



# BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY

HomeServices

## The Preferred Realty

December 2025

Dear Academic Advisor and/or Guidance Counselor:

I am writing to inform you about our **Trade School & College Scholarship** opportunity for three (3) deserving High School Seniors. Our company, **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty**, based in Wexford, Pennsylvania, is sponsoring the 2025-2026 Dream...Innovate...Grow Scholarships to three amazing seniors that embody one or more of these traits. Each scholarship is valued at \$1,000 per year, for up to four years (totaling \$4,000/per winner).

We are seeking three qualified individuals who intend to become a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school for the Fall of 2026. The senior must reside within our sales force footprint; 16 counties in Western Pennsylvania and 15 counties in Northeastern Ohio (see criteria) have maintained at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA (see criteria). Lastly, we are looking for applicants who mirror some of the qualities of our Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices team in terms of leadership, volunteerism, character, and an overall positive attitude towards life.

Winners of our **Dream...Innovate...Grow** Scholarships will be chosen subjectively by a special committee comprised of BHHS employees and/or salespersons and will be notified by late spring of 2026. The scholarship is renewable for up to the first four years of their education as long as a 3.25 GPA is maintained. Immediate family members of Sponsor's employees and/or salespersons will not be eligible. **Congratulations to last year's winners:** Esther Clark (Eden Christian Academy-PA), Jocelyn Eldemire (Elyria HS Early College - OH) & Rocco Wolfe (Hoover HS-OH).

Please distribute the application to any seniors in your school that you feel would be an admirable recipient of one of the **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty** 2025-2026 Dream...Innovate...Grow Scholarships.

**All "COMPLETED" applications must be emailed to: [Scholarships@TPRSold.com](mailto:Scholarships@TPRSold.com) by Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3:00 pm, in order to be considered for our renewable scholarship.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Van Horn".

**Todd Van Horn**  
VICE PRESIDENT of CAREER DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATE BROKER (#AB067948)



## DREAM...INNOVATE...GROW

*Imagine a place where you're encouraged to **DREAM**—a place so safe and supportive, you feel as if anything is possible—where integrity is rewarded and your word is respected—a place that offers you the freedom to **INNOVATE** as you desire—where hardwork is both fulfilling and fun—where you are truly valued as an individual—a place that inspires you to **GROW** as a professional and as a person—where you can make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of those around you—a place where you can create the real estate world you have always imagined.*

**A place called Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty.**



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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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# Dream...Innovate...Grow

## *A Look at Past Winners*



**Thrisha Kalpathi**

High School:  
North Allegheny  
Attending:  
Penn State University



**Madelyn Sheffel**

High School:  
Lincoln Park Performing  
Arts  
Attending:  
Slippery Rock University



**Alexa Wilsey**

High School:  
Beaver County Christian  
Attending:  
Geneva College



**Brett Skerbetz**

High School:  
South Fayette  
Attending:  
WVU



**Carla Nemer**

High School:  
Revere  
Attending:  
University of  
Missouri-Kansas City



**Akshana Dassanaike-Perera**

High School:  
North Allegheny  
Attending:  
Stanford University



**Casey Bakayza**

High School:  
Upper St. Clair  
Graduated:  
Gannon University



**Molly McCommons**

High School:  
Lincoln  
Attending:  
Grove City College



**Emily Carter**

High School:  
New Castle  
Attending:  
The Ohio State  
University



**Esther Clark**

High School:  
Eden Christian Academy  
Attending:  
Oral Roberts University

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## 2025-2026 Dream...Innovate...Grow Trade School + College Scholarship

Application Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026, at 3:00 pm

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**Application Deadline: 3/2/2026**

Amount: 3 - \$1,000 renewable scholarships for four years (equaling \$4,000 total)

### Inspiration for the scholarship

**Dream...Innovate...Grow** - these are a few of the key beliefs and attributes on which our company has been built. Our CEO & President, Tom Hosack, has often expressed the mission of our brokerage is to have our real estate agents and our corporate personnel embody these passions in pursuit of their careers and in their approach to life. We at **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty** ("SPONSOR") are looking for three (3) students who clearly embrace these ideals both personally and academically. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 towards their tuition for four years. To be eligible, the applicant must be a high school senior and plan to attend a college, university or trade school in the fall of 2026. Recipients of the scholarships are eligible for renewal for up to four total years, provided the student maintains a cumulative 3.25 GPA; thus, making the value of this **scholarship worth \$4,000**.

### Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee shall have:

- Permanent resident status in Western Pennsylvania, in the counties (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Washington, Westmoreland); and in Eastern Ohio, in the counties (Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Wayne) where Sponsor (Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty (PA) & Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Stouffer Realty (OH)) has a sales office or the counties contiguous thereto.
- Excelled academically with an overall minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (based on a maximum of 4.0) or its equivalent. The nominee shall be evaluated upon all academic work completed through the first semester of their senior year in high school.
- Performed with distinction in terms of leadership, volunteerism, character, and positive attitude serving as an example to fellow students as a participant in community, charity and school related activities. The amount of participation shall be weighted equally with the degree of academic performance.
- Signified the intention to continue academic work beyond the high school level.
- Been accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school for the upcoming fall semester. For the purpose of this scholarship, "full-time student" shall be defined as a student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, or the equivalent, in a school term.

# 2025-2026 Dream...Innovate...Grow

## Trade School & College Scholarships

Application Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026, at 3:00 pm

### Application Instructions

There are four items to be completed:

1. The application must be completed (legibly) and signed by the applicant.
2. The endorsement form to be completed and signed by the school's academic advisor and/or Principal.
3. A High School transcript of the student's grades for their 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and first semester of their 12th grade years (if available).
4. A letter of recommendation (from a non-family member) who is over the age of 21 and can attest to the applicant's performance in school, community, or through a charity.

Finalists will be required to partake in a Zoom interview as the last step in the process. Winners will be chosen subjectively by a special committee comprised of Sponsor's employees and/or salespersons. Winners will be notified via email and/or text. Scholarship checks will be made payable directly to the recipients' Registrar's Office institution. If the scholarship cannot be used "in-full" for tuition, then the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to another applicant.

Employees and Salespersons of **Sponsor**, Northwood Settlement Services, LLC, d/b/a Everest Settlement ("Everest"), My Preferred Insurance, West Penn Financial Service Center, Inc. ("West Penn") or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates, as well as their **immediate family members**, and/or any of the advertising and promotion agencies for this scholarship or in connection with this scholarship (collectively, the "Released Parties") are NOT eligible to be a recipient of the scholarship.

#### Please return completed application forms to:

Todd Van Horn, Vice President of Career Development at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty via his email: [Scholarships@TPRSold.com](mailto:Scholarships@TPRSold.com)

All completed applications must be received by **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 3:00 pm**.

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### Applicant Information (Write legibly)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High School (currently attending): \_\_\_\_\_

H.S. Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA (Weighted): \_\_\_\_\_  
Overall GPA (Unweighted): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which schools you have applied to and which you have been accepted:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Potential course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Essay Question

At Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty, our core values are **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** We believe these values are essential to how people learn and move forward.

Please select one of the following five prompts to guide your essay response (no longer than 500 words). Each option invites you to reflect on your past experiences and how the values of **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** have shaped who you are.

#### **Option 1: Failure & Setback**

Tell us about a time you failed or fell short of a goal that mattered to you. What was the goal, what went wrong, and how did you respond? Use specific examples to show us how **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** were reflected in your experience.

#### **Option 2: Unexpected Change & Adaptation**

Share a story about a time your plans changed unexpectedly—whether due to circumstances beyond your control or a new discovery about yourself. How did you adapt? What did this experience teach you about yourself and what matters to you? Use specific examples to show us how **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** were reflected in your experience.

#### **Option 3: Project or Accomplishment**

Describe a project, initiative, or accomplishment you’re proud of. What was your vision for it, what obstacles or problems did you have to solve creatively, and what did you learn in the process? Show us how these core values were part of your journey. Use specific examples to show us how **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** were reflected in your experience.

#### **Option 4: Competing Values & Hard Choices**

Tell us about a decision you made that required you to choose between two paths, values, or opportunities. What inspired your choice, how did you navigate the complexity, and what did you discover about yourself through this experience? Use specific examples to show us how **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** were reflected in your experience.

#### **Option 5: Learning from Others**

Describe a time you learned something significant by watching or working with someone who embodied one or more of these values. What did they do, what impact did it have on you, and how has this experience influenced who you are? Use specific examples to show us how **“Dream, Innovate, and Grow.”** were reflected in your experience.

