

## Delaware Valley Section Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarship Program Award Criteria

1. Applications must be received by November 1, 2017 for consideration.
2. Several thousand dollars in scholarship funds are expected to be distributed in 2017 with a minimum award of \$500 to the successful applicants.
3. **Eligibility:**
  - a. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have permanent resident status.
  - b. The applicant must be enrolled in a four-year college program leading to a bachelor's degree in a program related to the Highway Design and Construction industry, preferably civil engineering.
  - c. One of the following criteria must be met:
    - i. Permanent resident of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia, or Montgomery Counties
    - ii. Enrolled in, or accepted to, a college or university in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia, or Montgomery Counties
  - d. College students must submit their most recent college transcripts, unofficial copies are acceptable, including grades for the most recent semester completed. Applicants in high school or their first semester must submit copies of SAT scores and high school transcripts.
4. **Evaluation:** Each applicant will be evaluated on a point system as follows:
  - a. Performance Factors - 20 points maximum
    - i. First semester freshman will be rated on their SAT or ACT. The reading and writing score will count a maximum of 8 points and the math score will count a maximum of 12 points.
    - ii. College students will be rated on the cumulative grade point average at the time they apply for the scholarship.
  - b. Evaluation of Applicant - 80 points maximum
    - i. Evaluation of the applicant's activities and honors, work experience (past and upcoming for this summer) leadership positions and distinguishing qualifications (40 points maximum).
    - ii. Evaluation of career goals based on content, clarity of ambitions, grammar and spelling (40 points maximum).
  - c. Bonuses – 10 points each
    - i. ASHE dependent
    - ii. No previous award
    - iii. Permanent Resident of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia, or Montgomery Counties
    - iv. Attend College in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia, or Montgomery Counties
5. Candidates selected to receive a scholarship may be invited for an interview with the selection committee to determine the amount of the scholarship. The interview would be held in the King of Prussia area in December 2017.
6. The application form is available as an Excel spreadsheet at <http://delvalley.ashe.pro/>.
7. All applications should be sent to:  
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Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
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King of Prussia, PA 19406  
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