

Pioneer Academic Scholarship

Pioneer Connect is proud to offer two academic scholarships to young people in our community pursuing higher education. Students are welcome to consider applying for the Academic Scholarship or our Community College Scholarship (though, you cannot apply for both in a single year). You can find more information on our scholarship for community college students here.

The Pioneer Connect Academic Scholarship is a scholarship designed for students beginning or continuing education in an undergraduate program at a two - or four-year university or technical vocational school.

Applicant Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a member or an immediate relative of someone who is a participating member of Pioneer Connect (you could be a spouse, son, or daughter of the member)
- Your primary place of residence must be located within the Pioneer Connect serving area
- Be currently enrolled in or applying for admission to an undergraduate program in an accredited community college, four-year college or university, or vocational technical school (*You may be enrolled part-time or full-time*)

Materials needed for complete application:

- Provide three letters of recommendation from individuals other than family members
- Provide legible copies of all high school and college or technical school transcripts
- Provide a copy of the applicant's latest SAT and/or ACT test scores
- Submit all information requested on the application form and sign the certification at the end of the application

Additional information:

- An applicant is eligible to receive the scholarship a maximum number of two times
- After the award is made, the scholarship funds will be directly submitted to the institution of higher education in the name of the scholarship recipient
- The completed application and all supporting documentation must be submitted/received no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2020
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship award**

The Board of Directors will choose scholarship recipients based on this criteria:

- Scholastic achievement – 25%
- Extra-curricular activities, accomplishments and recognition received – 15%

- Career and educational goals – 20%
- Personal Statement – 25%
- Financial need – 5%
- Open book quiz – 10%

The Academic Scholarship is an online submission only.

DEADLINE: Application must be submitted no later than March 31, 2020, by 4:30 p.m.

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Note: There is no time limit to the application process. However, the application will not be saved along the way. Be sure to have enough time to finish it or you will have to restart.

To help you compile the information you will need ahead of time, below are the questions that will be asked when submitting the online application.

APPLICANT

- Name
- Mailing Address
- Pioneer Connect Phone#
- Alternate Phone#

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

- School presently attending, Location, and Year in school
- High school attended and year graduated
- Grade-point averages:
- High school overall and Post high school overall
- A legible copy of your high school and college transcripts, through the first term of the current school year.
- A copy of your latest SAT and/or ACT test scores.
- Name and address of the school you plan to attend
- Have you been accepted by the school?
- Number of terms per year?
- Starting date, expected graduation date, proposed major, and anticipated number of credits per term

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED

List the organizations, committee membership, offices and dates held, volunteer work, etc., both in school and in the community.

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS

In your own words, list and explain your career and educational goals.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

In your own words, provide a statement of why you should receive a Pioneer Connect Scholarship.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Complete the following forms with your budget information for the coming school year (September-June).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENSES

Registration & Fees	
Books & Supplies	
Personal Expenses	
Transportation	
Housing & Meals	
Other	
<i>Total Expenses</i>	

PROJECTED INCOME

Student Work (summer & school year)	
Scholarships & Grants	

Loans	
Other Financial Aid	
Savings	
Other Sources	
Total	

Net Difference (+/-)	
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Please provide any additional financial information you feel will assist the committee in making a decision.