

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES MAY 2026 EDITION



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REMINDERS

Seniors:

- Do you need to work on your applications, resumes, college essays or scholarships? Sign up for our Guidance Department through our Google Classroom. The Class code is **e275ae5**. Within the classroom you will find links to everything you might need for your 12th grade year and beyond.
- Type up your resume and have it ready for when you apply for jobs, college and scholarships.
- Visit colleges you are interested in, attend college fairs and open houses. A few places may still hold virtual open houses and tours only.
- Begin applying to colleges. Prepare your application carefully. Follow the instructions, and **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!** Be sure to ask your counselor and teachers **at least two weeks** before your application deadlines to submit the necessary documents to colleges (your transcript, letters of recommendation, etc.).
- Tell your school counselor if you apply to college... your transcript needs to be sent out. TRANSCRIPTS are sent through [Maia](#). After you finish applying, go to this link to submit your transcript request:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HShTevVMU2dJjXd5QIEUxKLpI6SbvimEOyjm0_0C9TU/edit

Juniors:

- Begin researching college and career options...SmartFutures through Clever or Maia are great places to start.
- Set up an account on College Board (www.collegeboard.org). Practice for your SAT through BlueBook.
- Start registering for the June 6th SAT (Deadline to register is May 22nd).
- Volunteer for activities that matter to you and reflect your personality. Volunteering looks great on a college application and adds to your quality of life.

Sophomores:

- Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work towards leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- Begin researching college and career options...SmartFutures through Clever or Maia are great places to start.

Freshmen:

- Get involved with extracurricular activities!
- Begin researching college and career options...SmartFutures through Clever or Maia are great places to start.

IMPORTANT DATES!

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| • May 2 nd | Prom |
| • May 4 th to 15 th | AP Exams |
| • May 11 th to 22 nd | Keystone Exams |
| • May 13 th | Junior Information Night |
| • May 22 nd | Early Dismissal – Memorial Day |
| • May 25 th | No School – Memorial Day |
| • May 27 th | WW Athletic Awards Night |
| • May 28 th | Senior Night |



Check college websites to schedule official tours

Career Spotlight

Investment Banker



Brief Job Description

Investment Bankers are investment professionals who combine financial services industry expertise, analytical prowess, and effective persuasive communication skills to support institutional clients in activities like capital raising and mergers and acquisitions.

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Education

Investment Banker typically need at least a bachelor's degree in finance, business, or economics to become an investment banker. For more senior roles, you may need a master's degree in finance or business.

To become an investment banker, consider earning a finance degree, getting real-world experience through an internship or entry-level position, and obtaining professional licensure.

More Info

Some annual salaries are as high as \$151,000 and as low as \$99,500, the majority of Investment Banker salaries currently range between \$107,500 (25th percentile) to \$123,500 (75th percentile) with top earners (90th percentile) making \$142,000 annually across the United States. The average salary for an investment banker in Pennsylvania is around \$78,080 per year.

Key Skills:

- Communication Skills
- Relationship Managing
- Analytical Skills
- Organizational Skills
- Stress Management
- Risk Management Techniques
- Problem-solving Abilities
- Strong Work Ethic

Colleges and Universities that Offer Degrees as Investment Bankers

Lehigh

Penn

Pitt

Villanova

St. Joseph's

Penn State

West Chester

Susquehanna

Duquesne

Scranton



Western Wayne High School students uses Maia to research colleges, careers, link their Common App, send transcripts and letters of recommendation.

Maia Student Overview

Click on the video link to learn more about the program:

<https://vimeo.com/449477120/51addff880>



Smart Futures is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit software development organization in the field of education and workforce development. Our mission is to provide schools and education agencies with SmartFutures.org, an online career planning and portfolio platform that helps all students be ready for post-secondary success.

SmartFutures.org uses Pennsylvania's Academic Standards for Career Education and Work as a blueprint for the software's development. Implemented in hundreds of schools and agencies in our home state, SmartFutures.org now serves as a proven framework to delivering career planning, skill credentialing, and eMentoring within any classroom in the United States.

Use your Clever Account to log-in!



Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
August 23, 2025	August 8, 2025	August 12, 2025
<u>September 13, 2025 (New)</u>	<u>August 29, 2025</u>	<u>September 2, 2025</u>
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

Fee waivers are available for the SAT and ACT test. Students who receive free or reduced lunch may qualify. See your School Counselor for details.

