

## NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING PRESIDENT

I have the opportunity to converse with many students from all walks of life: adults, high school students, veterans, and many others. Without question, most college students have come to understand that if you want a good career, you need a good education. And there are untold numbers of aspiring college students who would like to have the chance to obtain a good education. The vast majority of students and potential students I talk with are also aware of the

dangers of amassing a large student loan debt with limited income to pay down that debt. That is where Blue Ridge, in combination with fantastic state government leadership, have come to address the issue of student debt with the West Virginia Invests program.



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The West Virginia Invests program covers the costs of tuition and general fees for many occupational programs. It is one of the finest pieces of legislation that our legislators have passed in many years and is sure to have life changing effects for the many students who will participate in the program. As good as the legislation is, it does not cover the entire costs of attendance for all programs. Books, program, lab, and special fees, for example, are not part of the included coverage.

I can remember as a graduate student having to load up on books at the beginning of a semester. The costs for me for an average 9 or 10 book purchase was around \$100. And I thought that was expensive! Today it would not be unusual for a single text to cost over \$100. And program and lab fees can also be expensive. It is for these costs and for programs not covered by West Virginia Invests that our Foundation can play a crucial role in providing a path for students to attend and graduate.

Scholarships supported by our Foundation are a tremendous benefit to deserving students who might not otherwise have a chance to obtain the good education needed for today's workplace. The Foundation does great work and is most deserving of your support and generosity. Scholarships help to recognize outstanding students, reduce the costs of attendance, and provide a pathway to a better life for many, many students.

**Pete Checkovich, Founding President**



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- Blue Ridge CTC Foundation & Students**

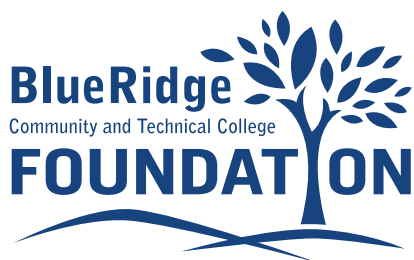
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# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP STORIES



**The BRCTC Foundation**  
plays an integral role in  
meeting the institutional  
mission for traditional and  
non-traditional students,  
by **increasing financial  
resources and expanding  
educational opportunities.**

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## **EMILY MORELAND** **Opportunity Scholarship**

"I'm so thankful for the Opportunity Scholarship because it has taken a financial burden off my family and I. This scholarship is letting me reach my goals stress-free. I have recently accepted a job with Logoplaste as a Quality Assurance Lab Technician. This position became available through a Blue Ridge CTC Learn and Earn grant."



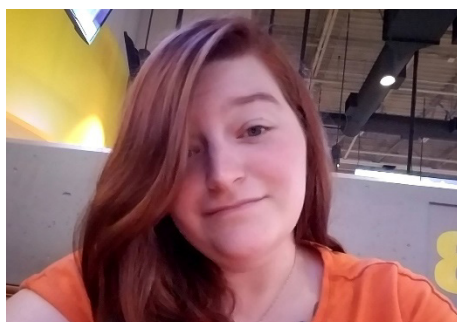
## **JAMES STEPHENS** **Opportunity Scholarship**

"I plan to seek out a promotable position within the electric field as either an electrician or an engineer. The scholarship I have received now has made it possible for me to afford community college and be able to continue attending. I will be able to complete my degree and have a means of making a successful and unique career for myself, which will also benefit my family. I have recently accepted a position with Logoplaste to help them write Standard Operating Procedures. This position became available through Blue Ridge CTC."



## **JESSIE COVALT** **BrickStreet Scholarship** **Guttmann Family Textbook Scholarship** **FirstEnergy Foundation STEM Textbook Scholarship**

"My college and career goals are to obtain an associate's degree in Applied Laboratory Technology. The scholarships I received from the Blue Ridge CTC Foundation are helping me pay for my tuition and helping me pay for my college books! Blue Ridge CTC Foundation will have a huge impact mostly after I graduate because they are taking the stress off my back for the funds to pay for college."



## **AUTUMN WILT** **Macy's Culinary Scholarship**

"My career goal is to own my restaurant. The scholarships I have received are helping me with going to college at Blue Ridge CTC and learn about running a restaurant and procedures to cook delicious dishes. Scholarships impact my future to continue to learn what I need to be successful in life."

