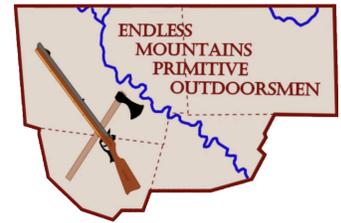


The Endless Mountains Primitive Outdoorsmen (EMPO)

9th Annual Historical Scholarship Program

EMPO is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose includes educating, recreating, and preserving the customs and conditions of traditional weapons, crafts, and artisans of early America.



Eligibility:

1. Students must be pursuing a degree or certificate at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College, University, or Trade School)
2. Students must be involved in school and/or community activities. (i.e. FFA, 4-H, Ecology Club, Scouting, Science Club, Student Council, Leo Club, Leadership Council, etc.)
3. Students must submit a 700 - 1000 word essay responding to the prompt listed on page two. Your essay should use Times New Roman, 12pt font, and be double spaced. Your essay must include verifiable citations. The citations may be in your preferred format. Applications not adhering to these parameters will be disqualified without further consideration. EMPO values original scholarship, historical accuracy, and personal engagement with local history. Applicants are expected to submit work that reflects their own understanding and effort. All sources, including books, articles, interviews, online materials, and artificial intelligence tools, must be properly cited. Undisclosed or improper use of AI-generated content may be grounds for disqualification.
4. A letter of recommendation must be attached to the application from a teacher, mentor or other community leader.
5. Applications must be submitted to the EMPO President Alan Superko Jr. at 241 Doolittle Hill Rd, Laceyville, PA 18623 - postmarked or emailed using subject heading 'EMPO Scholarship Application 2026' to empousinfo@gmail.com no later than April 1, 2026.

Award:

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2026. Selection will be made from all eligible applicants by majority vote of the EMPO Scholarship Committee. The recipient will be notified by phone and email by May 1, 2026

Disbursement:

Funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient. The award carries no obligation to EMPO, and all committee decisions are final. The award is contingent upon the recipient completing their senior year in good standing and successfully completing the first semester of higher education. EMPO reserves the right to reallocate the award if no suitable applications are received.

Essay Prompt:

The Endless Mountains Primitive Outdoorsmen (EMPO) is dedicated to preserving and sharing the skills, customs, and culture of early America. For this scholarship, applicants are asked to explore a specific aspect of life, culture, or historical development in northeastern Pennsylvania during the 18th century (1760 -1840), with a focus on Wyoming, Bradford, Sullivan, or Susquehanna Counties.

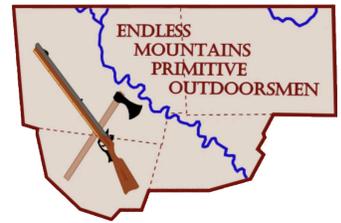
Students may choose any topic within this time period and geographic area, such as (but not limited to) early settlement, frontier life, Indigenous influence, trade and travel, craftsmanship, daily living skills, conflict, or notable local people or places. Applicants are encouraged to consider family ties, ancestral connections, local traditions, or generational stories when selecting their topic, though this is not required.

Essays should explain the significance of the selected topic and how it contributed to the development, culture, or identity of the Endless Mountains region, while also reflecting (when applicable) how the history explored connects to the student's own family, community, or personal interest in the area.

Application and Checklist

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Applicant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Current School _____

Institute of Higher Learning _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Before mailing this application please check off and organize your submission in the following order:

- I have completed the contact information above and have included this page as my cover page
- I have included a list of my relevant extracurricular activities
- I have included an acceptance letter from my chosen Institute of Higher Learning
- I have enclosed my letter of reference
- I have enclosed my official, sealed transcripts (signed by guidance department and scanned if emailed submission)
- I have enclosed my essay that answers the prompt and adheres to all formatting and requirements as outlined in the application

Return this application to EMPO President Alan Superko Jr. at:
241 Doolittle Hill Rd, Laceyville, PA 18623 or empousinfo@gmail.com. The application must be *postmarked or emailed* using subject heading '**EMPO Scholarship Application 2026**' no later than April 1st, 2026

Questions about the scholarship or the application process should be directed empousinfo@gmail.com using subject: *Scholarship Information 2025*