



- As a reminder, CCTI will be closed for holiday break from December 24th through January 4th and will reopen on January 5th. We hope all of our students and staff members and their families have a wonderful holiday season!
- Transportation Information
The following transportation information has been confirmed for:
Friday, December 19 through Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Jim Thorpe

Friday, December 19, 2025

All buses will be running on a regular basis

Monday & Tuesday - December 22, 23, 2025

Full time - Please follow your special run schedule pick-up time

½ time - Regular schedule

Leighton

Friday, December 19, 2025

All buses will be running on a regular basis

Monday & Tuesday - December 22, 23, 2025

Full time - Please follow your alternate schedule pick-up time

½ time - Regular schedule

Palmerton

Friday, December 19, 2025

All buses will be running on a regular basis

Palmerton students will be dismissed from CCTI at 10:25 a.m.

Palmerton P.M. students will not report to CCTI.

Monday & Tuesday - December 22, 23, 2025

Full time - Please follow your alternate schedule pick-up time

½ time - Regular schedule

Weatherly

Friday, December 19, 2025

All buses will be running on a regular basis

Monday & Tuesday - December 22, 23, 2025

Full time - Please follow your alternate schedule pick-up time

½ time - Regular schedule

(Mid-day students must have your own transportation to Weatherly High School)

- From January 6th through January 13th our winter Keystone Exams will take place for students who need to re-test or take a test(s) for the first time. All students who need to test would have received a letter in the mail with their student's first marking period report card.

January 6th and 7th will be the literature exams.

January 8th and 9th will be the biology exams.

January 12th and 13th will be the algebra exams.

Good luck to all of our students testing!

- Congratulations to our DECA students who placed at the district competition which was held on Tuesday at LCCC in Schnecksville! All of our DECA students did a wonderful job representing CCTI in the competition, at the awards ceremony, and at conference events! Any student/team who placed 4th and above will move on to the state competition in February. Thank you to Mrs. Rinda, our DECA advisor, for sharing this great news:

- 2nd place: Grace Politi (PV) - Job Interview
- 4th place: Chapter Banner Team - Breena Gracia (L), Addison Ahner (P), and Brook Tanasijczuk (L)
- 4th place: Lea Yemm (JT) - Quick Service Restaurant Management
- 5th place: Chloe Klotz (P) - Hotel and Lodging Management
- 5th place: Kyra Moore (L) - Marketing Communications Series

- For families who may be experiencing food insecurity, the Carbon County Community Foundation has developed a list of all of the local food pantries in our area which can be found on their website: <https://cccfoundpa.org/feeding-our-neighbors-fund/>. Additionally, the Second Harvest Food Bank's website under "Find Food" is also a valuable resource: <https://shfb.lv.org/find-food/>. They have a zip code locator that shows the nearest food pantry or soup kitchen, their contact info, and distribution hours. (clickable links may be found, below)
- Policy reminder: Students are not permitted to drive to CCTI unless they have a valid parking permit issued by Officer Woods. Students are also not permitted to drive to and from school with other students who have parking permits unless they live in the same household as the student with the permit. Students who violate this policy will face disciplinary consequences.
- The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association has several scholarships available for Vocational Technical Students who are graduating from an accredited vo-tech school and pursuing ongoing education at either a trade school, college, or other program.
Applications may be found, below.
- Attention Juniors! The Pennsylvania Department of Education is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University is now accepting applications from talented high school juniors for the summer 2026 program. The information as well as application link has been emailed to all of our juniors and is posted in their Google Classroom and on our Instagram page.

- Attention seniors! If you ordered your cap & gown in October, they have been distributed. If you have not ordered a cap & gown, the price has gone up and will continue to increase the longer you wait to order. The phone number to order with Jeff Crouse is 717-526-4373.
- Please note that the CCTI Prom will be held on Friday May 8, 2026, at Blue Mountain Resort in Palmerton from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a Junior/Senior Prom only. Guests and under class guests will pay \$56.00/ person. CCTI Juniors and Seniors will be responsible for paying for half of the ticket price this year, which will be \$28.00.
- Our CCTI student store, The Hive, has some new merchandise available for sale during both lunch periods. Stop in to get your trucker hats, beanies, T-shirts, and other CCTI swag as well as some tasty, healthy treats.
- Parents of seniors applying to postsecondary school or the military and needing a transcript sent are reminded that if your student is under age eighteen to please email permission (ecolosimo@carboncti.org) or provide a note to Mr. Colosimo, CCTI school counselor.
- The Pennsylvania Student Aid Guide from PHEAA is available online for students and parents of students planning on attending postsecondary school during the 2026-2027 school year. It is available at the following link:
<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/80568904/>
(clickable link may be found below)

- Student dress code reminder: According to our student handbook, pajama tops or bottoms are not permitted to be worn to school.
- Information for Seniors from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

With the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) opening last month, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has been working to prepare our PA State Grant processing system, GrantUsSM for the upcoming award year. We are now pleased to announce that processing for the 2026-27 PA State Grant Program has been initiated.