## **ASHTON LAZORICK** **Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School Presidential Scholarship**

"I hope to get my master's degree in agricultural business and marketing. These scholarships were a great aid to my family and me. They will help me to achieve my goals in college and outside of it."





**OSCAR CANFIELD****FirstEnergy Foundation STEM Textbook Scholarship**

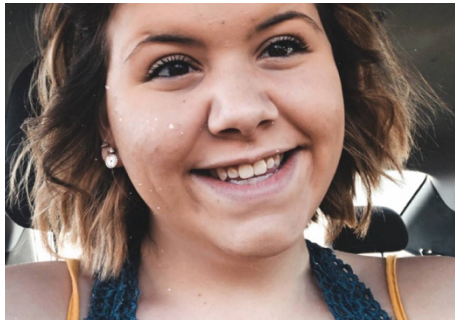
"I'm hoping college leads me to a career I enjoy. I plan to get my Associates's degree. The scholarship has paid for the books in most of my classes."

**ALLY ARTHUR****Dr. Trudie Holder Scholarship  
Culinary Recipe Contest Scholarship**

"My college goal is to graduate by December 2019. The scholarships I have received are helping me now by allowing me to save my paychecks for the future."

**BREANA PUETZ****BrickStreet Scholars Scholarship**

"I am in the Medical Assisting program through Blue Ridge CTC, and my goal is to reach out and help make a positive impact on others through the medical field. This scholarship is assisting me with my need for books and hopefully a sign language class. One day, I hope to go back to school for speech therapy. I want to make an impact on people's communication. Using this scholarship, I am pursuing Medical Assisting as a stepping stone for current time! I just want to also thank you all again for the scholarship!!"

**GINGER SEIBEL****Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Agribusiness Scholarship**

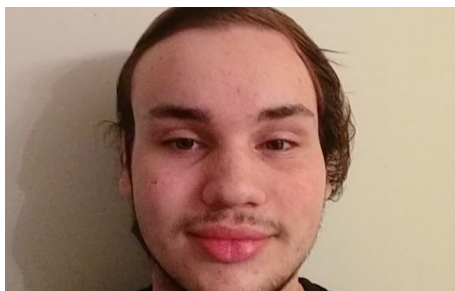
"I plan on taking classes at Blue Ridge for another semester so that I can get my Associates in Agribusiness. I want to work at the USDA as an animal health inspector, so I would go to different farms and make sure the livestock are in a healthy environment. Currently, the scholarships are helping me to take the classes I need to take, as well as the



electives that I want for my degree. The scholarships I have received are helping me to achieve my goals without putting me/ my mother in debt. Having a college education has always been a goal of mine, but I never wanted to deal with the burden of student loans and being in debt for the rest of my life."

**MATTHEW GILLISS****Opportunity Scholarship**

"My goal is to get my associates in Cyber Security. The scholarship I currently have is saving me a lot of money. The Opportunity scholarship I have received is letting me save for a better future and motivates me to work harder."



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**IN 2019, OVER  
\$160,000 IN  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
WERE AWARDED  
TO 162 BRCTC  
STUDENTS, A  
70% INCREASE  
FROM 2018!**



**JOSEPH MILLER**  
**Raymond B. & Susan M. Benzinger**  
**Scholarship**  
**Guttmann Family Textbook Scholarship**  
**First Energy Foundation STEM Textbook**  
**Scholarship**

"My college goal is to get my associates in criminal justice so that I can work for Homeland security. The scholarships helped me save more money so I could afford to fix some parts on my truck to keep myself on the road to get stuff for livestock."

**KAYLYN FRALEY**  
**Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School**  
**Excellence Scholarship**

"I am attending Blue Ridge CTC for this fall semester and the next spring semester. This spring semester I plan to take the dental assistant classes at the Tech Center to get employed in a dental office. My ultimate goal is to become a dental hygienist. This scholarship helped me tremendously! I also received the WV PROM-ISE scholarship, so that thankfully covered a big chunk of my tuition. This scholarship made it possible that I had to pay nothing to go to school this semester! The scholarship will have a significant impact on my future because, as we all know, college can be very expensive. This Foundation Scholarship helped lighten the financial load."



