clubs, and achievements of staff and students. Caden took on the project and was in charge of the script, filming, set up, and editing.

As President of the ASB, Caden continued his work with the news channel. He created other ideas for the channel such as focusing on Mental Health Awareness and new activities that align with the rules due to COVID-19. Caden’s other work within film and graphic design has significantly increased the use of this technology and major improvement in digital media at EHS.

Caden will be attending Eastern Washington University to become knowledgeable in graphic design, film, photography, or in digital media. He hopes to earn a Bachelor’s Degree and graduate by 2025.

Because of his role as President of ASB Caden has been awarded a Life Membership in the Ephrata Alumni Association. The association is happy to include such a talented young man amongst its members.

Update: January 26, 2022.

“I am happy to say that life so far as an independent individual is going extremely well! I am currently attending Eastern Washington University studying Film. Although college is very expensive, I am truly grateful now that I put the time in to apply to scholarships, especially The Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarship. If I hadn't applied to any scholarships before and hadn't earned any money, things would definitely be a lot more stressful than they are now. Don't get me wrong, the workload in college can really be a lot, but with the scholarship money I had been awarded things are a lot easier financially, especially with books and supplies.

“I have recently joined the EWU Cheer Team to become a stunter, which has so far been so much fun and has allowed me to meet tons of new people. I am excited to see what other opportunities this school has to offer, and I really look forward to pursuing a future career that I can enjoy and support my family.

“Once again, I would like to thank the members of The Ephrata Alumni Association for choosing me as an award winner for the 2021-2022 school year, and I highly recommend applying for this scholarship because it will 100% pay off in the end.”

Sincerely,
Caden Sheneman

Note: Caden was named to the Eastern Washington University Fall 2021 Dean's List. To qualify for the list Caden was required to earn 12 quality hours (QHRS) and receive a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarships



The Ephrata Alumni Association is supported by a group of individuals who wish to acknowledge students who are academically successful, as well as actively involved in school and community activities, by presenting yearly scholarships. A committee, appointed by the Association President Michael Lehmann, will administer the scholarship program. The Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarship Committee will meet prior to the Annual Meeting in March of each year to review requirements for the current years' scholarship applicants. The committee will recommend the number and dollar amount of scholarship(s) to be presented to Ephrata High School graduating senior(s). This information will be presented at the association's Annual Meeting.

The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, Gail Smith-Scellick, will work with the counselors at Ephrata High School to provide a list of scholarship requirements and supply information and application forms to interested students. The information will be posted on the school's website and be available for consideration by all seniors attending the school. Applications are to be received by school counselors at a predetermined date and will be forwarded to the Ephrata Alumni Association selection committee.

The members of the Ephrata Alumni Association scholarship selection committee will meet to consider applications and determine the applicant(s) who they deem worthy of receiving the association-funded scholarship(s). Date of announcement and presentation of scholarships will be determined by Ephrata High School administrators.

Requirements – 2022

Two scholarships for selected seniors graduating from the Ephrata School District and attending a two or more-year College, University, Vocational, Technical, or Trade School located within the State of Washington for the purpose of obtaining a degree, equivalent of a degree, or advanced degree. Financial need is considered in awarding of scholarships. Priority is given to well-rounded graduating seniors who are active in extra-curricular school and community activities.

Applications containing the following are to be received by school counselors by **April 15, 2022** and will be forwarded to the Ephrata Alumni Association selection committee.

- Copy of certified high school and/or college transcripts
- Completed Requirements and Personal Information Section
- Completed Higher Education Information Section
- Completed General Scholarship Information Section
- Three or more Letters of Recommendation

**Members of the Ephrata Alumni Association
Other Ephrata High School Graduates
Supporters of Students in the Ephrata School District**

Board members of the Ephrata Alumni Association believe that since you have now been informed regarding the significance its scholarship program has with graduating seniors of Ephrata High School, you will want to play a part of supporting this program. The achievement reports of the previous scholarship recipients, as reported in this document, indicate that the Association's scholarship choices have been well founded. The Association, school, and local community can be proud to have had a part in turning out such a well-rounded group of young people.

Scholarship funding is obtained by the Association in a variety of ways; **MEMBERSHIP** being the main source. **DIRECT PAYMENTS** to the Association with purpose of supporting the scholarship fund is another. Funds directed for scholarship use is also derived from **MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS** and **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**. Full reporting of funding can be found on EphrataTigersAlumni.com/Scholarship. Your financial support of this program will be greatly appreciated by the Ephrata High School Alumni Association and future Tiger Seniors.

Please consider supporting the Ephrata Alumni Association and its scholarship program and various other projects. Copy, print, and send the following document.

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!



Ephrata Alumni Association Board members have been challenged to enroll two new members into the Association before the next annual meeting on March 14, 2022. You can help any one of the board members by indicating their name on your membership/donation form attached.

Give your support to Association Board members 2021-2022: President Michael Lehmann, Vice-President Sheila Billingsley Massey, Secretary Beverly Mayer, Treasurer Gail Smith-Scellick, and members Jerry Pitts, John Kriete, Linda Pierce Pierson, Terri Pitts Moncrief, Katie Allstot Johnson, and Katie Greene-Johnson.

Ephrata Alumni Association

2022 Membership Application

Scholarship/Memorial Donation Form

Alumni Name_____ Class Year_____

Associate (supporter)_____

Address_____

Email_____

Annual membership	\$ 10.00	Annual membership fee of \$10.00 is due each January.
Life membership	\$100.00	Life membership of \$100.00 is a one-time fee.
Veteran membership	\$ 75.00	Life memberships of \$75.00 is a one-time fee for military veterans.
Associate membership	\$_____	Annual and life levels of membership available to supporters.
Scholarship donation	\$_____	In any amount, thank you.
Memorial donation	\$_____	In the name of _____ Class Year_____
Memorial membership	\$ 100.00	In the name of _____ Class Year_____

Checks payable to Ephrata Alumni Association Total Enclosed \$_____

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