

APPLICATION FOR:

The Peter J. Carril Memorial Fund Scholarship

Framework:

The Peter J Carril Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a college-bound senior male or female basketball player at Liberty High School, whose effort, achievement, and character most exemplify those qualities which were foundational as well as sustaining throughout Pete Carril's life. Young Pete grew up on East Third St. on Bethlehem's South Side in a single-parent household. His father worked long hours at the steel mill. His older sister Anita, kept an eye on him, while the Bethlehem Boys Club and the Calvo family provided him with the warmth and guidance of a second family. He had a talent for the game of basketball and it would become his one, true passion, eventually earning him a place in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. Young Pete went on to attend Liberty High School and do well as a basketball player, developing good skills and work ethic under the tutelage of Coach Joseph Preletz. Pete graduated from Liberty in 1948 and it was Joe Preletz who sent his star player off to nearby Lafayette College with the inspirational poem that Carril would hold onto throughout his entire life. *The Man Who Thinks He Can* is a poem about tenacity, true grit, and overcoming obstacles against all odds... but most of all, it is a poem about believing in oneself, about never giving up... about making something come true because the *belief was there, that one could.*

Criteria:

The Peter J Carril Memorial Scholarship will go to the player who demonstrates:

- **integrity, talent, and sportsmanship** in basketball
- **integrity and scholastic achievement** in academics
- **good citizenship** in the school community as well as in the Bethlehem community
- a willingness to put the success of the team first... **unselfishness.**
- leadership qualities that involve kindness, sensitivity, and inclusiveness
- a **strong work ethic** in the classroom and on the court
- the ability to **make good decisions** both on and off the court

- **courage** with confronting the challenges of the game as well as those in everyday life along with the **tenacity** to never give up
- a strong system of **core values** and the belief that no matter what, *he/she is the man/woman who thinks he/she can.*

The scholarship amount of \$2,500. is awarded annually at the end of the year at the Athletic Awards Banquet.

This monetary amount of \$2,500. will be presented to the recipient who is enrolled in an accredited college, with the intent of using the award toward the payment of tuition bills and/or academic books/supplies. A framed copy of the poem will be given to the recipient, as well.

For consideration of the award, the attached application must be completed in full and submitted by the close of the school day on the date below. The Liberty Scholarship Committee at Liberty High School will select the scholarship recipients along with input from the Carril Family.

Process:

Completed applications should be received no later than **April 24, 2026** by email or mail.

Email Submission:

When submitting this application via email, please use Carril Scholarship Application in the subject field and email to TheFoundation@basdschools.org

Mail Submission:

When submitting this application by mail, please make a note on the front of the envelope **Attention Justin Amann** with the following address...

The Foundation for the BASD
P.O. Box 646
Bethlehem, PA 18016

Notification of Scholarship Recipients: The candidate's application is reviewed by a Liberty High School committee and the Carril Family in April/May to determine a scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient will be notified in **May 2026**.

Peter J. Carril Memorial Fund
Scholarship Application
Liberty High School
Application Deadline: April 24, 2026

Student Name: _____

Support Signatures (2)

1- Support of Guidance Counselor/Advisor:

Pete Carril valued the qualities of hard work, academic scholarship, teamwork, good citizenship, and above all... perseverance. I believe that this nominee is deserving of this award and exemplifies the qualities that Pete Carril believed in, relied on, and which were instrumental in helping him to be successful in life.

Signature of Counselor/Advisor

2- Support of Basketball Coach:

Pete Carril valued the qualities of hard work, academic scholarship, teamwork, good citizenship, and above all... perseverance. I believe that this nominee is deserving of this award and exemplifies the qualities that Pete Carril believed in, relied on, and which were instrumental in helping him to be successful in life.

Signature of Basketball Coach

Attachments: Please attach the items below, which will help us with the selection process. Consideration will include but not be limited to the following:

- Transcript of academic grades
- Years of basketball played- at Liberty; including community leagues

- School and/or community activities
- Academic and/or athletic awards
- Future plans: include schools you have been accepted to and plans for study
- A paragraph or two stating how you have displayed those qualities that helped Pete Carril attain his dream... Why/how will you attain yours?

References: Listed here are the names of two people who can be contacted for further reference. Please let these people know that you have listed them as references and that they may be contacted. Should not be a family member.

Reference 1: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

(Ex. teacher, Eagle Scout Director...)

Reference 2: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

(Ex. teacher, Band Director...)

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Applicant Contact Information

Applicant's Name: _____

High School: Liberty High School

Home Address:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Institution Attending in the Fall:

Student Bursar # or ID: _____

Date of Application: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

All information provided is accurate.