

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

PRESENTATION BY
BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (BCA)
FEBRUARY 21, 2019



BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Enhancing Life and Community
in Upper Merion Township

BCA MEMBERS

Appointed Members

Lydia Dan Sardiñas

David Karen

Brett Montich

VFCR Representatives

David Zerfing



OVERVIEW

Advise the Board of Supervisors on providing assistance and support with monies received from the Valley Forge Casino Resort.

Non-profit and 501(c) organizations propose projects or plans which directly impact the community and residents of Upper Merion township

College scholarships to noteworthy Upper Merion high school seniors



Number of Applicants

Year	Total	Organizations	Sports	Scholarships
2013	41	29	4	8
2014	95	53	9	33
2015	103	53	9	40
2016	95	52	10	33
2017	101	63	5	33
2018	94	53	6	35

Number of Award Recipients

Year	Total Recipients	Organizations	Sports	Scholarships
2013	28	16	4	8
2014	59	26	5	28
2015	69	36	3	30
2016	65	33	7	25
2017	42	26	1	15
2018	59	28	4	27

FUNDS – Awarded & Distributed

Year	Funds Available	Funds Awarded
2013	\$145,000	\$128,000
2014	\$160,000	\$155,000
2015	\$154,000	\$149,834
2016	\$153,000	\$152,273
2017	\$149,899	\$149,540
2018	\$152,567	\$151,705

APPLICATION PROCESS

NON-PROFIT AND 501(C) ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS

ORGANIZATION APPLICATION

Project Description

Project Cost

Organization Description

Beneficiaries



Organizations

All non-profit and/or 501 (c) township based organizations or organizations that benefit Upper Merion Township are eligible to apply for a BCA grant

Organization Awards range from \$1,000- \$10,000

All applicants are required to submit a year end-summary to the BCA by December 31st, along with copies of invoices, showing how the BCA funds were used according to their application request.

Applications at www.umtownship.org

APPLICATION PROCESS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR UPPER MERION RESIDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Academics

Community Service – Past and Future

Character/Leadership

College/University



SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

Community Service Requirements

Submit a project plan which includes a minimum of 15 community service hours that will be performed if granted a BCA scholarship

Project must be performed after June 1st and completed by December 31st of the same year

Past community service projects are not eligible as a proposed BCA project

Confirmation at Project Completion



SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

Application Inclusions

Honors or Extracurricular Activities

Special Circumstances

Community Service Project Plan

Transcripts

Letter of Recommendation

Copy of College/University Acceptance Letter

Financial Aid Cover Letter



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

\$7,000 - \$10,000	50 hours
\$5,000 - \$6,999	40 hours
\$3,000 - \$4,999	30 hours
\$1,500 - \$2,999	20 hours
\$500 - \$1,499	15 hours

SCHOLARSHIP (Continued)

As part of receiving the BCA Scholarship, applicant agrees to submit a letter from the organization that is monitoring the progression certifying completion of the required number of hours by December 31st of the year the award is granted.

If the plan does not involve an organization, a letter of verification from a responsible adult showing completed hours and pictures should be sent to the BCA by December 31st.



SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

Scholarships recommendations range from:

- \$1,000
- \$2,000
- \$3,000
- Ronald G. Wagenmann Scholarship for \$5,000
- General Von Steuben Scholarship for \$10,000

APPLICATION LOCATION

Upper Merion Township Website

www.umtownship.org

Upper Merion Staff

BCA Members

Board of Supervisors



2019 BCA Recommendations

All Award Recommendations will be made to the Board of Supervisors at the May 23rd Board of Supervisors Meeting. There is no need to attend, however, the meeting will be televised on UMGA-TV (Comcast – Channel 22 and Verizon – Channel 33) at 7:30 p.m.

Award Recipients (after approval from Board of Supervisors) will be posted on the Upper Merion Township Website (www.umtownship.org)

Letters will also be sent to ALL applicants regarding their application status.



**APPLICATION
DEADLINE
APRIL 1, 2019 (5:00 PM)**



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