

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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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.
- Sign up for the SAT if you need to at www.collegeboard.org. The deadline to register for the SAT on October 3rd is September 18th.
- 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 PSAT or SAT through BlueBook.
- 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.
- Sign up for the PSATs scheduled for October 20th.

Sophomores:

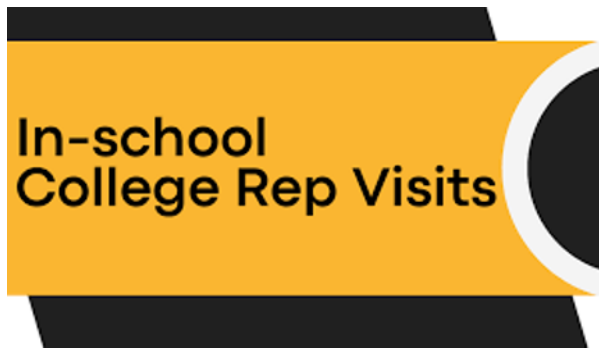
- Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work towards leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- Begin researching college and career options...SmartFutures through Clever or Maia are great places to start.
- Sign up for the PSATs scheduled for October 20th.

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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| • September 21 st | School Picture Day |
| • September 25 th | Early Dismissal – ACT 80 Day |
| • October 12 th | NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day |
| • October 14 th | College/Career Fair (HS Gym) |
| • October 16 th | Homecoming |
| • October 20 th | PSAT Exams |
| • October 28 th | ASVAB (1 st – 4 th periods) |
| • October 30 th | Early Dismissal – Act 80 Day |

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In-school College Rep Visits

COLLEGE VISITS 2024-25	DATE	TIME
Keystone College	9/28/2026	3rd Period
Lafayette College	10/1/2026	2nd Period
IUP	10/15/2026	2nd Period
Messiah University	10/19/2026	4th Period
Kutztown University	11/5/2026	2nd Period
Temple University	11/19/2026	4th Period

Career Spotlight

Civil Engineer



Brief Job Description

Civil engineers design major transportation projects. Civil engineers plan, design, and supervise the construction and maintenance of building and infrastructure projects. These projects may include facilities, bridges, roads, tunnels, and water and sewage systems.

Education

Civil engineers typically need a bachelor's degree in civil engineering or a related field to enter the occupation. They typically need a state-issued license if they provide services directly to the public.

More Info

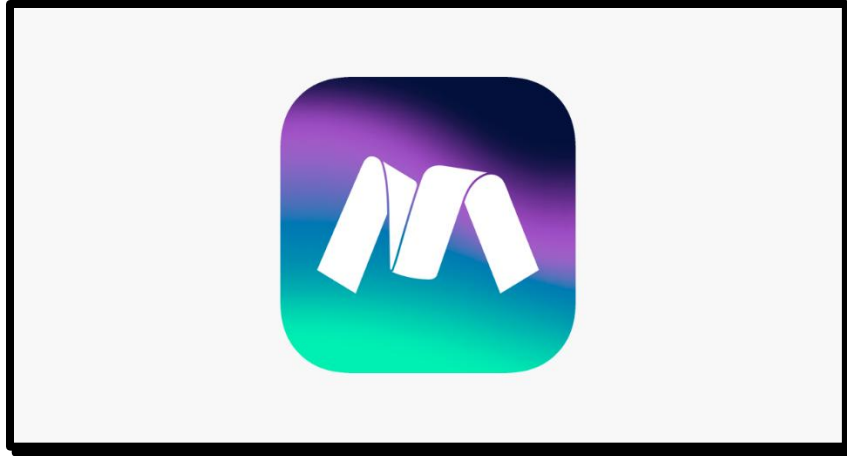
Employment of civil engineers is projected to grow 6 percent from 2025 to 2035, faster than the average for all occupations. About 22,700 openings for civil engineers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire. The median annual wage for civil engineers was \$100,840 in May 2025.

