

The  
Roy W  
Piper  
Charitable  
Trust

2023-2024

**MILITARY-RELATED SCHOLARSHIP  
Availability Notice,  
Application & Criteria**

*For High  
School Seniors  
Applying to  
Military-  
Related  
Schools*

**2023-2024**

**MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY NOTICE**

**The ROY W. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST  
MILITARY-RELATED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust announces the availability of one annually-renewable military-related scholarship, commencing with Academic Year 2023-2024 to a student graduating, or who has graduated, from high school. Consideration will be given to applications for military related secondary or prep schools. Principal preference will be given to a student graduating, or who has graduated, from a high school located in either Wyoming County, Lackawanna County or Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

The scholarship will be awarded annually, based on academic merit, community and extra-curricular involvement, and financial need to an accredited military or military-related college or university of the student's choice. To be eligible to complete this application, the student must plan to and actually enroll in the institution's cadet program upon entrance.

Scholarship criteria and application are attached, and are also available from the Guidance Departments of high schools situate in the above counties, or from The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust:

*By writing:*

P.O. Box 460, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657

*See page 7 for further details.*

You must provide an email address in order to be forwarded additional application package copies.

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**CRITERIA**

**The ROY W. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST  
MILITARY-RELATED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Roy W. Piper Scholarships are administered through the Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust by three Scholarship Administrators (Ronald G. Kukuchka, Thomas P. Tulaney and Robert P. Browning). The Piper Charitable Trust will accept applications by mail, addressed to: P.O. Box 460, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657. Only fully completed, hard copy applications will be accepted. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

The following criteria apply to Scholarships which will be awarded for the Academic Year 2023-2024, which will be administered in a fair and impartial manner, without discrimination in *favor of*, or against, any applicant or class of applicants for any reason except for the financial qualification discussed below. No restrictions or limitations in the scholarship selection process will be based upon the race, religion, gender or sexual orientation of an applicant.

1. The scholarships have been created by the Agreement of Trust dated May 9, 2001 (the "Trust"), between Roy W. Piper, as Settlor, and William A. Petty, Ronald G. Kukuchka, Thomas P. Tulaney and Robert P. Browning, as Trustees;
2. No scholarship will be awarded to a student who was or is related by blood or marriage to Roy W. Piper, or to any of the Trustees or to any of the Scholarship Administrators, or to any replacements for them. A disqualifying relationship would include any children or other issue of a Trustee or a Scholarship Administrator, or of Roy W. Piper, who was *never* married, or to any brother or sister of Roy W. Piper, a Trustee or a Scholarship Administrator, or any of their issue, whether of the whole blood or half blood, or any adoptive or foster children in such relationship.
3. Applications will be accepted and considered from applicants who have matriculated at a qualifying institution, discussed below, and who are otherwise qualified.
4. Nothing prohibits the Scholarship Administrators from awarding more than one scholarship in any year to students at, or graduates from, the same high school.
5. For Academic Year 2023-2024 one scholarship may be specifically dedicated to a student who will attend a military-related educational institution, *even* when the scholarships awarded for prior Academic Years are renewed for Academic Year 2022-2023

6. If a scholarship is awarded to an applicant to attend a military-related educational institution and is not renewed for Academic Year 2023-2024 or thereafter, then a dedicated scholarship for a military-related educational facility will be awarded, if qualified applicants are identified.
7. For any applicant still in high school, the minimum academic qualification, certified by the high school guidance department, is a cumulative "C" average through the first term of the student's senior year in high school.
8. For a student who has been awarded a scholarship to a military-related institution, the minimum academic qualification for renewal of the scholarship, established by a grade report from the academic institution, certified by the appropriate office of the institution, is a cumulative average through the last completed semester or term of 2.75 on a 4.0 system, or the equivalent.
9. The renewal of the military-related scholarship is conditioned upon the student's continued enrollment in the military cadet program, as set forth by and at such military-related educational institution.
10. Only signed, hard copies of such grade reports will be accepted; electronically transmitted reports are not acceptable.
11. The Scholarship Administrators shall be entitled to consider circumstances, such as illness or family emergency, which might have contributed to a failure to meet the academic qualifications.
12. The amount of the scholarship award, on an annually-renewable basis, shall be in the discretion of the Scholarship Administrators, but it is intended to be in an amount equal to the annual cost of-the tuition charged by the educational institution, and sums required for room and board, books and supplies, uniforms and clothing (if required) and like needs, in excess of any other amounts awarded to the applicant by the college or university, including merit-based or need-based scholarships or grants or awards not required to be repaid by the applicant, provided that the payment for such items, other than tuition, shall only be awarded if the granting of such payments does not cause the award to be considered taxable to the Trust.
13. The amount of the scholarship award will not be determined until the student provides an invoice from the educational institution showing the balance remaining to be paid after application of other scholarships and other awards.
14. The amount of the scholarship award will be based on a combination of factors, including community involvement, extra-curricular activities, and merit and financial aid need. The amount is determined after the military-related institution has awarded needs-based and merit scholarships and federal and state entitlements have been awarded. If the institution withdraws any of its financial aid on the Piper Scholarship amounts, the Piper Scholarship will be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis, causing financial detriment to the scholarship recipient.
15. All scholarship awards will be disbursed on a semester or term basis, conditioned upon receipt from the educational institution of proof of matriculation, a copy of the bill, an estimate of the costs of books, fees, uniforms, proof of enrollment in cadet program and a transcript indicating enrollment and academic status.