**NATHANIEL BEATY**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My goals are to complete my associates in cyber security. Then take a gap year or two working in the field before furthering my education. The scholarships I have received have been an enormous blessing. They are enabling me to get through school debt-free and I can spend more time studying and less time working. Getting through school debt-free will be a huge blessing."

When I complete my associates, instead of paying back student loans for a couple of years, I will be able to save money to pay for my bachelor's."

**RACHEL ARMSTRONG**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My goals are to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Cyber Security from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College with honors. I hope to obtain an employment opportunity that provides me with upward mobility, a challenge, and an essential purpose. The scholarship I received helps my family and me by easing the financial burden of going back to school after an unexpected career change. Because I have received this scholarship, I may be able to afford to pursue my bachelor's degree in Cyber Security, or at least enroll in a few more courses to help me become more marketable."



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**BRCTC 2018**  
**ALUMNAE**  
**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**  
**\$85.5 MILLION**  
**IN ADDED INCOME**  
**REGIONALLY.**





**JENNA WINGERT**  
**Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School**  
**Excellence Scholarship**  
**The Professor Todd Young Scholarship**

"My goal is to finish my associate's degree here at Blue Ridge by spring of 2020 and transfer the next fall to Cedarville University, where I hope to earn my Bachelor's Degree in English. I am open to wherever that degree takes me, but I would eventually like to work as an editor. The scholar-

ships I've received are helping a great deal in paying for these first couple years of college, as well as allowing me to focus on earning money to save for my tuition at Cedarville. My biggest financial concern, of course, is student debt. Any money I receive in scholarships means less money I will have to take out in student loans in the future, so these scholarships I've received at Blue Ridge are helping me to graduate from Cedarville University with as little debt as possible."

**CASSIE HARGIS**  
**Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School Excellence Scholarship**

"I plan to attend Blue Ridge Community and Technical College for the year of 2019-2020 then move on to West Virginia University to major in Agriculture Extension and Education. My goal is to come back home to Jefferson County, WV, and teach middle school Agriculture! Through all the scholarships I received, I will be attending college at no cost.

These scholarships will genuinely help me in life. I want to be a teacher to help the children. So not having student debt to payback will be a huge impact. I also want to inform many students to keep their education moving forward and apply for as many scholarships as possible because there are so many available."



**SYDNEY CRISWELL**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"I plan to earn 2 associates degrees in the Spring and prepare to take multiple exams to earn certificates in Cyber Security, as well as Computer Networking. The scholarship I have received has financially helped me provide books for this semester and help assist in the cost of this semester's tuition. This scholarship is the foundation for continuing to keep me in school and succeed & strive further in my current studies."

**ROCKY ROACH:**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"As a career goal, I am working at P&G and am working towards being the process controls and industrial systems team leader for my team. For college, I am finishing up the mechatronics degree and will continue to work on a four-year degree.

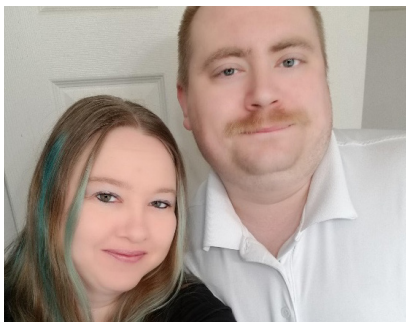
The scholarships have been an enormous help to me financially, as well as with my grades (since I don't have to worry about bills). For future goals, the scholarship programs will continue to be a great help financially and will encourage me to continue with my education and self-performance."



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 THEIR DEGREE.**



**MELISSA BENNETT**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My career goal is to have a career in computer forensics. The scholarship that I have received is helping to pay for my tuition, my books, and school supplies.

The impact they will have on future goals is by helping to pay for my education so that I can receive my degree."