Key Skills:

- Mathematical Ability
- Scientific Acumen
- Logical Thinking
- Creative Problem Solving
- Technical Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Project Management & Teamwork
- Communication Skills

Colleges and Universities that Offer Degrees as Civil Engineers

Carnegie Mellon	Pitt
Drexel	Penn State
UPenn	Villanova
Temple	Lehigh
Purdue	Bucknell

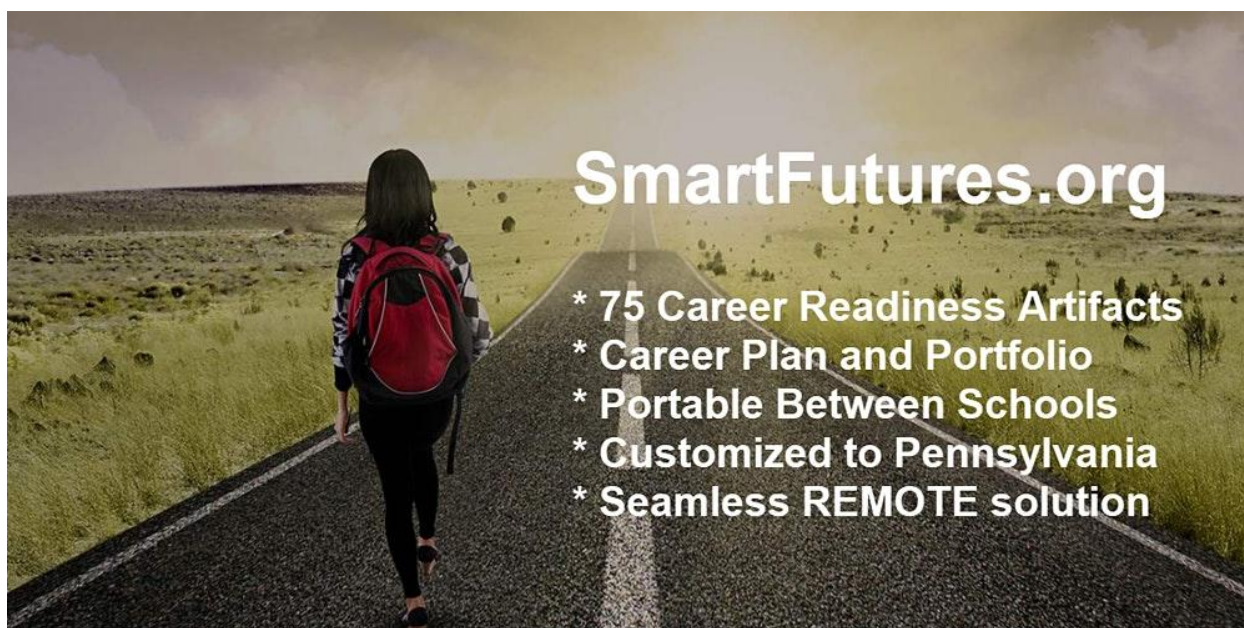


Western Wayne High School students will now be using Maia to research colleges, careers, link their Common App, send transcripts and letters of recommendation.

Maia Student Overview

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

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



SmartFutures.org

- * 75 Career Readiness Artifacts
- * Career Plan and Portfolio
- * Portable Between Schools
- * Customized to Pennsylvania
- * Seamless REMOTE solution

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!



The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered on **OCTOBER 20th** at Western Wayne High School from 8:00 to 12:00 to interested 10th and 11th graders. The PSAT/NMSQT parallels many of the elements in the SAT. Like the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT is based on the principle that the test should more closely align with high school curricula and college skills. The PSAT is a value indicator of how you may perform on the SAT. The PSAT/NMSQT's Score Report *Plus* will be given to students in order to continue to help students determine their strengths and weaknesses by providing personalized feedback on academic skills. Students receive this report with their scores in early December.