16. The reimbursement for the costs of books and fees, and otherwise a qualified expense, will be reimbursed to the student upon receipt of paid invoices.
17. If any scholarship recipient is determined not to have met the qualifications (academic or good citizenship), during the preceding year, for the award or renewal of a scholarship, the Scholarship Administrators shall recommend to the Trustees of the Trust to seek reimbursement from the recipient and the recipient shall repay the same to the Trust. The recipient will sign an agreement to that effect at the time of granting the Scholarship.
18. Awards will only be made to applicants who are members of a family with a combined household adjusted gross income less than \$90,000, subject to increases as set forth below. The combined household income will be that of the applicant, the applicant's parents or legal guardians and anyone who has a legal obligation to support the applicant.
  - a) The amount of limiting income shall be adjusted;
    1. If the parent has an additional child currently enrolled in qualifying educational institution to \$100,000; and
    2. If the parent has two or more additional children currently enrolled in qualified educational institutions to \$110,000.
  - b) Depreciation expense reported on an income tax return will not be used to calculate the income limitation; provided that so-called Section 179 deductions, as provided by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, will be added back to the reported income for determining the income limitation.
  - c) Each student shall be required to submit copies of signed federal income tax returns for the two fiscal years immediately preceding the date of application from each family member residing in the applicant's home, including the applicant and the applicant's parent or parents or legal guardians, and from any person who has a legal obligation to provide financial support to the applicant, whether or not such person resides in the same home as the applicant.
  - d) Post applications events, such as death or loss of employment, subsequent to the applicable immediately preceding fiscal year may be considered.
19. Applications for scholarships for the tuition and or expenses for a graduate degree will not be accepted, unless qualified under paragraph 26

20. A scholarship will be awarded each year to a qualified applicant who has satisfied the academic criteria for admission to, and who will attend, or is attending, any accredited military-related college or university chosen by the applicant. The scholarship will be renewed on an annual basis for up to four years, so long as the recipient continues to meet the academic qualifications established. A renewed scholarship shall be considered to be the scholarship for that year. If the academic and continuing enrollment in the cadet program criteria is not met, the scholarship will be terminated, and a scholarship will be awarded to a different qualified applicant.
21. Each scholarship recipient shall cause the educational institution which he or she attends to report, on or prior to May 30 of each year, on the recipient's continuing enrollment and Academic status at least once every year for the preceding year.
22. All scholarship funds shall be paid by checks drawn jointly to the scholarship recipient and the educational institution which the recipient attends, and the Trustees shall secure the agreement of the educational institution to use the funds only to pay tuition and room and board, and to provide funds for the other purposes for which the scholarship is granted, and only so long as the recipient attends the educational institution. The educational institution shall agree in advance to refund the scholarship funds to the extent that they are not used for the stated purposes of the scholarship.
26. If an applicant is awarded a four-year scholarship at an accredited academic institution and continues to meet the criteria for scholarship renewal, and therefore completes the requirements for graduation from such academic institution in less than eight semesters (or equivalent), the scholarship recipient may be considered for renewal of the scholarship for a graduate degree program to the extent of the unused scholarship award. Such renewal shall be subject to the supplemental application to support a continuing award.

**2023-2024**  
**APPLICATION**  
**The ROY W. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**MILITARY-RELATED SCHOLARSHIP**

**Before Completing & Submitting Application:**

Review the Trust's criteria for awarding Scholarships which are attached and/or available from the Guidance Office of your school. If none are available, please communicate with The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust (see attached Availability Notice for contact information). You must provide an email address so that the forms can be forwarded to you electronically. No forms will be mailed.

