

James Buchanan Elementary School Scholarship Application Process & Guidelines

Scholarship Description:

James Buchanan will offer one \$500 scholarship each school year. To be eligible to apply and receive this scholarship, you must meet all of the criteria listed below.

Criteria:

The applicant must...

- have attended James Buchanan Elementary School for a minimum of 3 full years.
- be a graduating senior at Freedom High School or Liberty High School.
- have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA throughout his/her high school career.
- be attending an accredited college, university, vocational, or technical school in the Fall of his/her graduating year.

Additional Items:

The applicant must include the following items with his/her application:

- copy of his/her high school transcript
- a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher

Application Procedure:

Applicants should complete the attached application and submit it, along with the “additional items” listed above, to the address listed on the next page.

- Applications must be received by **April 30, 2026**
- Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The decision of the selection committee is final.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee will consist of the following people:

1. Current James Buchanan principal
2. Current James Buchanan guidance counselor
3. Additional James Buchanan teacher(s) of the principal’s choosing

Send completed application, transcript, and two letters of recommendation

Mail to: James Buchanan Elementary School
Attn: Principal
1621 Catasauqua Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Email to: alhinkel@basdschools.org,
sbatdorf@basdschools.org



Awarding of the Scholarship:

1. James Buchanan’s principal will notify the recipient by **June 1**.
2. The recipient will be invited to attend the 5th grade moving up ceremony in June to accept the award. This is at the principal’s discretion.
3. The \$500 scholarship check will be made payable directly to the post-high school institution.
4. Before James Buchanan will issue a check to the post-high school institution, the organization has the authority to request proof of acceptance.

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Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Institution Attending in the Fall: _____

Years & Grade Levels of James Buchanan Attendance: _____

Letters of Recommendation:

Please indicate the names and titles of the two people who wrote you letters of recommendation:

1. Name: _____

Title: _____

2. Name: _____

Title: _____

By signing below, I verify that all of the information provided on this application is true and accurate. Also, I verify that the applicant wrote the essay without assistance.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Please use additional paper to fully answer all of the questions below. Each answer should be no more than 250 words in length. Typing is preferred but not required.

1. Please list and describe any school clubs and/or activities that you participated in during your time at James Buchanan Elementary School.
2. Please list and describe any school clubs/activities/sports that you participated in during your high school career. Please include any special achievements (such as team captain, officer, lead role, etc.)
3. Please list and describe any academic achievements you earned throughout your high school career.
4. Please list and describe your high school community service experiences.
5. Please list and describe any part-time jobs you held throughout high school.
6. Please describe your future plans and how this scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals.

Respond to the prompt:

What made your experience at James Buchanan Elementary School memorable or unique?