Cost is \$18; Fee Waivers are available to Juniors who qualify



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

SAT Register online at www.collegeboard.org- Registration fee is \$68.00

These test dates and deadlines apply to all students—U.S. and international—taking the SAT:

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug. 22, 2026	Aug. 7, 2026	Aug. 11, 2026
Sept. 12, 2026	Aug. 28, 2026	Sept. 1, 2026
Oct. 3, 2026	Sept. 18, 2026	Sept. 22, 2026
Nov. 7, 2026	Oct. 23, 2026	Oct. 27, 2026
Dec. 5, 2026	Nov. 20, 2026	Nov. 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	Feb. 19, 2027	Feb. 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	Apr. 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

*Students [who need to borrow a device from College Board](#) will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

**Late registration is available worldwide. [Additional fees apply.](#)

Complete ACT Test Date Schedule

The ACT is offered 7 times per year at test centers across the United States. Scores are released approximately 2–4 weeks after each test. Register through your [MyACT](#) account to secure your spot and find an approved test center near you.

Registration Fee: \$70.00

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Dead- line	Photo Upload & Standby Dead- line	Paper Initial Score Re- lease
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

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.
- Google Gemini – “Give me a practice SAT exam” - prompt
- SAT Practice. <https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/>
- SAT prep courses are available at Penn State Worthington campus. Call 570-963-2600.
- SAT prep courses are available at Wilkes University. Call 570-408-5615.

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 jnebzydoski@waynecountypa.gov .



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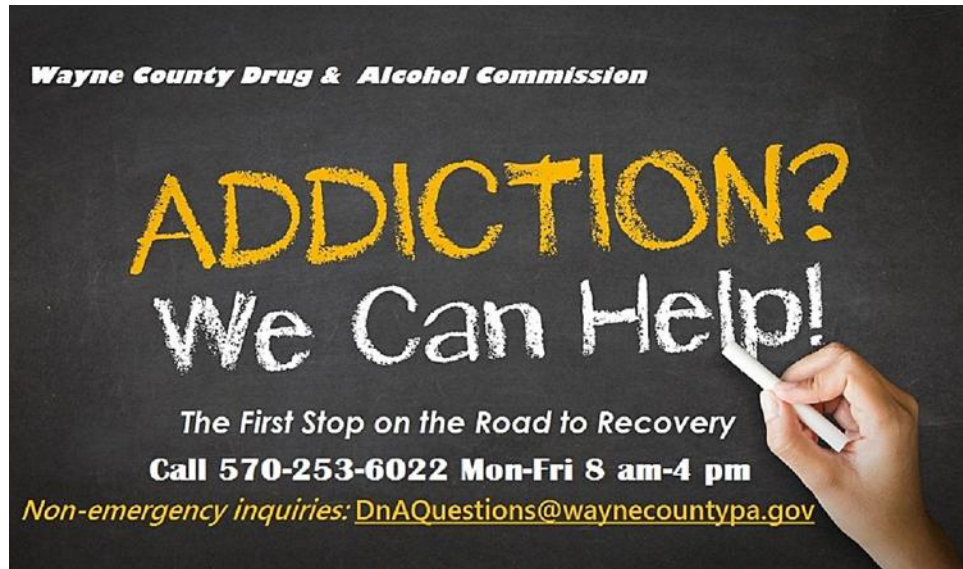


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Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission

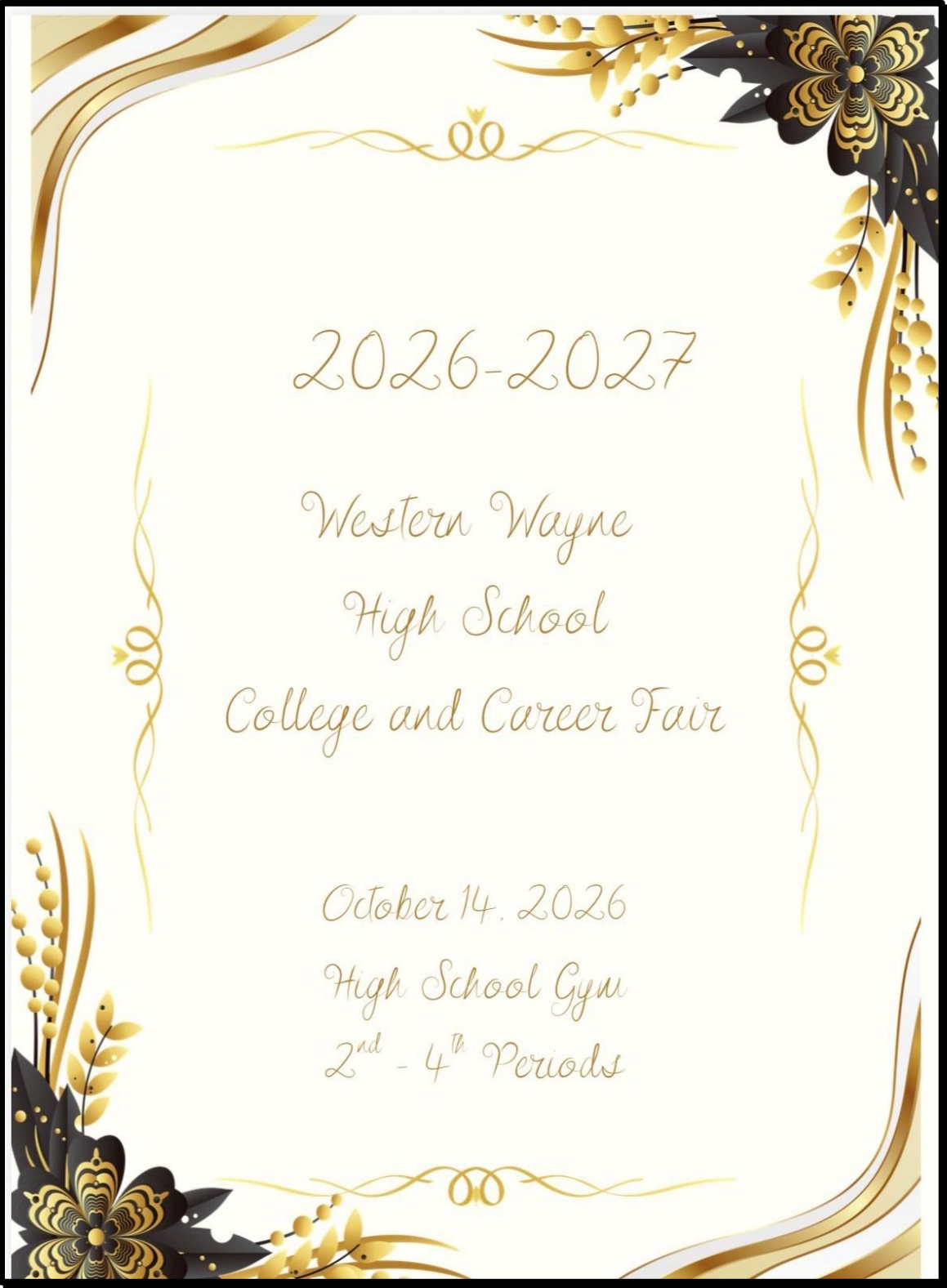


The Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission is a public non-profit agency. The Commission is fully licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Programs. The Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Commission is committed to providing prevention, early intervention, and comprehensive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



2026-2027

Western Wayne
High School
College and Career Fair

October 14, 2026

High School Gym
2nd - 4th Periods



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/>



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/>

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 2026-27

September Issue

Scholarship	Criteria	Due Date	Application Location
Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship	The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to students in their final year of high school. It recognizes students for their leadership, service, and commitment to making a lasting impact in their schools and communities.	September 30, 2026	https://www.scholarships.com/scholarships/coca-cola-scholars-program-scholarship
Voice of Democracy Program Scholarship	The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions: or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible..	October 31, 2026	https://www.vfw.org/VOD

Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship	Applicant must be a U.S. resident 14 years of age or older. A short 250-word or less essay on the following topic required: Imagine that your high school/college has been overrun with Zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Use your brain to flesh out a plan to avoid the Zombies, including where you would hide and the top five things you would bring with you to stay alive.	October 31, 2026	http://www.collegexpress.com/scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship/2026241/?utm_source=In-House&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=GC_CXSS_091716
10 Words or Less Scholarship	Scholarship Eligibility: A) Be between the ages of 17-25 B) Be attending college or university in the Fall of 2027 C) Be attending a college or university in the United States or Canada The successful applicants will receive notification by email no later than December 1, 2026. Applicants who are not selected may view the winner's announcement, which will be posted on this website on December 15, 2026.	November 15, 2026	https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10258/10_words_or_less_scholarship_scholarship.php
EOC Scholarship Marywood University	Submission of the Educators of Campus (EOC) Scholarship Application does not guarantee acceptance to Marywood University. All applications must be received by the Office of Admissions no later than December 18, 2026. To qualify, prospective students must possess a cumulative GPA of 3.25 on a 4.00 scale and must be referred by an approved Educator on Campus school. A high school transcript must also be sent from guidance to verify GPA and/or SAT/ACT scores. For students entering Marywood University in Fall 2026, SAT or ACT test scores will be optional. Students who elect to submit scores must possess a minimum SAT score of 1060 total on the Evidence-Based Reading and Math section combined (or a minimum ACT score of 21).	December 18, 2026	https://www.marywood.edu/alumni/get-involved/educators-on-campus

	Prospective students are awarded \$1,000 per year for a total of four years. A School Counselor must verify the information provided on this application. Only the first 100 scholarships will be considered. *If additional copies of this form are needed, photocopies are permitted.		
Elks National Foundation – Legacy Awards	Who is Eligible? 1. For the 2027 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2024, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2024, is eligible to apply. The Elk must be a contiguous, dues paying Elk through March 31, 2027. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. 2. The applicant must be a high school senior. 3. The applicant must apply online only. The 2027 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 1, 2027, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific time. 4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must select the parent's Elks Lodge on the application. 5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2027 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores. 6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award both scholarships. Students can also accept local and state	February 1, 2027	https://www.elks.org/scholarships/Legacy.cfm#WhoIsEligible

	scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level. 7. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.) 8. If you are selected as a 2027 Legacy Awards recipient, to further strengthen your connection to the #ElksFamily, you must complete an act of service with a Lodge at least three times during your collegiate career. Click here for more information about serving with the Elks.		
Blair E. Caboot Memorial Scholarship	The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NPCTM) annually presents a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving senior student from northeastern Pennsylvania. The scholarship is in memory of Blair E. Caboot, a past President of NPCTM and mathematics educator in the Abington Heights School District and Keystone College. The scholarship applicant should excel in mathematics in high school and have future plans in a mathematics-related field. Eligible applicants must attend school in one of the following counties: Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wayne, & Wyoming. To apply, students should fill out the online form here. A transcript and recommendation letter from one of the student's mathematics teachers is required.	March 1, 2027	https://sites.google.com/ctclc.edu/npctm/scholarship-information?authuser=0

Perry/Westgate Memorial Scholarship	Amount of Scholarship \$1000.00 Contest is open to any student entering a two or four year college under an agricultural, conservation, or environmentally oriented college curriculum. If there are any questions regarding the curriculum you plan to study, contact the office. Some examples would be Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Engineering, Aquatic Biology, Soil Sciences, Parks and Recreation, Forest Sciences, Agronomy, Wildlife Biology, etc. STUDENT MUST BE ENTERING FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE IN CURRENT YEAR. The contest is open to Wayne County students only. There is no discrimination to race or sex. The application is to be completed to the best of the student's ability. One letter of reference must be included with the application. The reference may not be a teacher or family member. A one-page, double-space essay describing future goals and objectives must be submitted with the student's application. A transcript of the applicant's educational record must be included. The school's guidance counselor or principal must sign the application for the contest. The judging is completed using the application and material submitted, and how much the activities and information given pertain to the college curriculum that is chosen.	April 9, 2027	Paper application located in Guidance (see Mrs. Sgarlata).
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Pennsylvania American Legion Scholarships	Many different scholarships are available.	Check website for deadlines	https://pa- legion.com/programs/student -and-youth/scholarships- program/
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