- New this year, a pre-screening methodology allows us to perform immediate review of the student's FAFSA data to determine whether the student meets initial PA State Grant applicant criteria through pre-eligibility checks (for example submitted a complete FAFSA, is a PA resident, not in default, etc.) If the student's FAFSA data passes these initial checks the student's record will be created in GrantUS.
- An account activation notice will be sent after the student's FAFSA data successfully passes the pre-screening process if the student does not have an existing account.
- Activation notices will be sent from noreply@grantus.pheaa.org.
- Activation notices are time sensitive and will expire after 5 days. If the student does not access the link before it expires, they can use Forgot Password on the GrantUS log in page.

- Students that have an existing account are not required to make a new account but instead should log in with their existing credentials. Students can select Forgot Password on the login page if they do not remember their password.
- Please remember that attendance is extremely important for students at CCTI and eventually in the working world. Poor attendance and truancy at CCTI may result in fines, and loss of privileges. Due to excessive absenteeism (including days absent accompanied by a parent note), students may also experience loss of credit for the courses taken during the school year (20 Day Policy).
- Parents, please ask your student to show you their Google Classroom so you can see what students are working on in their classes. Also, if a student is absent, he/she is expected to check Google Classroom to retrieve and complete assignments to avoid falling behind.
- After school tutoring and clubs and activities are available. Please see Ms. Hyjurick in room 311 for more information about after-school tutoring or see Ms. Benyo in room 203 for more information about staying after school to attend a club/activity meeting. Please consider using our free tutoring resource to maintain a positive grade point average and/or for extra support. Please consider getting involved in a CCTI club/activity.

- Please be aware that our school has installed vape detectors in bathrooms. These detectors are in place to promote a healthy environment and discourage vaping on campus.

Key Points to Keep in Mind:

- Detection: The detectors can identify vaping in real-time, meaning that if you vape in the bathrooms, you will be caught. Unfortunately, some students have already been caught as a result of the detectors.
 - Consequences: If detected, there will be disciplinary actions, including out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and referral to law enforcement officials (refer to JOC Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia/Mood Altering Substances, Chemical Use, Abuse, and Dependency Policy in the Student/Parent Handbook, and JOC Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion – all are on our website).
 - Health Matters: Remember that vaping can pose significant health risks, and it's important to prioritize your well-being.
- Parents, please help your student get to school on time by dropping them off no later than 7:40 a.m. This will allow students to get to their locker and get ready to start their day at 7:45. Thank you for your cooperation.
 - Parents and students- Please review CCTI's Dress code policy (see pages 20-21 handbook).

- Please see the following informational flyers, etc. below:
 - The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Scholarship Applications
 - Position Vacancy – HVAC Instructor
 - Student/Parent Financial Aid Webinar Sign-Up Information.

Sincerely,

Dave Reinbold
Administrative Director
570-325-3682 ext. 1502

and

Michele Connors
Principal
ext. 1505

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Carbon Career and Technical Institute – Adult Education



- Como recordatorio, CCTI estará cerrado por vacaciones a partir del 24 de diciembre hasta el 4 de enero y volverá a abrir el 5 de enero ¡Esperamos que todos nuestros estudiantes, miembros del personal y sus familias tengan unas maravillosas fiestas!
- Información de transporte
Se ha confirmado la siguiente información de transporte para:
Viernes 19 de diciembre al martes 23 de diciembre de 2025

Jim Thorpe

Viernes 19 de diciembre de 2025

Todos los autobuses funcionarán con regularidad.

Lunes y martes - 22 y 23 de diciembre de 2025

Tiempo completo: siga su horario de recogida de carrera especial

½ tiempo - Horario regular

Lehighton

Viernes 19 de diciembre de 2025

Todos los autobuses funcionarán con regularidad.

Lunes y martes - 22 y 23 de diciembre de 2025

Tiempo completo - Por favor, siga su horario de recogida alternativo

½ tiempo - Horario regular

Palmerton

Viernes 19 de diciembre de 2025

Todos los autobuses funcionarán con regularidad.