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### **School, Community, Charitable, or Volunteer Participation**

Clubs/Committees/Activities:

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Leadership Positions:

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Community/Charitable/Volunteer Activities (please indicate if it was a one-time event and/or project OR it's an on-going weekly/monthly activity.):

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Awards/Honors/Recognition Received:

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Part-time job(s)/How many hours per week/Please describe your job:

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### Letter of Recommendation

One, and only one letter of recommendation is required. The recommendation must be from a non-family member, who is over the age of 21 and can attest to the applicant's performance in school, community, charitable or volunteer accomplishments.

Please explain your relationship to the person who wrote your recommendation and attach their letter to your application. Please provide their contact information below. All finalists' references will be contacted prior to the awarding of the scholarships

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to above person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Counselor's Endorsement & Statement of Support

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor or Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Statement of Correctness & Authenticity

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me, to the **2025-2026 Dream...Innovate...Grow Scholarship** committee at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty is true, correct & without forgery. I affirm that decisions are final, and falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. I acknowledge the sponsor's scholarship committee has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based upon information received and that this application becomes the property of the sponsor. (It is recommended you keep a copy for your files). I understand that a home purchase and/or sale through **sponsor** will **not** increase my chance of being awarded one of the three available, 4-year renewable \$1,000 scholarships. I consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner the sponsor, may use my name, photograph or other likeness, without additional compensation, in any and all advertising and promotional materials relating to the scholarship and other promotions which may be offered by the sponsor.

Lastly, I affirm that I permanently reside in one of the counties outlined in the criteria section of this application. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence or enrollment/registration (each renewable year) at the post secondary institution of my choice before the scholarship funds can be awarded by **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty**.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature (if applicant is under the age of 18):  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email the entire, complete Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The Preferred Realty Scholarship Package as one entity to:

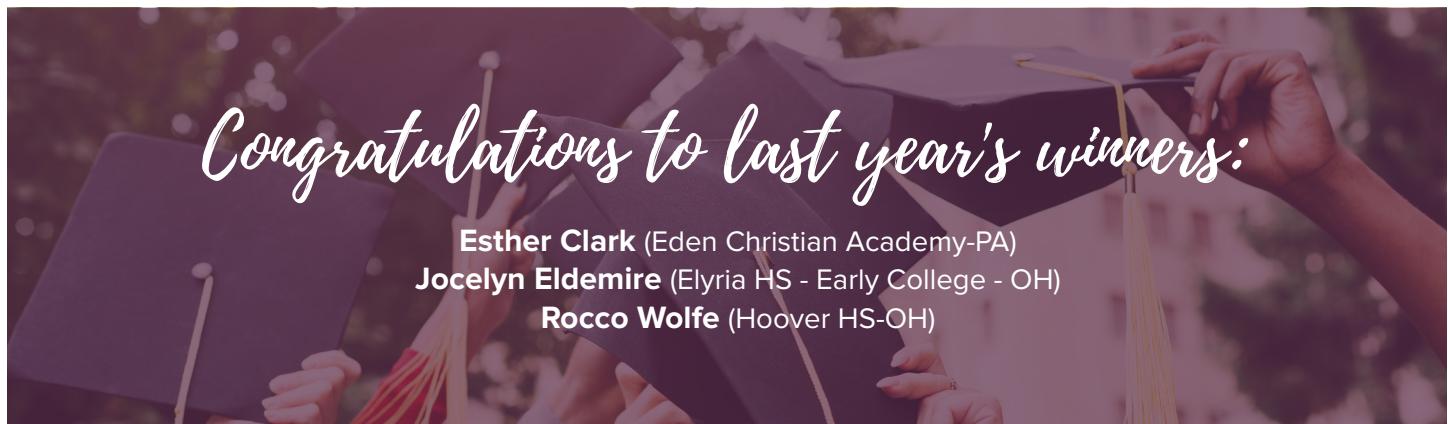
[Scholarships@TPRSold.com](mailto:Scholarships@TPRSold.com)

**Please be sure to include your:**

- Completed 4-page Scholarship Application
- 500-word BHHS “Dream, Innovate, Grow” Essay Question
- Letter of Recommendation from someone who can speak to your excellence
- A High School transcript of the student’s grades for their 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and first semester of their 12th grade years (if available).

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**Esther Clark** (Eden Christian Academy-PA)

**Jocelyn Eldemire** (Elyria HS - Early College - OH)

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