

Armstrong Educational Trust

Scholarships

Each year, the Armstrong Educational Trust awards scholarships to aid qualified students who are seeking undergraduate (Bachelor's) degrees.

The Ralph & Mary Lou McAllister Scholarship Trust Fund

The Armstrong Educational Trust anticipates awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$2500.00 to individuals seeking a college education. To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be or will be enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning leading to a Bachelor's Degree. Also, *the applicant must live in the Borough of Ford City or at a residence with a Ford City Post Office address.*

The Helen & Fred Ortman Scholarship Trust Fund

One Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 is available for an individual seeking a college education. To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be accepted to be enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

The applicant must be a senior who attends Ford City High School and have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Scholarship applications are due by March 15, 2006.

Scholarship descriptions and applications are available at all local high school guidance offices

and the Armstrong Educational Trust:

**Armstrong Educational Trust
West Hills Industrial Park
81 Glade Drive
Kittanning, PA 16201**

In addition, the Armstrong County Community Foundation offers scholarships to support students who are studying a specific subject or graduating from a particular school. These scholarships are available for full-time, part-time, traditional, and non-traditional students. For more information, contact the Foundation Office at (724) 548-5897 or visit their website at: www.accfound.org

New Choices New Options Class Forming

New Choices/New Options, a career development program connecting people to the world of work, is designed for individuals seeking a career change, single parents/displaced homemakers, unemployed/underemployed or low income individuals, and individuals exploring non-traditional technologies and trades. The program is a FREE service sponsored

by IUP and funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Program services include: job search skills, career assessments, personal development, communication skills, management skills, basic computer instruction, exploration of technical and non-traditional job opportunities, tuition assistance for vocational programs, and transportation/child care assistance. Re-

cent graduates stated that the resume writing, public speaking, interview skills, self esteem, career exploration, and computer activities were especially beneficial. **The next session of New Choices/New Options will be held at the AEC beginning in February. For more information, contact the program office at 800-830-3248 or the AET at 724-543-2599.**

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Lenape Adult and Continuing Education Programs of Study



Lenape Adult and Continuing Education offers several Programs of Study that can lead you to new or improved employment opportunities.

Need to learn or enhance skills that can lead to employment or promotion? Lenape Adult and Continuing Education offers several Programs of Study that can lead you to new or improved employment opportunities. Classes within the following programs can be taken individually to enhance what you already know, or they can be taken as a group that will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need for a new beginning.

NEW THIS SEMESTER

is our Business Program of Study. This series of classes was designed to equip learners with the skills needed to start a small business, or to enhance your ability to run your current business at an optimal level.

Other Programs of Study Include:

❖ Medical Office Assistant Program of Study

❖ Medical Transcriptionist Program of Study

❖ Forklift Operation Program of Study - This program can lead to certification or re-certification in this field which is OSHA approved

❖ Refrigerant Recovery Certification Program of Study - Successful completion of this review and exam leads to a National EPA certification card.

❖ State Inspection Program of Study - Successful completion of this program can lead to PA State Certification in this field.

❖ ServSafe Program of Study - Successful completion of this program can lead to USDA Certification in this field.

❖ Phlebotomy Certification Training - This one hundred and forty-two class hour program will qualify you to take the national phlebotomy certification examination through the International Academy of Phlebotomy Sciences, Inc.

Notary Seminars :

❖ Basic Notary Training Seminar - This state-approved seminar fulfills the mandatory education provision for new notaries.

❖ Advanced Notary Train-

ing Seminar - This advanced class includes actual examples from notarial practice.

Motor Vehicle Basics Seminars:

❖ Motor Vehicle Basics Seminar - This Penn DOT state-approved seminar satisfies the Act 152 training requirements for anyone with less than 5 years of experience who fills in, completes, finalizes or is responsible for the accuracy of Penn DOT paperwork.

❖ Motor Vehicle Advanced Seminar - This Penn Dot state-approved seminar covers more complex motor vehicle forms and procedures, including "repos, "reconstructs" and import vehicles. It is an extension of the Motor Vehicle Basics Seminar and does satisfy the Act 152 training requirement.