Los estudiantes de Palmerton saldrán de CCTI a las 10:25 a.m.

Los estudiantes de Palmerton P.M. no se presentarán al CCTI.

Lunes y martes - 22 y 23 de diciembre de 2025

Tiempo completo - Por favor, siga su horario de recogida alternativo

½ tiempo - Horario regular

Weatherly

Viernes 19 de diciembre de 2025

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Tiempo completo - Por favor, siga su horario de recogida alternativo

½ tiempo - Horario regular

(Estudiantes del mediodía Debe tener su propio transporte a Weatherly High School)

- A partir del 6 de enero hasta el 13 de enero Nuestros exámenes Keystone de invierno se realizarán para los estudiantes que necesiten repetir el examen o realizarlo por primera vez. Todos los estudiantes que deban presentarse al examen recibirán una carta por correo con la boleta de calificaciones de su primer período de calificaciones.

6 de enero y 7 Serán los exámenes de literatura.

8 de enero y 9 Serán los exámenes de biología.

12 de enero y 13 Serán los exámenes de álgebra.

¡Buena suerte a todos nuestros estudiantes en sus exámenes!

- ¡Felicitaciones a nuestros estudiantes de DECA que obtuvieron un buen lugar en la competencia distrital, celebrada el martes en LCCC en Schnecksville! Todos nuestros estudiantes de DECA hicieron un excelente trabajo representando a CCTI en la competencia, la ceremonia de premiación y los eventos de la conferencia. Cualquier estudiante o equipo que obtuvo un puesto 4...Los estudiantes de nivel superior pasarán a la competencia estatal en febrero. Gracias a la Sra. Rinda, nuestra asesora de DECA, por compartir esta excelente noticia:
 - 2 Lugar: Grace Politi (PV) - Entrevista de trabajo
 - 4 Lugar: Equipo del Banner del Capítulo: Breena Gracia (izq.), Addison Ahner (p.) y Brook Tanasijczuk (izq.)
 - 4 Lugar: Lea Yemm (JT) - Gestión de restaurantes de servicio rápido
 - 5 Lugar: Chloe Klotz (P) - Gestión de hoteles y alojamiento
 - 5 Lugar: Kyra Moore (izq.) - Serie de comunicaciones de marketing

- Para las familias que puedan estar experimentando inseguridad alimentaria, la Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Carbon ha desarrollado una lista de todas las despensas de alimentos locales en nuestra área que se puede encontrar en su sitio web:<https://cccfoundpa.org/fondo-para-alimentar-a-nuestros-vecinos/> Además, el sitio web del Banco de Alimentos Second Harvest, en la sección "Buscar alimentos", también es un recurso valioso:<https://shfbiv.org/encuentra-comida/> Tienen un localizador de códigos postales que muestra el banco de alimentos o comedor social más cercano, su información de contacto y el horario de distribución. (A continuación encontrará enlaces interactivos).
- Recordatorio de política: Los estudiantes no pueden conducir hasta CCTI a menos que tengan un permiso de estacionamiento válido emitido por el oficial Woods. Tampoco pueden conducir hacia y desde la escuela con otros estudiantes que tengan permiso de estacionamiento, a menos que vivan en el mismo hogar que el estudiante con el permiso. Los estudiantes que infrinjan esta política enfrentarán consecuencias disciplinarias.
- La Primera Asociación de Damas Católicas Eslovacas tiene varias becas disponibles para estudiantes de formación técnica vocacional que se gradúen de una escuela vocacional técnica acreditada y que continúen su educación en una escuela vocacional, una universidad u otro programa. Las aplicaciones se pueden encontrar a continuación.

- ¡Atención, estudiantes de penúltimo año! El Departamento de Educación de Pensilvania se complace en anunciar que la Escuela de Ciencias del Gobernador de Pensilvania de la Universidad Carnegie Mellon ya acepta solicitudes de estudiantes talentosos de penúltimo año de secundaria para el programa de verano de 2026. La información, así como el enlace de solicitud, se ha enviado por correo electrónico a todos nuestros estudiantes de penúltimo año y está publicada en su Google Classroom y en nuestra página de Instagram.
- ¡Atención, estudiantes de último año! Si pidieron su toga y birrete en octubre, ya se entregaron. Si no lo hicieron, el precio ha subido y seguirá subiendo cuanto más esperen para pedirlo. El número de teléfono para pedirlo con Jeff Crouse es 717-526-4373.
- Tenga en cuenta que el baile de graduación del CCTI se celebrará el viernes 8 de mayo de 2026 en el Blue Mountain Resort de Palmerton, de 17:00 a 21:00. Este baile es exclusivo para estudiantes de penúltimo y último año. Los invitados y los de cursos inferiores pagarán \$56.00 por persona. Los estudiantes de penúltimo y último año del CCTI deberán pagar la mitad del precio de la entrada este año, que será de \$28.00.
- Nuestra tienda estudiantil del CCTI, The Hive, tiene mercancía nueva a la venta durante ambos almuerzos. Visítanos para conseguir gorras de camionero, gorros, camisetas y otros artículos promocionales del CCTI, además de algunas delicias saludables.

