The Chester County Estate Planning Council includes attorneys, trust officers, accountants, financial planners, wealth managers, investment planners, stockbrokers, insurance agents, appraisers, realtors, and nonprofit planned giving officers, as well as other specialists in related professions serving Chester County, PA.

What is Estate Planning?

Estate Planning is the process of anticipating and arranging for the protection, orderly administration, and disposition of a client’s wealth in accordance with their wishes, upon the occurrence of major events such as birth, marriage, divorce, incapacity, and death. Significant attention is paid to minimizing taxes and administration expenses. Estate planning requires knowledge of state property, probate, and trust laws; and federal and state income, gift, inheritance, estate, and generation-skipping transfer tax laws. Some estate planning areas include:

- Creating a will
- Setting up durable power of attorney
- Naming an estate executor to oversee the terms of the will
- Establishing a guardian for living dependents
- Creating/updating beneficiaries on plans such as life insurance, IRAs and 401(k)s
- Setting up trust accounts in the name of beneficiaries
- Philanthropy planning to arrange for estate gifts to charities.
THE PURPOSE of the Chester County Planning Council Marc P. Riddell Scholarship Fund is to award $500 or $1,000 academic scholarships to West Chester University students entering junior or senior year, pursuing studies and considering a career in estate planning.

Additionally, the CCEPC Scholarship includes a complimentary membership to the Chester County Estate Planning Council during the student’s college years, and for two (2) years post-graduation. CCEPC’s goal is to offer students invaluable networking and learning opportunities as they pursue careers in the estate planning field.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to students who, in the judgment of the Chester County Estate Planning Scholarship Committee, best meet the following requirements:

- GPA of at least 3.0
- Reference letter from a WCU faculty member
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong spirit of volunteerism/motivation to help others
- Strong aspirations in estate planning field

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST
Applicant Information Form
Certification & Official Release Form
Essay (must be original work)
Resume
Reference Letter from WCU Faculty

- Check here if you have filled out the FASFA form, to be eligible for matching PHEAA funds.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION
CCEPC scholarship awards are announced 4-8 weeks after the application deadline.

Application Essay

Please answer these questions, in a brief essay of 1,000 words or less:

- What interests you about exploring estate planning as a career?
- How does estate planning fit in with your studies and career aspirations at this point?

Application Deadline:
Dec 1 & May 1 annually
Applications accepted only electronically.
E-mail this filled-out form & your essay to info@chescoepc.org
or apply online at:
http://www.chescoepc.org/scholarship_application.htm

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