This scholarship was established in memory of George B. and Bertha J. Knecht as a means to “give back” to the residents of the West Pittston community where George grew up. George and Bertha Knecht were married for 45 years and called Stamford, CT their home since 1940.

This 4-year renewable scholarship is available to students who are West Pittston residents attending Wyoming Area High School, Holy Redeemer, West Side Career Technical School or homeschooled.

Students from the West Pittston area who demonstrate a commitment toward reaching their academic abilities and dedication to improving their community may qualify. Community service may include but is not limited to volunteering at area non-profit organizations; participating in church-related activities; offering services to the less fortunate, especially children and the elderly; or assisting those who are physically, emotionally or spiritually disadvantaged. The student applicant should be dedicated to recognizing and preserving the human traits of compassion and caring beyond one’s own circumstance.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified student and may be renewed up to a total of four years contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- A resident of West Pittston
- A graduate of a Wyoming Area High School, Holy Redeemer, West Side Career Technical School or homeschooled
- A student with a proven record and commitment of helping others within his/her community (see text above)
- A hard-working student producing to the best of their academic ability and maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA
- Demonstrating financial need
- Planning to enroll as an undergraduate in an accredited two or four-year college/university or vocational training program as a full-time student

**Application Requirements:** In addition to the three-page application form, your application packet should contain:

- An official transcript from your present or most recently attended school as well as a copy of your ACT and/or SAT test scores, if available.
- A personal statement in 300-500 words, double spaced, with one-inch margins and 12-pitch font. Your statement should include information that would help us in knowing you and in determining your eligibility or need based on the scholarship criteria (for example: how you are financing your education; previous work and/or volunteer experience and why it was important to you; reasons for choosing your future goals - e.g. the medical profession, law, business, social services, etc.; challenges in your life experience; and long range plans after graduation).
- 2 letters of recommendation from non-family members (e.g., teachers, clergy, employers, etc.)
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution) confirmation page of your FAFSA report. A complete copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) may be requested, but is not required upon application submission.
- Scholarship Application DEADLINE is Friday, March 27, 2020.
APPLICANT INFORMATION – This application must accompany the requested information, documentation, and/or letters of recommendation, etc. as stated under the criteria/requirements. Please print using dark ink.

Name: ________________________________________________________________________
First    Middle    Last

Permanent Address: _____________________________________________________________
Street   City   State   Zip

Date of Birth: ____________ Male__   Female__ Social Security #: xxx-xx-________

Telephone #:______________   Cell Phone#: _____________  Other Phone #: ______________

E-Mail: ______________________________ Luzerne County resident? ___Yes ___No

High School: __________________________________________________________________ Graduation Date: ______________

FAMILY INFORMATION (Provide the following information where applicable.)

Name of father/stepfather/guardian: ___________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________
Street   City   State   Zip

Name of mother/stepmother/guardian: _________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________
Street   City   State   Zip

Check if applicable: ( ) father deceased   ( ) mother deceased   ( ) parents divorced

Name of spouse: __________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________
Street   City   State   Zip

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Year in college during the coming academic year:   ( ) Fr  ( ) Soph  ( )Jr  ( ) Sr   ( ) Grad

College you are planning to attend___________________________________________

Address (City/State) of college: _____________________________________________

Full-time student?_____ Yes _____No  If no, # of credits_______________

Major Field of Study (if decided):_________________________________________________________________
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Please list extracurricular, community, volunteer and religious activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years. Attach additional sheets if needed.

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WORK EXPERIENCE
Please list your paid work experience during the past four years, **beginning with your most recent position**.

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CERTIFICATION
I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature ______________________ Date __________________
Name of Applicant: ______________________________________________________
(Please PRINT your name.)

Have you applied for or received other scholarships or financial assistance?
Organization ___________________________ Amount applied for _______ Received _________
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_________________________________________________________________________________________

I hereby give The Luzerne Foundation permission to contact any of my teachers, supervisors, professional and educational institutions I have attended, applied to, have been accepted for admission or membership to, for further information about my attendance, performance, financial circumstances and references. I understand that the information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship advisory committee and/or scholarship sponsor. I acknowledge that all materials submitted in this application become the property of The Luzerne Foundation and will not be returned to sender.

Applicant’s signature ___________________________ Date ______________

Parent/Guardian/Spouse signature ___________________________ Date ______________

**Important Note:** The George B. & Bertha J. Knecht Scholarship Memorial Scholarship Fund of The Luzerne Foundation is renewable up to 4 years. 50% of the annual scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester. The balance of the scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester contingent upon the receipt of satisfactory grade transcripts. The recipient must inform The Foundation annually of their intent to renew the award.

Please send completed scholarship packet to:

The Luzerne Foundation
Scholarship Processing
34 South River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Please call The Luzerne Foundation with any questions at 570-822-2065.