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2026-27 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Cambria County Secondary Schools Future Educator Scholarship

2026-27 Academic Year

Our Foundation

Our Philosophy The teaching profession remains one of the most rewarding and vital careers in our society. Today's educators are more than just providers of information; they are mentors, innovators, and advocates for student success. We believe that every student, regardless of their background, deserves an educator dedicated to unlocking their full potential.

Our Mission: To award 3 scholarships in the amount of \$500 to provide financial support to a dedicated student (s) from a Cambria County high school who is committed to pursuing a career in education and shaping the future of our classrooms.

Eligibility & Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Residency:** Must be a graduating senior from a high school located within Cambria County.
- **Intent:** Must have a declared intent to pursue a degree or certification in the field of education.
- **Academic Standing:** Must have a combined QPA of 3.5 or better (or 93% or better) at the time of the application deadline.
- **Enrollment:** Must have applied to a four-year degree program in education.
 - *Note: Scholarship funds will be awarded after acceptance is verified and will be disbursed no earlier than September 1st of the first semester.*

Application Checklist

1. **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two letters (one from a teacher and one from an administrator/counselor).
2. **Video Submission:** Complete the *Future Educator Scholarship: 2026 Video Challenge*.

The Video Challenge: "The AI-Augmented Classroom"

In a 90-second video, please explain:

- How will you use AI as a tool to support your teaching?
- What human qualities or student needs will remain at the center of your work, regardless of how advanced technology becomes?

Submission Guidelines

- Duration: Strictly 90 seconds or less.
- Production: Focus on your voice and vision. A high-quality smartphone recording in a quiet room is preferred.
- Format: Attach your video file or share a link to an unlisted YouTube video via the email provided below.

Evaluation Criteria

- Clarity of Vision: A thoughtful philosophy on the human-AI partnership in education.
- Communication: Ability to explain complex concepts simply, professionally, and passionately.
- Pedagogical Intent: Prioritizing student growth and equity over technology for technology's sake.

Application Form *(Please print clearly or type)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

High School / District: _____

Educational Concentration: _____

College/University: _____

Current QPA: _____

Verification: I certify that the information provided above is correct to the best of our abilities.

Applicant Signature: _____

Principal/Counselor's Signature: _____

Submission Instructions: Please EMAIL all application materials and your video link to tregan@richlandsd.com. Deadline: April 17, 2026