- Se recuerda a los padres de estudiantes de último año que desean ingresar a una escuela postsecundaria o al servicio militar y necesitan que se les envíe una transcripción que, si su estudiante es menor de dieciocho años, deben enviar un correo electrónico a permission (ecolosimo@carboncti.org) o proporcionar una nota al Sr. Colosimo, consejero escolar del CCTI.
- La Guía de ayuda para estudiantes de Pensilvania de PHEAA está disponible en línea para estudiantes y padres de estudiantes que planean asistir a la escuela postsecundaria durante el año escolar 2026-2027. Está disponible en el siguiente enlace:
<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/80568904/>
(el enlace se puede encontrar a continuación)
- Recordatorio del código de vestimenta para estudiantes: De acuerdo con nuestro manual para estudiantes, no se permite usar blusas o pantalones de pijama en la escuela.
- Información para personas mayores de la Agencia de Asistencia para la Educación Superior de Pensilvania:

Con la apertura de la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA®) 2026-27 el mes pasado, la Agencia de Asistencia para la Educación Superior de Pensilvania (PHEAA) ha estado trabajando para preparar nuestro sistema de procesamiento de subvenciones estatales de Pensilvania, GrantUs.SM Para el próximo año de subvenciones. Nos complace anunciar que se ha iniciado el proceso de solicitud del Programa de Subvenciones Estatales de Pensilvania 2026-27.

- Como novedad este año, una metodología de preselección nos permite realizar una revisión inmediata de los datos de la FAFSA del estudiante para determinar si cumple con los requisitos. Criterios iniciales para solicitar la subvención estatal de Pensilvania a través de verificaciones de preelegibilidad (por ejemplo, presentó una FAFSA completa, es residente de PA, no está en mora, etc.). Si los datos de la FAFSA del estudiante pasan estas verificaciones iniciales, se creará el registro del estudiante en GrantUS.
 - Se enviará un aviso de activación de cuenta después de que los datos de FAFSA del estudiante pasen con éxito el proceso de preselección si el estudiante no tiene una cuenta existente.
 - Los avisos de activación se enviarán desde noreply@grantus.pheaa.org.
 - Los avisos de activación son sensibles al tiempo y expirarán después de 5 días. Si el estudiante no accede al enlace antes de que caduque, puede usar la opción "Olvidé mi contraseña" en la página de inicio de sesión de GrantUS.
 - Los estudiantes que ya tienen una cuenta no necesitan crear una nueva, sino iniciar sesión con sus credenciales. Si no recuerdan su contraseña, pueden seleccionar "Olvidé mi contraseña" en la página de inicio de sesión.
- Recuerde que la asistencia es fundamental para los estudiantes del CCTI y, con el tiempo, para el mundo laboral. La falta de asistencia y el ausentismo en el CCTI pueden resultar en multas y la pérdida de privilegios. Debido al ausentismo excesivo (incluyendo días de ausencia acompañados de una nota de los padres), los estudiantes también pueden perder créditos por las asignaturas cursadas durante el año escolar (Política de 20 días).

- Padres, por favor, pídanle a su estudiante que les muestre su Google Classroom para que puedan ver en qué están trabajando los estudiantes en sus clases. Además, si un estudiante está ausente, se espera que revise Google Classroom para recuperar y completar las tareas para evitar atrasarse.
- Hay tutorías, clubes y actividades disponibles después de clases. Para más información sobre las tutorías, contacte con la Sra. Hyjurick en el aula 311 o con la Sra. Benyo en el aula 203 para más información sobre cómo quedarse después de clases para asistir a una reunión de club o actividad. Considere usar nuestro recurso gratuito de tutorías para mantener un promedio de calificaciones positivo o para recibir apoyo adicional. Considere participar en un club o actividad de CCTI.
- Tenga en cuenta que nuestra escuela ha instalado detectores de vapeo en los baños. Estos detectores se instalan para promover un ambiente saludable y desalentar el vapeo en el campus.