SAT Prep Programs:

- BlueBook with your College Board log-in.
- Princeton Review – SAT Prep. Local location is University of Scranton. Log onto <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-test-prep>
- Kaplan Testing Centers offers SAT prep classes in the Pittston/Wilkes-Barre Area. Log onto www.kaptest.com for details.
- SAT Practice. <https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/>
- SAT prep courses are available at Penn State Worthington campus. Call 570-963-2600. Or https://scranton.psu.edu/SAT-prep?utm_source=constant&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cbdco_spring&utm_content=announce
- SAT prep courses are available at Wilkes University. Call 570-408-5615.
- Google Gemini – Prompt – “Give me a practice SAT exam.”



SAT / ACT PREP COURSE 2025 – 2026

Calling all Freshman/Sophomores

Pennsylvania AHEC is offering a discount on the [Princeton Review](#) year-long SAT & ACT Self-Paced Prep Course to eligible high school students.

The course is originally offered for \$499, but through a partnership with AHEC, students will be able to access the course for \$75 for each test prep.

Scholarships are available to eligible students. Please contact Valerie Williams at vwilliams@nepa-ahec.org to learn more.

REGISTER NOW



EXTENSIVE PRACTICE MATERIALS

- ✓ 5 SAT full-length practice tests
- ✓ 365 days access to online materials
- ✓ Thousands of practice questions & drills
- ✓ Online videos with bite-sized content lessons
- ✓ Detailed Score Analysis for each practice test

WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ NEW SAT Dashboard
- ✓ Progress Summary At-A-Glance
- ✓ Detailed Performance Insights & Review

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- 📞 570-209-9644
- 📍 164 Scranton Carbondale Hwy Archbald, PA, 18403
- 🌐 nepa-ahec.org

CLEP

Shorten Your Path to a College Degree. **Western Wayne High School is an ONLINE TESTING SITE for CLEP!!!! What is CLEP?** CLEP (College Level Examination Program) is the most widely accepted faster **credit-by-examination program** in the United States today, helping students of all ages earn college degrees faster by getting credit for what they already know. By receiving a satisfactory score, you can earn from **3 to 12 college credits** toward your college degree for each CLEP you take, depending on the exam subject. **SAVE TIME.** Get college credit for what you already know. Be rewarded for what you've learned through independent study, advanced high school courses, noncredit adult courses, or professional development. CLEP offers 33 examinations in five subject areas. The tests cover material usually taught in a two-year degree program or in the first two years of a four-year program. Exams contain mainly multiple-choice questions. College Composition and a few other exams contain other types of questions and essays. For a complete list of CLEP tests and to schedule a testing time please see Mr. Fitzsimmons in the school counseling office.

College Applications

What is **Early Action**?

Early action is the early admission program in which applying early will get you an early answer. This program usually asks students to apply by November 1 and the college responds with a decision by mid-December. However, you are not required to make your decision until the regular May reply date, giving you time to compare financial aid packages between colleges. Early action is non-binding, which means you do not have to attend the college if you are accepted. The advantage of the early action program is that you find out whether you are accepted sooner rather than later, giving you time to enjoy the last few months of your senior year without having to worry about being accepted into college.

What is **Early Decision**?

Early decision is similar to early action in that you can apply early (usually by November 1) and get an early answer from your college about acceptance (usually around mid-December). However, with early decision, there is a catch. Early decision plans are binding. This means that if you apply to a college via the early decision process, you must attend that college if accepted and offered an adequate financial aid package. Thus, you can only apply to **one** early decision school. You can, however, apply to other colleges under regular admission. If you are accepted by your early decision college, then you must withdraw all other applications. Keep in mind that early decision may not be your best option if you want to compare financial aid packages between colleges. Early decision colleges usually offer students a better chance of admission if they apply early. When you research schools with the early decision option, check out the acceptance rates for students who apply early decision versus regular admission. The early decision acceptance rates are usually higher.



