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**BELCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION OFFERING \$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

**HARRISBURG, PA (DECEMBER 1, 2023)** – Belco Community Credit Union is now accepting applications for its 2024 Elton “Miller” Peterman Scholarship program for high school seniors and those continuing their post-secondary education. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to five students, three graduating high school seniors, and two members who are continuing their education.

The Elton “Miller” Peterman scholarship program is named after Belco’s founding Father Elton “Miller” Peterman, who was a true visionary. He and several other employees of the former Bell Telephone Company pooled their funds to establish Harrisburg Belco Federal Credit Union in 1939.

“Creating opportunities for our youth to succeed is an important part of our commitment to the community,” says Paul Perini, SVP of Retail Operations for Belco Community Credit Union. “Our annual scholarship program is designed to recognize and assist future generations as they aspire to reach their goals and ultimate dreams.”

To be eligible, applicants must be a Belco member, a graduating high school senior or a college or trade student, and must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. In addition to a completed online application, requirements include: a 300-500 word essay and proof of post-secondary admittance/enrollment. Online applications must be submitted no later than midnight on Monday, March 1, 2024.

For more information and to apply, please visit [www.belco.org/scholarship-program](http://www.belco.org/scholarship-program)

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**About Belco Community Credit Union**

Belco Community Credit Union is a full-service financial institution offering checking, savings, loan, investment, and small business products and services. Established in 1939 to serve employees of Bell Telephone Company in Harrisburg, PA, Belco became a community-chartered credit union in July 2005, opening membership to businesses and individuals who live, work, worship, or attend school in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, or York counties. Belco has more than 75,000 members and \$935 million in assets, 15 branches, numerous ATM/ITM locations, and 24-hour account access through mobile, online, and telephone banking. For more information, visit [www.belco.org](http://www.belco.org) or call (800) 642-4482.