Puntos clave a tener en cuenta:

- Detección: Los detectores pueden identificar el vapeo en tiempo real, lo que significa que si vapeas en los baños, te detectarán. Desafortunadamente, algunos estudiantes ya han sido detectados gracias a los detectores.
- Consecuencias: Si se detecta, habrá acciones disciplinarias, que incluyen suspensión fuera de la escuela, expulsión y remisión a funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley (consulte la Política 227 de JOC: Sustancias controladas/Parafernalia/Sustancias que alteran el estado de ánimo, uso de sustancias químicas, abuso y dependencia en el Manual para estudiantes y padres, y la Política 233 de JOC: Suspensión y expulsión; todas están en nuestro sitio web).

- Asuntos de salud: Recuerde que vapear puede suponer riesgos importantes para la salud y es importante priorizar su bienestar.
- Padres, por favor ayuden a sus estudiantes a llegar a la escuela a tiempo dejándolos a más tardar a las 7:40 a.m. Esto permitirá que los estudiantes lleguen a su casillero y se preparen para comenzar su día a las 7:45. Gracias por su cooperación.
- Padres y estudiantes: revisen la política de código de vestimenta de CCTI (consulten las páginas 20 y 21 del manual).
- Consulte los siguientes folletos informativos, etc. a continuación:
 - Primeras solicitudes de becas de la Asociación de Damas Católicas Eslovacas
 - Puesto vacante: Instructor de HVAC
 - Información de inscripción al seminario web sobre ayuda financiera para estudiantes y padres.

Atentamente,

Dave Reinbold
Director Administrativo
570-325-3682 ext. 1502

and

Michele Connors
Principal
extensión 1505

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COLLEGE AND POST-GRADUATE 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

1. An eligible applicant for a First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Award must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. A member in good standing with the Association for a minimum of **three years** prior to date of application. The applicant must also hold **one of the following policies in their own name**: a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$1,000; a term insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$5,000; or an annuity certificate. Membership eligibility and policy requirements will be verified by the Home Office records.
 - b. **Members currently enrolled in Z-Branches**, formerly known as Polish Women's Alliance of America (PWAA) - who meet all other eligibility criteria may apply for any available scholarships.
 - c. Undergraduate applicants must select an **accredited college or university in the United States** and be enrolled full-time, at least **12 credit hours**, in a program leading to an associate or bachelor's degree. Post-graduate applicants must be enrolled full-time for at least **9 credit hours** in an accredited college or university in the United States.
 - d. **Applicants may receive only one scholarship per category.** If you have already been awarded an undergraduate scholarship, you are not eligible to apply for an additional undergraduate award. However, if you previously received an undergraduate scholarship and are now enrolled in post-graduate school, you may apply for a post-graduate level scholarship. *Important Note: Recipients of a Vocational/Technical/Trade Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a College Scholarship.*
 - e. **Use of Funds:** The award must be applied toward **school-related expenses** for the academic year for which it was awarded. Eligible costs include tuition, books, fees, and course- or degree-specific expenses, such as required supplies or equipment.
2. Application requirements:
 - a. **Freshman applicants:** Submit an official high school transcript, including the most recent grading period, along with scores from any college entrance examination board tests (ex: ACT, SAT). If you are undecided about your school choice, place a check mark on the last page of the application just below the "Name and Address of College or University" field. A letter of acceptance—on the college's official letterhead—must be received by the Scholarship Department before any scholarship payment will be issued.
 - b. **College and Post-Graduate Applicants:** Submit your most recent official college or university transcript. If preferred, your school may send an official copy directly via postal mail or email—please indicate this choice on your application.
 - c. **Autobiographical Statement:** Submit an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words outlining your goals and objectives. The statement must also address the following:
 - Describe any leadership skills you have demonstrated.
 - Include one paragraph about your involvement in school activities.
 - Include another paragraph detailing your church or community service. Was your service voluntary or mandatory?

- d. **Letter of recommendation:** Include one letter of recommendation from someone **other than a family member**.
- e. **Photo Submission:** Include a wallet-sized photo (optional). It must be either:
- a printed photo on photo paper; or
 - a .jpg attachment submitted electronically. Note: Photos must be of good quality to be eligible for publication.
- f. **Submission Deadline:** All applications and supporting documents must be **POSTMARKED or electronically received by Tuesday, February 10, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered. Materials submitted will not be returned.