**ELIJAH-DAVID GRUBB**

**Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School Excellence Scholarship**

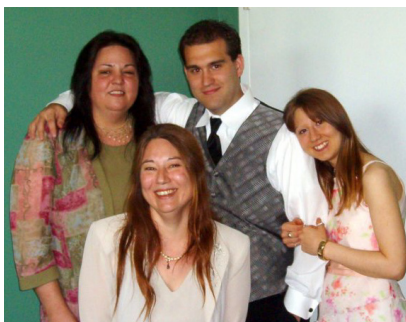
"My goal for college is to get my associate's degree in Culinary Arts and to gain more in-depth knowledge of the complexity and inner workings of the culinary field. For my career, my goal is to open up a cafe potentially or to continue to work in environments where I enjoy working with the food and the people. For this semester, I received the Promise scholarship and the Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Excellence scholarship. Both of these scholarships have helped me to cover most of my fees and focus my attention on enjoying and learning more about my career field, rather than the economic costs of getting a degree. The scholarships have also impacted my future goals by allowing me to save more money towards future expenses and make those goals of large purchases more reasonable."



**HAILEY MCDANIEL**

**Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School Excellence Scholarship**

"My college and career goals are to finish this semester and earn my EMT certification. Once I have received that, I hope to apply and be accepted into the Paramedic program and earn an Associate degree in Applied Science in Paramedic. The scholarship I received will impact my future goals by lessening the financial burden I would have had without receiving the scholarship."



**JESSICA BARGER**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My college and career goal is to become a virologist and work on vaccines eventually. I am excited to start as a lab tech and gain the skills needed to work in a lab. The scholarships have helped to pay for tuition and books. They are encouraging me to continue with the educational path that I am on now."

**JENNIFER SEGERLING**

**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My career goal is to obtain a job in the IT field, after, or during my time in Blue Ridge. The scholarships have helped me save money that I would end up paying back in the future. I will continue my education after obtaining my degree in Cyber Security and will pursue a bachelor's degree. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity."



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**KATHERINE ANDREWS**  
**Jefferson County CEOS Foundation**  
**Scholarship**

"My college and career goals are to become a pediatric psychiatric nurse practitioner. By accomplishing this goal, I will be able to do three things. I will be ready to begin to bridge the gap between the mental health and nursing professions so that they can help each other rather than work against each other. I will also be able to help combat the opioid epidemic from

the prevention aspect in at-risk youth before they begin their substance use, and I will also reduce the number of care professionals involved with children who have behavioral health and autism spectrum disorders. Consistency is what is best for them, yet they have to see a psychiatrist, a therapist, a pediatrician, and sometimes other supportive professionals. My goal is to reduce those numbers.

As an individual who has already obtained a degree or two, the amount of financial aid that I am eligible for is less than when I earned my first degree. I must work full time as well as attend school, and still, it is a struggle each month. The scholarship is helping to alleviate the added stress of paying for school out of pocket as well as regular household responsibilities. The impact that these will have on my future goals is to pay it forward. When I reach my goals, I hope that I will be in a better financial situation. I will remember the help that I received and strive to help others who wish to achieve their goals. I realize that my life would be different had I found resources when I was younger to earn a degree. I made mistakes. I can not change them, but with the help of the scholarships, I can change my future and then help change the future of others that may have the need."

**MICAH GODFREY**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My goals are to complete college this semester with my associate's degree in Cyber Security. I plan on following that up with a bachelor's in Software Development. The scholarship has helped me with the stress of a financial burden that may come with attending school. You never know when you may be choosing between school books and tuition or feeding you and your loved ones. It will help me not be in considerable debt for the first two years of schooling since my online school has a hefty tuition fee. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to go to school without those stressors. I truly do appreciate it."



**KAYLA BLAKE**  
**First Energy Foundation STEM Textbook**  
**Scholarship**

"This scholarship has not only helped me financially, but it has taken off a heavy burden from my shoulders. For example, being in a household with one parent who's a full-time worker and another parent whose on disability, this scholarship help paid for a ton of my textbook expenses.

I would either utilize my tech skills while in the journalism field or hopefully work alongside a social networking company and work in their tech department and even write articles for them. Because of this scholarship, not only am I genuinely grateful, but it has helped pave the way for my future career."



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**ANGELINA WEBB**  
**Guttmann Family Early Childhood**  
**Education Scholarship**

"This scholarship will help me to earn my Associates in Occupational Development. The Guttmann scholarship is helping me in the area of not having to worry so much with the cost of this degree. Money has been a factor in paying for tuition and has prevented me from going to school to earn a degree.

I have two children still at home, so time and money for myself was not something extra at this time. For now, I have no plans of leaving my current job. I am happy working with my Littles, but this degree will allow the option of being able to move up in the area of childcare if I choose to do so in the future."