For more information or to enroll contact Lenape Adult Education 724-763-7116 ext 316

New Supervisory Skills Classes

The Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania announces their Supervisory Skills Certificate Program will begin in March 2006. All classes will be held at the Armstrong Education Center. The certificate program consists of five two-day supervisory skills classes. Certificates

are awarded to those completing all five courses; *classes need not be taken in sequence.* You will learn decision-making, problem solving, communications, active listening, motivation, delegation, time management, interviewing skills, action planning, presentation skills, goal setting, handling

conflict, and much more. The emphasis is on mastering management techniques essential to the success of both the supervisor and the company.

For more information or to register, contact the MANP Office at 800-815-2660 or visit their website, www.manp.org.



Learn Decision-Making skills and more by attending the Supervisory Skills Certificate Program

Educational Opportunity Centers Workshop Calendar

The Educational Opportunity Center will offer workshops for prospective adult students on EOC services, choosing an educational program, financial aid, and career choices during the winter and spring at the Armstrong Education Center. The schedule is:

January
Tuesday, January 24 - Educational Opportunity Overview

February
Tuesday, February 14- Choosing Your Educational Program

Tuesday, February 28- Financial Aid

March
Tuesday, March 14-Careers

Thursday, March 30- Choosing Your Educational Program

April
Tuesday, April 18-Financial

Aid
Tuesday, April 25- Educational Opportunity Overview

May
Tuesday, May 9-Careers

Tuesday, May 23-Financial Aid

To reserve a space, call the AET at (724) 543-2599 or if you have questions on the programs, contact the EOC Office at 800-378-6230.

The Educational Opportunity Center will offer workshops for prospective adult students

Armstrong Books for Children

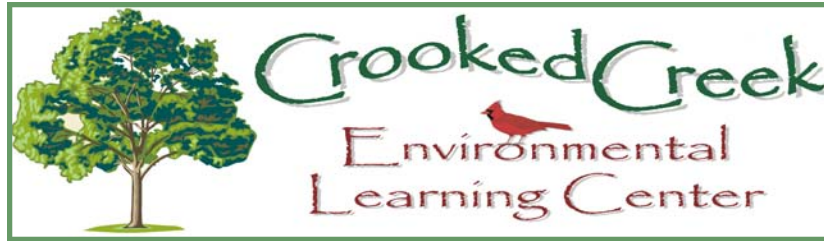
The Armstrong County Community Foundation will be kicking off a project to increase early literacy among our children, Armstrong Books for Children, in January.

Currently, only 60% of County 5th graders are profi-

cient in reading. Studies show that early literacy means: 29% higher rate of high school completion; 41% reduction in special-needs placement; 40% reduction in in-grade retention; and every \$1 invested in young children generates over \$7 to the local econ-

omy. Please join us and make a difference for our children. **For more information on how you can support this initiative, contact the Foundation at (724) 548-5897.**





Rent the ELC for your next program, meeting, workshop, or retreat! We have overnight accommodations for 26 people.

We also have a deluxe living room area with an extensive collection of mounted animals, including birds, large and small mammals, snakes, and fish on display.

The ELC has a large meeting room, a fully equipped kitchen, bathrooms and showers.

Outside, you can walk down the Discovery Trail or watch the many birds and wildlife that inhabit the area.

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For more information on facility rental, please call 724-763-6316 or email elcaet@alltel.net.

Information is also available online at www.crookedcreekelc.org

ASD Field Trip

We had 54 students from the Armstrong School District's Gifted Program with us on December 1, 2005. A GREAT group of kids were very attentive as they learned about the animal displays in the Animal Room with Dennis Hawley, Twig Identification with Donna Livengood, and then went on a nature walk with Holly Travis.





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The Armstrong Educational Trust brings post-secondary education and training opportunities to Armstrong County.

To accomplish this we:

- Survey education and training needs.
- Convene educational providers to identify programs that meet those needs.
- Provide instructional facilities and a computer lab.
- Provide financial aid and career counseling to adults.
- Market provider program offerings.



www.armstrongedutrust.org

AUTHENTIC ARMSTRONG 2006 CALENDAR



The 2006 Authentic Armstrong calendars are still available for purchase. Each calendar features nature photography taken locally by Mindy Knappenberger. All proceeds from the calendar sale benefits the programs and services provided by the Armstrong Educational Trust and the Environmental Learning Center at Crooked Creek. Calendars may be purchased for \$10 each at all Klingensmith's Drug Stores, Toy's Golden Dawn, and the Armstrong Education Center. For more

information, call the Trust at (724) 543-2599.