Applications and supporting documents may be submitted as a PDF file via email or sent via fax to (216) 464-9260, Attn: Scholarship Dept. For email submissions, please use the following address scholarship@FCSLA.org.

3. 146 Fraternal Scholarship Awards will be awarded as follows:

Freshmen - \$1,250 each	Senior - \$1,250 each
Sophomore - \$1,250 each	Post-Graduate - \$1,750 each
Junior - \$1,250 each	

4. **Selection and Award Process:** The final decision will be made by an independent Judging Committee composed of professionals in the education field. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter during the **2nd week in May 2026**. The names of all winners will be published in the August issue of "Fraternally Yours." Award checks will be issued on or about July 1st in the name of the college or university and in the name of the student.
5. Send the completed application and all required documents to:

FCSLA Life
ATTN: Scholarship Dept.
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, OH 44122
E-mail: Scholarship@fcsla.org
Fax: (216) 464-9260

To contact the Scholarship Department:
Phone: (216) 464-8015 Ext. 1054 or (800) 464-4642 Ext. 1054

TERMS OF AWARD

1. **The award must be used solely for school-related expenses – such as tuition, books, fees, and course- or degree-specific supplies and equipment - for the academic year in which it was awarded.**
2. If a scholarship recipient withdraws from their program, the award must be returned to First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.
3. Recipients are expected to comply with all regulations of their educational institution. This includes, but is not limited to, requirements related to residence and conduct, as deemed satisfactory by the vocational school, technical institute, or college.
4. The Board of Directors of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association reserves the right to withdraw and cancel the scholarship if, in the judgment of both the Board and the educational institution, the recipient is no longer eligible to hold the award.
5. Members studying for the **Catholic priesthood or religious life** may be eligible to receive up to two (2) scholarships provide all qualifications are met and requirements fulfilled.



24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

2026 COLLEGE & POST-GRADUATE Fraternal Scholarship Application

Home Office Use

For the purpose of establishing my eligibility for a scholarship award, I submit the following information which I represent to be true and complete. I have read in entirety the Rules of Eligibility and Terms of Award and I hereby accept and agree to said Rules and Terms.

I will be attending school in the fall as a (circle one):

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate

My estimated graduation date is ____/____/____.
Month Year

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Full Name:			
Home Address:			
(street)	(city)	(state)	(zip)
Social Security # (last 4 digits):		Email:	
Date of Birth:		Telephone:	
Father's Name:		Mother's Maiden Name:	

1. Have you ever received an FCSLA Fraternal Scholarship Award? (circle one) Y N

If yes, enter: Most recent Year _____ Category _____ Amount \$ _____

2. Is the college or university you will be attending located within the U.S.? (circle one) Y N

3. Will you be attending classes full-time?

a. Undergraduate - 12 or more credit hours? (circle one) Y N

b. Post-Graduate – at least 9 credit hours? (circle one) Y N

4. Please check all that apply: _____ (1.) My official transcripts are enclosed
_____ (2.) I will mail my official transcripts separately to FCSLA
_____ (3.) Letter of acceptance is pending; I will mail to FCSLA upon receipt
_____ (4.) My school will mail my official transcripts directly to FCSLA

Select One: (Your choice does not affect eligibility)

____ I am attaching my photograph (a photo printed on photo paper or a .jpg attachment to an e-mail). If selected as a scholarship recipient, I would like it to be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

____ I elect not to include a photograph of myself. If selected as a scholarship recipient, no photo will be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

APPLICANT'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

	Name and Location of School	Dates of Attendance	Date of Graduation
High School			
College			

Applications and supporting documents must be POSTMARKED or electronically received no later than Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

With this Scholarship Application I have enclosed these requirements:

- _____ Official transcripts
- _____ Autobiographical statement
- _____ Letter of Recommendation
- _____ Letter of Acceptance or enrollment confirmation (if Freshman)
- _____ College entrance exam (ACT, SAT - if available)
- _____ Photo (if desired)

Application for scholarship and required documents should be mailed to:

FCSLA Life
ATTN: Scholarship Dept.
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, Ohio 44122
E-mail: Scholarship@fcsla.org
Fax: (216) 464-9260

I understand that this award must be used towards school-related expenses (e.g., tuition, books, fees, and course or degree-related costs (like supplies and equipment required for specific classes) for the academic year for which it was awarded.
(please initial) _____

I certify that the information on this form and the supporting documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information will be considered confidential, for review by the Judging Committee. I consent to the filing of the application and accept the Rules of Eligibility and Terms of Award.

