

Slate Belt Rising Launches 2021 Scholarship Program

By Steve Rider

SLATE BELT - Program provides students the opportunity to further their education and help defray the cost of post-secondary education

Slate Belt Rising, a program of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, announced it is now accepting applications for its 2021 Scholarship Program. The \$500 scholarships are available to high school seniors who have been accepted at a four-year university/college, community college, technical school, or entering the workforce in a trade; as well as adults continuing their education. Applicants must reside in the Bangor Area School District or Pen Argyl School District.

"Slate Belt Rising created this scholarship program keeping in mind that there are people of all ages pursuing different levels of education and different career paths that need financial help to achieve their goals," said Stephen Reider, Director of Slate Belt Rising. "Our program allows students the versatility to use funds to continue their education at two- and four-year colleges and universities, as well as trade schools, graduate school, and purchase the tools needed to enter the workforce in a trade."

Applicants are required to submit an application, two letters of recommendation, and official school transcripts. Scholarship funds must be used exclusively for tuition at post-secondary educational institutions that normally maintain a regular faculty and curriculum, and for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at such institutions, for room and board expenses payable to the institution, or for the purchase of tools for a student entering the workforce in a trade.

Launched in 2019, the Slate Belt Rising Scholarship Program has provided \$6,000 in funds for nine students to date.

Applications are currently open and being accepted until April 9, 2021. Grantees will be notified in mid-late April, 2021. For full guidelines and application, visit slatebeltrising.org. Questions can be directed to Stephen Reider at sreider@caclv.org or 484-523-0900.



Minsi Lake Stocked and Ready for Opening Day April 3 For the 2021 Trout Season

By Michael Ortoski / Co-Chair of 'Friends of Minsi Lake'

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Minsi Lake was Stocked with about 4000 trout this week, including a bunch of trophy rainbows & golden rainbows, some of which are nearly 30" long according to Waterways Conservation Officer Zach Rudd.

For the 2021 trout season, the PFBC will operate under a consolidated statewide schedule for all counties. Under this revised plan, a single Statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day will occur on Saturday, March 27, and a single Statewide Opening Day of trout season will take place on Saturday, April 3. As a result of this consolidation, separate regional mentored youth and opening days will not occur. Anglers are also reminded that because the mentored youth days were cancelled in 2020, all Voluntary Youth Fishing Licenses purchased last season remain valid and will be honored during the 2021 season.

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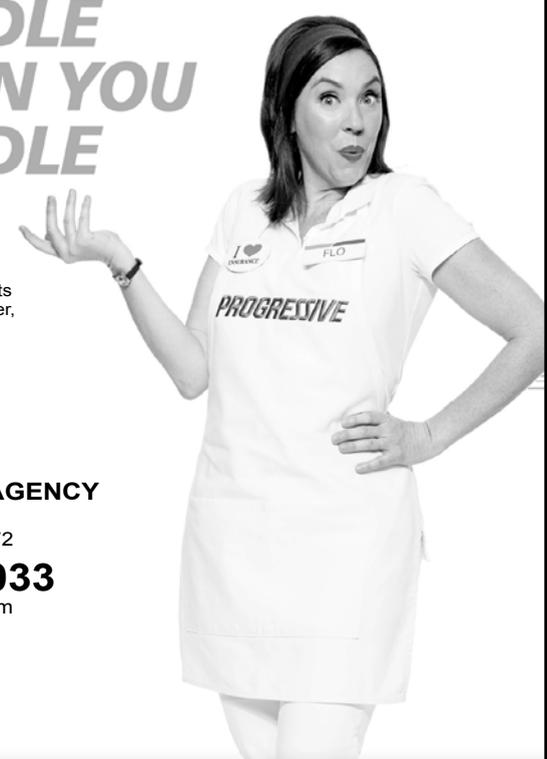
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