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PMVB Scholarship Program Back for 2026

Applications now open for a limited time through April 30

February 26, 2026 – The [Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau](#) (PMVB) and other local organizations continue to encourage and invest in future leaders of the tourism and hospitality industry, as well as related fields, by awarding annual scholarship funding to high school seniors and undergraduate students.

Applications for the 2026 program are now open at PoconoMountains.com/Scholarships, and most scholarships have an application deadline of Thursday, April 30.

Scholarships are available to East Stroudsburg University (ESU) and Northampton Community College (NCC) students, as well as high school or technical institute seniors from the four-county Pocono region who are entering a two-year or four-year college or university.

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“We are Pocono Proud to inspire and support our future workforce in various ways, including through scholarships,” said Chris Barrett, President/CEO, Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. “The Pocono Mountains is a great destination to pursue a hospitality career with endless opportunities to learn from seasoned mentors, advance over time, and earn competitive wages.”

The PMVB also offers a [Student Membership Program](#) to help students gain career insights, network with area professionals in the hospitality industry, and access various PMVB benefits at no cost. In addition, the [Poconos Ambassador Program](#) is a complimentary online course for students, hospitality employees, and the public to learn about the region and help make a positive impact on the community.

Awardees will be announced by mid-May. Visit PoconoMountains.com/Scholarships or email scholarships@poconos.org to learn more about scholarship opportunities or make a contribution.

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2025 PMVB Scholarship Recipients

County	Student Name	HS/CTC	Major	College	Scholarship Type	Award
Carbon	Jonathan Duffy	Jim Thorpe Area High School	Marketing	East Stroudsburg University	PMVB General	\$1,000.00
Monroe	Austin Herman	Stroudsburg High School	Business Analytics	Bucknell University	PMVB General	\$1,000.00
Pike	Briana Blaszczyk	Wallenpaupack Area High School	Business	Manhattan College	Harry and Mary Kiesendahl	\$1,000.00
Carbon	Jaxson Strauss	Lehigh Area High School	Business	St. Joseph's University	PMVB General	\$1,000.00
Monroe	Neylla Joseph	East Stroudsburg South High School	Hotel Management	Wilkes or East Stroudsburg University	Robert Ugucioni	\$1,000.00
Monroe	Shelbi Calligari	Stroudsburg High School	Marketing	Penn State University	PMVB General	\$1,000.00
Carbon	Jalin Burns	Carbon Career & Technical Institute	Hotel Management	Not Specified	Robert Ugucioni	\$1,000.00
Monroe	Emma Miller			East Stroudsburg University	PMVB Recreation Annual	\$1,000.00
Monroe	Teagan Franchetti			East Stroudsburg University	Robert Ugucioni	\$1,800.00

Pocono Mountains visitor information is available online at PoconoMountains.com or by phone at (570) 421-5791. Established in 1934, the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. The PMVB is the official destination marketing organization for the four counties of Wayne, Pike, Monroe, and Carbon in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The PMVB operates the 24/7 Pocono Television Network which can be found on streaming, broadcast and cable.