**ANDREW BARTEL**  
**Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Agribusiness**  
**Scholarship**

"I am hoping to use the scholarship money to pay for books, which will help me obtain my associate degree in agribusiness. I plan on continuing my learning at a four-year college, preferably the Davis College of Agriculture at WVU, eventually aiming for a master's in the realm of Bio-Med study. I have been interested in this field since middle school when my science class visited a local hydroponics farm.



It was amazing to see how they created a smooth, self-sufficient process that benefited both fish and plants. I am also fascinated by advances in genetic engineering as it relates to strengthening our food supply, even as people debate the pros and cons of applying some advanced techniques. I hope to be able to work in a genetic research facility or with some of the leading companies in the area. I am fortunate that we are close to internationally renowned research labs at Fort Detrick in Frederick, the fruit research centers in Jefferson County, the Leetown Science Center and P&G labs in Martinsburg. There are other leading research centers in Morgantown, so I expect to have options to apply for my degree close home.

I especially appreciate this scholarship because it allows me to focus on my studies without delay since a debilitating accident last year wiped out my college savings and left me out of work for many months. I look forward to making a positive impact in this field.



**JESSICA GUTERREZ GUARDIA**  
**Opportunity Scholarship**

"My career goal is to continue my education at a university and get government work when I graduate. The scholarship is helping me a lot in obtaining my goal because, as a single mom with three kids, I don't have enough money to pay for my tuition and books. The impact the scholarships will have in my future life is that I could make enough money to live without worries and having to work in two jobs. I will have more time to spend with my kids and help them with homework. I will feel so proud of myself because I finish my career."



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**EMMEE LOVE**  
**BCT Bank of Charles Town Scholarship**

"My goals for college are to finish the spring semester at Blue Ridge CTC to finish my general courses and then attend Shepherd University's Nursing program next fall. For now, my career goals are to become an RN, hopefully specializing in Labor and Delivery. The Scholarships that I have received from the Blue Ridge Foundation and other organizations helped me go through

my fall semester and the upcoming spring semester at Blue Ridge CTC debt-free. With this huge accomplishment, I have not had to worry about paying for my education, and I can spend time focusing on my classes. These scholarships will continue to play a key role in my future education and career goals because I am able to finish at Blue Ridge without student loans and debt.."

**CASSIDY PEEBLES**  
**Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Agribusiness Scholarship**

"I want to continue my education and become a veterinarian. This is the first scholarship I have received to help me with college tuition. Thank you so much for giving me more of an opportunity for expanding my knowledge. In the future, I hope to open my own business for all animals and owners to bring their pets."



**SHANNON MARQUESS**  
**Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Agribusiness Scholarship**

"My college goal or career goal is to work with animals, whether it being livestock or small animals. My main goal is a vet tech, and maybe later the military. The scholarship will help me a lot financially."



**DONALD POOLE**  
**BCT Bank of Charles Town Scholarship**

"My college goal is to finish my degree in EDET this coming semester and start my career in a power company in those months after. The scholarships have made it so I don't have to stress about a loan or any issues that would arise financially. It has allowed me to be able to get my degree by this may and have no worries about a loan or any debt."

**MIKAELA PETERSEN**  
**Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Agribusiness Scholarship**

"My college goal is to graduate with an Associate's degree in Agribusiness and a Certificate in Animal Care Nursing so that I will have beneficial resources for my resume. With this, degree, I can apply and hopefully receive a job as a veterinary assistant and eventually a veterinary technician at a clinic that provides affordable pet care. The scholarship I received is helping me pay for my animal care nursing class, which will help me with my career. I am very grateful for this scholarship, and I will remember its impact on my education as I pursue my career goals in the future."

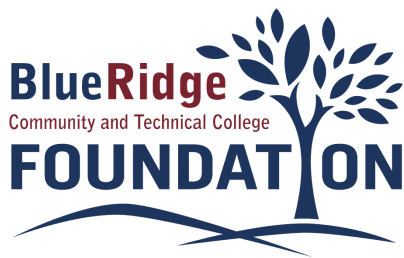


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**Share the vision!**  
**Thank you for making a difference at Blue Ridge CTC!**  
**Anne Myers, Foundation Director**

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