



United Way of  
Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

# 2026 Mike Munchak Community Service Scholarship

Dear School District Superintendents/Guidance Departments/Agency Executive Directors:

The United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties has established the aforementioned scholarship program to assist high school students from Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties, PA, who plan to pursue a post-secondary education.

To be eligible, candidates must be actively involved in community service activities in programs funded by this United Way, be full-time resident and/or students of school districts within Lackawanna, Wayne or Pike Counties and accepted by an accredited university, college or trade school, in a two or four year degree program track, for the 2026/2027 school year.

Following are program eligibility criteria and highlights:

- The scholarship amount for 2026 is \$6,300.00
- The scholarship will be awarded for a one (1) year period only
- Only open to graduating seniors within our school districts
- Demonstrate commitment through community service activities
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Applicants must be graduating seniors from a public, private, parochial or charter school within either of the two counties

Scholarship packets including applications have been enclosed with this announcement to each school district in the Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike County area in January 2026. **An online version is available on our website located at [www.uwlc.net](http://www.uwlc.net). Please note that one component of the application is a Letter of Recommendation for the student from either you or your designee.**

All completed application packets must be returned no later than April 24, 2026. Any incomplete packets will not be considered. Send to:

United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike Counties  
Attn: Community Service Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 526  
Scranton, PA 18501-0526

The scholarship winner will be selected by May 30, 2026. The winner and his/her parents or guardian will be invited to the dinner and auction portion of the Mike Munchak Charity Golf Classic in June 2026 at the Elmhurst Country Club. The formal presentation of the scholarship will take place at that time when the winner will meet Mike and have photos taken together.

Please contact Frank Kincel at the United Way - 570-343-1267 ext 233 or email him at [fkincel@uwlc.net](mailto:fkincel@uwlc.net) with any questions pertaining to the program outline or the application.

We hope to see a wide array of gifted and committed students from our counties represented in the applicant pool for this incredible educational and financial gift.

Best Regards,

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P.S. United Way staff, board members and their immediate families, the Scholarship Selection Committee and their immediate families are not eligible to apply.