**Deadline:**

The completed application and all supporting data must be received by the Trust at the above address on or prior to **March 1, 2023.**

**Mail the Application & All Supporting Data to:**

The Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust  
P.O. Box460  
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657

**Important Notes:**

1. Electronically-submitted applications will not be accepted.
2. No Stapled applications will be accepted. (Paperclip only)
3. No Double-sided copy applications will be accepted (single-sided sheets only).

One scholarship will be awarded, if a qualified applicant is identified, for an accredited military-related college or university, or military related secondary or prep school of the applicant's choosing.

If you are awarded a scholarship and do not matriculate at the military-related educational facility to which this application applies or if you do not enroll in the military cadet program at such institution, the Trustees will consider the scholarship withdrawn. Only one college or university will be considered on this application. Listing of more than one college or university on this application will cause the application to be rejected. Multiple applications from a student will be accepted by the completion of page 8 only for each separate institution you wish to be considered.

Each finalist, as determined by the Trustees, will be required to be part of an in-person interview process with one or more of the Scholarship Administrators in Clarks Summit or Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

Use additional pages if necessary for this application.

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1. Your Name, Address (including municipality and county), Telephone and Email Address:

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2. Name and Address of Military-related College or University:

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Anticipated costs for 2023-2024 Room and board \$ \_\_\_\_\_; books, other fees, and costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the military cadet program in which you will be enrolled and the additional costs involved:

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3. Additional Personal Information:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_; Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings enrolled in educational institutions beyond secondary school: \_\_\_\_\_

List schools: \_\_\_\_\_

4. List all educational institutions to which you have been accepted. Attach the letter of acceptance from the educational institution to which this application applies.

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5. Has the educational institution to which this application applies awarded you scholarships or grants (do not include loans or work opportunities)? If so, what types and how much? Attach copies of financial award letters.

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6. Have you applied for other scholarships/grants? If so, list all with monetary value.

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7. Father's name & occupation:

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Father's

address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's telephone number and email address:

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Mother's name &

occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's

address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's telephone number and email address:

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8. Prepare and attach a resume of your work experience.

9. Prepare and attach statements of your extra-curricular activities and of your community involvement. Describe how your volunteer work has impacted your community or those you have helped, with an emphasis on how the volunteer efforts have influenced your life, your decisions and your future goal.

10. Scholarships are limited to students whose combined family has a combined household income not greater than \$90,000, or as further defined on line 20 of the criteria. , you will be required to provide copies of the signed federal income tax returns for the past two years for you and your parents, and for anyone else who has a legal obligation to support you.

11. Personal Statements: (statements to be prepared on separate sheets and attached)

- a) Describe the most challenging obstacle you have had to overcome, discuss its impact and effect on you, and describe what you have learned from the experience.
- b) Prepare and attach a statement which best describes you as a human being.
- c) Choose a topic from the attached addendum and prepare a statement of 300 words or more in response to the topic. This statement will secure your application review.

12. Attach an original of your official high school transcript, certified by your guidance counselor (and an original grade report, if already enrolled at a post-secondary school, certified by the appropriate agency of your college or university).

13. Attach letters of recommendation from at least one of your teachers or professors.

14. List two-character references (non-family members).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

15. How did you hear about the Roy W. Piper scholarship? (Please be specific)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Guidance Department Verification**  
*(To be completed by your guidance office counselor)*

Applicant's Name:

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Name of High  
School:

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Checklist**  
**(Submit as front cover of your application)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Complete & Check:

My application is for one (1) school: (Name):

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Acceptance letter enclosed      financial award letter enclosed

My application is for multiple schools:  
(List in order of your preference):

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Acceptance letter enclosed      financial award letter enclosed

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Acceptance letter enclosed      financial award letter enclosed

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Acceptance letter enclosed      award letter enclosed

I have enclosed the following required items in my application package (check)

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| College Data Sheet                    | High School Transcript        |
| Personal Data Sheet                   | Letters of Recommendation (2) |
| Guidance Dept. Verification Sheet     | Character References (2)      |
| Resume                                | Past two years tax returns    |
| Extra-Curricular/Community Statements |                               |
| Personal Statements (2)               |                               |

## Addendum

Please choose ONE of the following five topics for your response to the essay question:

1. Should male athletes be allowed to participate in women's sports and would this conflict with title nine?
2. Should voter ID be required to vote in all municipal, state and federal elections?
3. Should all illegal aliens be granted US citizenship and free health care?
4. Should candidates for State and Federal elections be required to participate in two or more public debates prior to the general elections?
5. Should there be term limits on US appointed court justices?

Please make sure this is included in your application upon submission.