

**William Penn
Elementary School
PTO**

**Rosemary Gainar Scholarship
Application 2020**



The William Penn Elementary PTO is happy to announce that it will be offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship for a former William Penn student for his/her post high school education. If you attended William Penn, you may be eligible for the scholarship.

The criteria for application are:

- Student must have been enrolled at William Penn Elementary School for a minimum of 2 years.
- Be a senior at Bethel Park High School
- Student must be in good academic standing & submit current grades
- Show evidence of acceptance into a higher education program/school
- Show evidence of participation in a school activity/sport, community/volunteer activity or be employed.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a current teacher.
- Complete and submit required application and essay by 5:00pm on April 24th, 2020.

Written essays will be anonymous. The scholarship recipient will be chosen by a Volunteer panel of William Penn teachers and administrative staff.

Essays will be judged on the following;

(1) content, (2) style, (3) mechanics and (4) overall presentation

Please complete the forms and the required essay and submit to
William Penn Elementary
c/o Rosemary Gainar Memorial Scholarship Committee
100 Woodlet Lane
Bethel Park, PA 15102

If a student submits an application they may not apply for any other scholarship from another Bethel Park elementary school.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact us at ptowilliampenn@gmail.com or the counseling office at 412-854-8595.

Thank you,

William Penn PTO

Eligibility Requirements

I. Applicant must:

- a. Have attended at least two years at William Penn Elementary.
- b. Be a current member of the Senior Class of Bethel Park High School.
- c. Provide evidence that he/she has been accepted and will be attending a college, university, or school offering post high school training.
- d. Be actively involved in one of the following: school activity/sport, community/volunteer activity or organization, or be employed.
- e. Be on track for successful completion of all high school requirements OR be in good academic standing. Applicant must submit proof of this by providing a print out of grades.
- f. Student must include a letter of recommendation from a current teacher.

II. In addition to the completed application, the applicant must:

- a. Answer the following question (total of 250 words maximum, 12 point font, typed, double-spaced, on a separate sheet of paper.)

What is the hardest thing you have ever done?

Note: The essays will be anonymous. The answers will be read and the winners are chosen by a volunteer panel of William Penn teachers and administrative staff. **Any application with answers deemed inappropriate by the awards committee will be excluded. **

- III. The application must be completed by the student applying for the award. The entire application, required forms and essay must be submitted by Friday, April 24, 2020 by 5:00pm.

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****Winner will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship****
William Penn Elementary Rosemary Gainar Scholarship

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

1. What years and grade levels did you attend William Penn Elementary School?

2. Are you a member of the senior class of Bethel Park High School? Yes or No

3. Are you in good academic standing? Yes or No

4. Which higher education institution (s) have you been accepted into?

5. Are you involved in any school activity, sport, community service, volunteer activity or have active employment? Please list.

All application information is correct and essay has been completed by applicant.

I understand that by submitting this application I am not eligible for any other scholarship from another Bethel Park Elementary School.

Signature: _____ Date _____

REF. CODE _____ (for use by PTO)

Application Checklist

1. Application Form
2. Essay
3. Proof of good standing grades
4. Proof of acceptance into higher education institution
5. Letter of recommendation from a current teacher

**Please submit a 250 maximum word essay, double spaced twelve point font on a separate piece of paper.
Please staple this paper to the top of the essay.**

Essay Question:

What is the most difficult thing you have ever done?

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Rosemary Gainar was a beloved Paraprofessional at William Penn, and for whom this scholarship is named. Born in Cleveland Ohio, Rosemary and her husband Richard made their home in the William Penn neighborhood of Bethel Park and raised their three sons Scott, Ray and Tom. She loved seeing her students each day, and was a ray of sunshine in the school. When she passed away unexpectedly it left a void with the students and staff at the school. This scholarship honors her legacy.