Western Wayne's Procedures for Submitting College Applications

1. Students applying to a college should notify their school counselor.
2. Some college/universities will waive the applications fee if you visit their campus. Other colleges/universities have free online college applications. Students having financial difficulties covering the application fee should see their guidance counselor.
3. **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST- CURRENT STUDENTS:** Are processed through Maia. Students will request a transcript through this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HShTevVMU2dJjXd5QIEUxKLpI6SbvimEOyjm0_OC9TU/edit
4. Your transcript may include your SAT and ACT scores. Many colleges have gone to "Test Optional" policies (see each college to determine if they are test optional). Check to make sure Guidance has your most up to date scores. A few colleges require that you have your SAT/ACT sent directly from the College Board/ACT program. It is your responsibility to have the scores sent. Questions...see your school counselor.
5. Fee waivers are available for most colleges if you received a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT. See your school counselor for an application fee waiver.
6. Students requesting counselor Letters of Recommendation must request the letter at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance.
7. In most instances **Early Decision** applications should be submitted around November 1st. This can vary, so watch your dates! Regular Decision applications should be submitted as soon as possible. If you are uncertain about application deadlines see your school counselor.
8. **Mid-year grades** will be sent to colleges that require them. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Guidance Office about sending out midyear grades.
9. Final transcripts will be sent to the college that the student will attend. **FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS** will be given to seniors at the end of the school year. *Remember, college admissions representatives review all senior year grades very carefully.*

**Students and parents are encouraged to contact their
School Counselor with any questions or concerns.**

NEED HELP?

Many parents see college as a necessity for their children, and starting early and saving regularly can make all the difference. **Upromise** is a college savings network sponsored by America's leading companies. Simply, when you buy a product or service from a participating company, they contribute a portion of your spending into an Upromise account for your loved one. Best off all, it's absolutely **FREE!** Just register at www.upromise.com

The **Wayne County Public Assistance** provides services to eligible clients. Anyone residing in Wayne County meeting eligibility may apply for Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, and Home Energy Assistance. Call 570-253-7100. Application can also be processed on the Internet at www.compass.state.pa.us

Job Applicants interested in applying for **PA State Civil Service Jobs** should log onto www.scsc.state.pa.us

Information & Referral County-Wide System Now residents can call WINFO Line at 253-5986 or 866-253-5986 (for those out of the local calling area) for any human service referrals. This free, confidential line is available for assistance Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm. Email information requests can be sent to landr@co.wayne.pa.us Since 1998, the Wayne County Human Services Agency has worked on the development of a computer program capable of storing and retrieving information concerning services, eligibility, access, etc., so it may be quickly retrieved by topic in response to a caller's question on what human services are available. To date, over 700 agencies with thousands of services have been entered into this system.

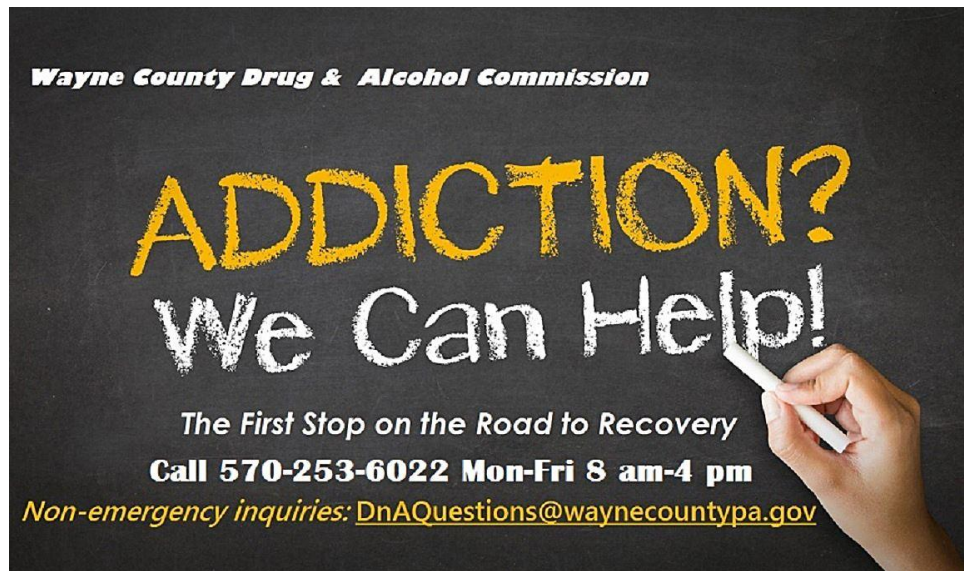
The Wayne County Office of Behavioral & Developmental Programs & Early Intervention launched a new Crisis Line on Thursday, July 1, in partnership with the [Center for Community Resources](#) (CCR). Through the toll-free number, **1-833-557-3224 (1-833-55REACH)** CCR provides mental health crisis intervention services, both telephone and mobile, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Beginning on July 1st, individuals calling Wayne Crisis will reach a live, compassionate, and caring crisis counselor. Individuals calling Wayne Crisis can talk to the crisis counselor on the phone or request that the counselor come to see them in the community. For more information or questions please contact John Nebzydoski at 570-253-9200 or jnebydoski@waynecountypa.gov .