Date

Signature of applicant

Mailing address of applicant

Signature of parent or guardian if under age 18

Signature of parent or guardian if under age 18

Mailing address of parent or guardian if different

TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME OFFICE

Certificate No.	Date Issued	Amount	Plan

Date of Membership _____

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2026 COLLEGE & POST-GRADUATE Fraternal Scholarship Application

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Student's **FIRST NAME ONLY:** _____

I am applying for a First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Award for the academic period beginning year 20_____

I will be attending as a (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Post-Graduate

Name and address of college or university selected within the United States _____

☐ Check here if you are currently undecided.

TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGING COMMITTEE:

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Category	Max Score	Actual Score
Academic Standing	40	
Church/Community Value	30	
School Involvement/Essay	30	
Total Points (must not exceed 100 pts)	100	

REQUIREMENTS:

- Letter of recommendation:** Include one letter of recommendation from someone **other than a family member**.
- Autobiographical Statement:** Submit an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words outlining your goals and objectives. The statement must also address the following:
 - Describe any leadership skills you have demonstrated.
 - Include one paragraph about your involvement in school activities.
 - Include another paragraph detailing your church or community service. Was your service voluntary or mandatory?



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VOCATIONAL/TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

1. An eligible applicant for this scholarship award might be planning to attend a community college, vocational school, trade school or other short-term training program in fields such as automotive technology, plumbing, heating, construction, welding, advanced manufacturing, cosmetology, computer repair, etc. and must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. A member in good standing with the Association for a minimum of **three years** prior to date of application. The applicant must also hold **one of the following policies in their own name**: a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$1,000; a term insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$5,000; or an annuity certificate. Membership eligibility and policy requirements will be verified by the Home Office records.
 - b. **Members currently enrolled in Z-Branches**, formerly known as Polish Women's Alliance of America (PWAA) - who meet all other eligibility criteria may apply for any available scholarships.
 - c. Enrolled in or entering an accredited vocational or technical program in the United States. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll within 6 months of the application deadline, for a minimum of **12 clock hours or credit hours** in a program leading to a certificate, diploma or associate degree.
 - d. Students currently enrolled in a Bachelor or other advanced degree program are not eligible.
 - e. Applicants are eligible to win only once in this award category. Applicants that have been previously awarded a Vocational/Trad/Technical School Scholarship or an undergrad College Scholarship, are not eligible to apply for an additional scholarship.
 - f. **Use of Funds**: The award must be applied toward **school-related expenses** for the academic year for which it was awarded. Eligible costs include tuition, books, fees, and course or degree-specific expenses, such as required supplies or equipment.
 - g. Applicants must have a high school diploma or Graduate Equivalent Degree (GED) without a bachelor's or advanced degree.
2. Application requirements:
 - a. Submit an **official transcript** of the student's high school or college grades from the most recent grading period. Applicants can also have his or her school send an official copy on his or her behalf – please indicate on the application.
 - b. **Letter of recommendation**: Include one letter of recommendation from someone **other than a family member**.
 - c. **Autobiographical Statement**: Submit an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words outlining your goals and objectives. The statement must also address the following:
 - a. Describe any leadership skills you have demonstrated.
 - b. Include one paragraph about your involvement in school activities.
 - c. Include another paragraph detailing your church or community service. Was your service voluntary or mandatory?

- d. **A letter of acceptance** or proof of enrollment—must be received by the Scholarship Department before any scholarship payment will be issued.
- e. Include a **wallet-sized photo** (optional). It must be an actual photo, a photo printed on photo paper or a .jpg attachment to an e-mail when submitting it electronically.
- f. **Submission Deadline:** All applications and supporting documents must be **POSTMARKED or electronically received by Tuesday, February 10, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered. Materials submitted will not be returned.

Applications and supporting documents may be submitted as a PDF file via email or sent via fax to (216) 464-9260, Attn: Scholarship Dept. For email submissions, please use the following address scholarship@FCSLA.org.

