

THE JANE PURDY HITE AND ROBERT LEE HITE SCHOLARSHIP


The Robert L. Hite family has been active in the local community for decades. Robert and Evelyn 'Evie' Hite co-founded the Penn Central Equipment Company in 1949, which was renamed The Hite Company in 1968. In the late 1960s, the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) and New York Central Railroad (NYC) merged and wanted to be titled the Penn Central Transportation Company. At the time of the merger, Robert Hite owned the rights to the name, Penn Central. When the railroad officials approached Mr. Hite in hopes of buying the rights to the Penn Central name, he saw an opportunity for the railroad to give back to the community. When negotiating the terms of the sale, Mr. Hite encouraged the railroad to donate, to the community, an amount equal to that of the Penn Central name. As a result of his suggestion, five local charities received generous contributions.

Each year, the CPCF distributes grants and scholarships to worthy causes from the Evelyn Anderson Hite Memorial Foundation, The Jane & Lee Hite Family Trust, Jane Purdy Hite & Robert Lee Hite Scholarship, and Michael & Gail Irwin Family Foundation. Following in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents, the 3rd and 4th generation of Hite's continue to be of service to the Central PA community.

CRITERIA

AMOUNT \$500

- Graduating senior (male or female) from the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center and MUST be enrolled in the Electrical Trades or Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology programs.
- Applicant must be attending a post-secondary educational program.
- Well rounded student – academic, activities (community and/or school) and citizenship.
- Written statement of financial need (describe family situation) signed by the parent/guardian.

If you meet the criteria above, please fill out the Scholarship Application and place a checkmark  in the box to the left of the *Jane Purdy Hite and Robert Lee Hite Scholarship*.

DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1st @ 3:00 PM TO THE OFFICE OF WORK BASED LEARNING

1. *General Scholarship Application*
2. *Written statement of financial need (describe family situation) signed by the parent/guardian.*