<https://www.libraryhamlin.org/home>

<https://www.waynelibraries.org/>

Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission



The Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission is a public non-profit agency. The Commission is fully licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Programs. The Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Commission is committed to providing prevention, early intervention, and comprehensive drug-free treatment services to the Wayne County area.

Contact Information: (570) 253-6022

HOTLINE TO REPORT UNDERAGE DRINKING

Put a stop to underage drinking, before it starts and before it leads to tragedy. Someone always knows about an underage drinking party. Callers to **888-UNDER-21** can report underage drinking parties that are planned or in progress. You can also report establishments that are selling or serving alcohol to those under 21 and people who are manufacturing and selling false identification.

DON'T DEAL WITH DRUGS & ALCOHOL ALONE

NOT READY TO SPILL IT
IN THE GROUP CHAT?

WE GET IT

TEXT

717-216-0905

CHAT



1-800-662-HELP

FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL



Pennsylvania
Department of Drug and
Alcohol Programs



Penn State Days

Visit Penn State's campuses to learn more about our powerful network across the state of Pennsylvania. These campus-wide open houses will include energetic meetings with admissions representatives and opportunities to learn about our top-notch academics, student life, and so much more.

Each Penn State campus offers its own vibrant community, and we encourage you to visit multiple campuses to discover what makes each one uniquely Penn State.

For more information check out <https://apply.psu.edu/portal/ua-pr-psd>



At Pitt, you'll find countless opportunities to do college your way, starting with your official campus visit. We have a variety of in-person and virtual program options to answer your questions and help you discover why Pitt could be a good fit for you. No matter which university program type you choose, you'll have the opportunity to experience what it feels like to be a Pitt Panther as a new student.

Click the link to schedule a tour:

<https://admissions.pitt.edu/visit/schedule/>



PennState
Scranton

The Center for
Business Development
and Community Outreach

120 Ridge View Drive
Dunmore, PA 18512 US
Phone: 570-963-2600

Email: scrantonoutreach@psu.edu

High school juniors and seniors, sign up for a FREE 3-credit course in our Environmental Science Program



**Full Scholarships are available through the generosity of the
DeNaples Family and the Keystone Sanitary Landfill.*

<https://scranton.psu.edu/business-development-community-outreach/options/youth-programs/environmental-credit-programs>



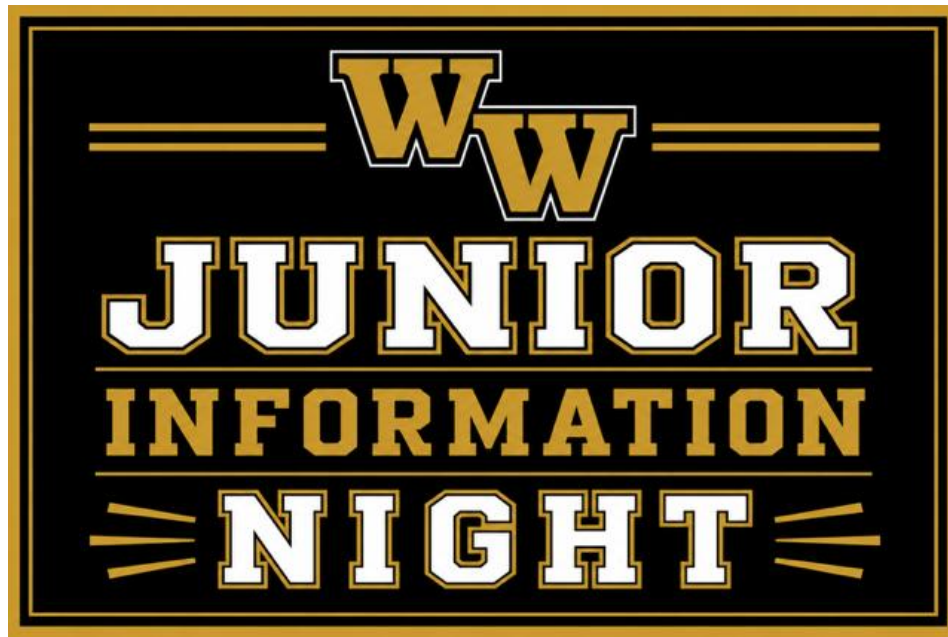
With students struggling to afford a degree, now is the crucial time to engage families and educate individuals about the variety of options to help them achieve the degree they aspire for. Our team at **AffordableColleges.com** recognized this need and curated a series of resources that delve into saving for college, financial aid and free tools, which can be of use to individuals seeking financial assistance for school. Take a look here:

529 Plan Guide:

<https://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/college-savings-plans/>

Financial Aid Guide:

<https://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/financial-aid-guide/>



On Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. the Guidance Department will be conducting **Junior Information Night** in the LGI. The purpose of this evening is to inform parents/guardians about: selecting a college/trade school/training program, college cost, the college admissions process, registration and deadlines for the SAT/ACT, general financial aid information, Maia, SmartFutures, military and job opportunities and other important information. This time in your student's academic career is extremely significant to their life after high school. We strongly encourage you and your student to attend together.

If you have any questions prior to the **Junior Information Night**, please contact 1-800-321-9973 and ask to speak to your student's school counselor.

FAFSA IS OPEN!



[HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/](https://studentaid.gov/)

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-directory>

Fastweb: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Finaid: <http://www.finaid.org/>

I'm First: <http://www.imfirst.org/>

Unigo: <https://www.unigo.com>

Scholarship America: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships>

Student Scholarships: <https://studentscholarships.org>

College Xpress: www.collegexpress.com

Free Scholarship Search: <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search>

Scholarships.com: www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships

*****Deadlines vary and new scholarships can pop up at any time!**

Western Wayne High School Guidance

Scholarships 2025-26

May Issue

Scholarship	Criteria	Due Date	Application Location
Kelly Sledzinski Memorial Scholarship	<p>This Scholarship is issued in memory of Kelly in the hope that other students can carry on Kelly's legacy and to a student who will exemplify the qualities that Kelly possessed. Kelly has been described as having an unstoppable spirit and a drive to always do her best in all situations.</p> <p>Essay Prompt: In 500 words or less, please describe a quality or life experience that you are proud of. Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.</p>	May 5, 2026	See Guidance for details.
DARK Endowment Cybersecurity Scholarship	<p>DARK Enterprises Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cybersecurity education, is pleased to announce the DARK Endowment Cybersecurity Scholarship for high school seniors planning to major in cybersecurity or a related field. This \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to deserving students who are US citizens, demonstrate passion for cybersecurity, academic preparation, and a commitment to contributing to the field.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements Applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizens • Graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an accredited undergraduate cybersecurity program or 	May 8, 2026	https://teachcyber.org/dark-endowment-scholarship/

	<p>closely related field at a U.S. college or university.</p> <p>Students should demonstrate academic preparedness, genuine interest in cybersecurity through extracurricular activities or self-directed learning, and a strong work ethic.</p>		
Kenneth & Ethel Wilson Scholarship	Open to seniors furthering their education after graduation.	May 15, 2026	See Guidance for details.
GDS Fair Scholarship	<p>ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in any of the following school districts: Delaware Valley, East Stroudsburg North, Forest City, North Pocono, Wallenpaupack, Wayne Highlands or Western Wayne including those enrolled in a state-approved home school program; and</p> <p>2. Applicant must be enrolled in either an Associates or Bachelor degree level program, or a post secondary trade or technical school, and is starting their courses in the summer or fall semester of the current year; and,</p> <p>3. Applicant must have contributed to community service locally or in school; and,</p> <p>4. Applicant must meet at least ONE of the following requirements: Be a member of the GDS Fair Be a child or grandchild of a member of the GDS Fair Have contributed significantly to the preparation and/or conduct of the GDS Fair in the past 3 years</p>	June 30, 2026	See Guidance for details.
Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program	<p>To be considered for the Grow PA Grant Program, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) • Be a current resident of Pennsylvania • Meet satisfactory academic progress for Title IV financial aid 	October 1, 2026	https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/grow-pa-scholarship-grant-program

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not earned a bachelor's degree • Be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible associate or bachelor's degree program at an approved Pennsylvania institution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This degree must lead to a job in an in-demand occupation as determined by PHEAA • Sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) agreeing to repay all funds received if the work requirement is not met, including any potential interest accrued • <p>PHEAA will accept applications for the 2026-27 academic year until October 1, 2026. We anticipate funds will be exhausted before the application deadline and encourage students to apply as soon as possible.</p>		
<p>Pennsylvania American Legion Scholarships</p>	<p>Many different scholarships are available.</p>	<p>Check website for deadlines</p>	<p>https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-and-youth/scholarships-program/</p>

