

# PPL Foundation scholarships support next generation of leaders, diverse talent

## Foundation awards \$90,000 in scholarships to 21 students across Pennsylvania

PPL Foundation today announced the 2021 recipients of its annual Powering a Brighter Future scholarship program, which will provide financial awards to 21 outstanding students from communities throughout eastern and central Pennsylvania.

“As PPL looks to the future, we understand the important role engineers, information technology and trade professionals will play in advancing so many different aspects of life for the benefit of humanity. This includes reshaping how the world produces, delivers, uses and thinks about energy,” said Lissette Santana, chief operating officer of the PPL Foundation. “With this in mind, PPL Foundation is pleased to support the academic pursuits of the next generation of leaders in these fields.”

The PPL Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$90,000. With a focus on increasing diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM careers, the program awarded 10 Power Scholars and four Powerful Tech and Trade scholarships to minority and female students. Two additional tech and trade scholarships were awarded.

### 2021 Powering a Brighter Future Scholarship Recipients:

#### ***Power Scholars***

- Taran Anantasagar, Breinigsville
- Katie Blyler, Lykens
- Sophie Chen, Elkins Park
- Katie Cowart, Kennett Square
- Purva Gupta, Allentown
- Mohammad Kafya, Bensalem
- Denise Kaur, Easton
- Rachel King, Manheim
- Claudia Leu, Harveys Lake
- Ankhitha Manjunatha, Breinigsville
- Elizabeth Manning, South Williamsport
- Katherine Marakovits, Bethlehem
- Samantha Pearson, Downingtown
- Mustapha Salau, Breinigsville
- Omar Sharaf, East Stroudsburg

#### ***Powerful Tech and Trade***

- Christie Baldwin, New Milford
- Daniel Cler, Coatesville
- Ellissa Kunkel, Kempton
- John Meridionale, Frackville
- Cassidy Payton, Williamsport
- Mikayla Regan, Manheim

Scholarships will be available each year to qualifying students enrolled in trade and degree programs. Applications are accepted from January 25 to March 1 every year. To learn more about our scholarship program, visit <https://www.pplweb.com/communities/brighter-future-scholarships/>.

### About the PPL Foundation

Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are engaged in innovative and groundbreaking work to create vibrant, sustainable communities; advance diversity, equity and inclusion; and support children’s success from cradle to career. The PPL Foundation contributes more than \$3

million annually to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations in eastern and central Pennsylvania.

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