- 3. Seven- \$1,250 individual Vocational/Trade/Technical School Scholarships will be awarded, depending on the number of eligible applicants.
- 4. **Selection and Award Process:** The final decision will be made by an independent Judging Committee composed of professionals in the education field. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter during the **2nd week in May 2026**. The names of all winners will be published in the August issue of "Fraternally Yours." Award checks will be issued on or about July 1st in the name of the college or university and in the name of the student.
- 5. Send the completed application and all required documents to:

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
ATTN: Scholarship Dept.
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, OH 44122
E-mail: Scholarship@fcsla.org
Fax: (216) 464-9260

To contact the Scholarship Department:
Phone: (216) 464-8015 Ext. 1054 or (800) 464-4642 Ext. 1054

TERMS OF AWARD

- 1. **The award must be used solely for school-related expenses – such as tuition, books, fees, and course- or degree-specific supplies and equipment - for the academic year in which it was awarded.**
- 2. If a scholarship recipient withdraws from their program, the award must be returned to First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Fund.
- 3. Recipients are expected to comply with all regulations of their educational institution. This includes, but is not limited to, requirements related to residence and conduct, as deemed satisfactory by the vocational school, technical institute, or college.
- 4. The Board of Directors of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association reserves the right to withdraw and cancel the scholarship if, in the judgment of both the Board and the educational institution, the recipient is no longer eligible to hold the award.

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 Beachwood, Ohio 44122

2026
VOCATIONAL/TRADE/TECHNICAL
School Fraternal Scholarship
Application

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For the purpose of establishing my eligibility for a scholarship award, I submit the following information which I represent to be true and complete. I have read in entirety the Rules of Eligibility and Terms of Award and I hereby accept and agree to the said Rules and Terms.

With the intent of receiving (circle one): Certificate Diploma Degree Certification Other

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Full Name:			
Home Address:			
(street)	(city)	(state)	(zip)
Social Security # (last 4 digits):		Email:	
Date of Birth:		Telephone:	
Father's Name:		Mother's Maiden Name:	

1. Have you ever received an FCSLA Fraternal Scholarship Award? (circle one) Y N
 If yes, enter: Year _____ Category _____ Amount _____
2. Is the school you will be attending located within the U.S.? (circle one) Y N
3. Will you be attending classes full-time (12 or more credit hours/clock hours)? (circle one) Y N
4. If appropriate, will this qualify you for a license? (circle one) Y N
5. Please check all that apply: _____ (1.) My official transcripts are enclosed
 _____ (2.) I will mail my official transcripts separately to FCSLA
 _____ (3.) Letter of acceptance is pending; I will mail to FCSLA upon receipt
 _____ (4.) My school will mail my official transcripts directly to FCSLA

Select One: (Your choice does not affect eligibility)

_____ I am attaching my photograph (actual photo, a photo printed on photo paper or a .jpg attachment to an e-mail). If selected as a scholarship recipient, I would like it to be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

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Date

Signature of applicant

Signature of parent or guardian if under age 18

Mailing address of applicant

Mailing address of parent or guardian if different

TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME OFFICE

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Verified by _____

**24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, Ohio 44122**

2026 VOCATIONAL/TRADE/TECHNICAL School Scholarship Application

Student's FIRST NAME ONLY: _____

I am applying for a First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Award for the academic period beginning in the fall of year 20_____

With the intent of receiving (circle one): Certificate Diploma Degree Certification Other

Field of study _____

Name and address of school selected _____

☐ Check here if you are currently undecided.

TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGING COMMITTEE:

JUDGING CRITERIA:

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School Involvement/Essay	30	
Total Points (must not exceed 100 pts)	100	

Essay Requirements:

An autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words containing your goals and objectives. Describe any demonstrated leadership skills. In one of the paragraphs describe how you were involved in school activities. In another, give details of your church or community service. Was it voluntary? Mandatory?

Letter of Recommendation: Not related to applicant.



Carbon Career & Technical Institute

150 West 13th Street
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

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The above listed position will be filled on the basis of certification, qualifications, experience, and interest.

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date: November 20, 2025

2026

PHEAA Statewide Webinars



FAFSA Overview—Line by Line

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) Access Partners will present an overview of the 2026-27 FAFSA® process to guide students and families through a step-by-step process of filing the FAFSA and PA State Grant applications.

Wednesday,
January 14



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Wednesday,
March 11



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Offers

The PHEAA Access Partners will present information on the steps students should take after completing the FAFSA®. They will discuss the financial aid process, strategies to review and understand financial aid offers from colleges, and how to compare different types of aid.

Wednesday,
March 18



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Thursday,
April 16



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Searching for Scholarships

The cost of a postsecondary education can add up quickly for students and families. Thankfully, there is funding to help cover those expenses. Join us as we share tips to help students successfully search and apply for scholarships. After attending this webinar, students will understand the different types of scholarships, resources for finding scholarships, and tools to help increase their chances of earning those scholarships.

Tuesday
February 10

Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)



Representatives from PHEAA provide a variety of webinars.
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