

PINEY RUN RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

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Scholarship Program Information

In alignment with the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council's strong belief in education, two \$1,500 scholarships have been created to help students with college education related expenses.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a member, a child of a member, or under guardianship of a member of the Piney Run Nature Center.
- Applicant must be a full-time student taking undergraduate courses **or** in the final year of high school and planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited college or university recognized by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) in the current year.
- The same individual cannot win this scholarship in two consecutive years.
- Applicant must have a non-related adult sponsor - who is not an employee at Piney Run Park - provide a letter of recommendation or complete the Applicant Appraisal section of the application.
- A minimum grade point average (or equivalent) of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) – official transcript required.

Requirements Checklist – Each qualified student must submit the following items:

- Scholarship Application:** Complete and sign the Scholarship Application.
- Transcript and Scores (official transcripts must be in original sealed envelopes):**
 - High school student applicants should deliver the Transcript Section to the school's principal or guidance counselor to complete, sign, and return to the applicant in a sealed envelope, along with an official transcript.
 - College student applicants need to provide an official college transcript.
- Recommendation/Appraisal:**
 - Obtain a letter of recommendation from a non-related adult appraiser (one who is not an employee at Piney Run Park, such as a high school or college counselor or advisor, instructor, professional person, or supervisor).
 - Or have non-related appraiser complete the Applicant Appraisal section of the application.
- Written statement:** Prepare a statement explaining why the scholarship is deserved and how it will help. Consider explaining how you became interested in nature, why your intended major is important to you, describing your experiences or involvement with Piney Run Park and/or sharing how this scholarship will help improve your financial situation. (No more than one typewritten double-spaced page.)
- Return** all of the above in a single envelope (Transcript and Letter of Recommendation/Applicant Appraisal sections must be in their own sealed envelopes) postmarked no later than April 10th, 2023 to:
Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
30 Martz Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

Any questions may be e-mailed to PineyRunParkCouncilTreasurer@gmail.com.

Selection Process

The Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council Scholarship Committee has the sole responsibility for selecting award recipients on behalf of the Council, based on a combination of factors. Once the initial academic requirements are met, the student's involvement with Piney Run Park, school, community and environmental activities, work experience, the statement submitted by the student, and appraisal (by the adult sponsor) will be considered.

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Scholarship Program Application

If space in any section is inadequate, continue on another sheet and attach to application.

Due Date: April 10, 2023

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Male

Female

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Date of Birth

Street Address

Apt.

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

Are you or your parent/guardian a member of the Piney Run Nature Center? Yes No Member Name: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father's/Guardian Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Street Address

Apt.

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

If guardian, relationship to applicant:

Mother's/Guardian Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Street Address

Apt.

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

If guardian, relationship to applicant:

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name

Principal

Graduation Date (Mo/Yr)

School Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

List the name of the college or university that you currently attend or plan to attend in the future. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) Use official school names – do not use abbreviations.

Current/Future

College/University

City

State

Major or course of study _____ Anticipated date of graduation _____ (Month/Year)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

In the following sections, describe your (A) **school and community activities and volunteer work** (e.g., Piney Run Park, student government, sports, choir, hospital volunteer, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.), noting all special awards, honors, and offices held, and (B) **paid work experience** during the past four years.

A	Activities and Volunteer Work	Number of Years	Awards/Honors	Offices Held
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B	Paid Work – Employer	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours/Week	Total Earnings
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OTHER AWARDS

List other scholarship awards you have applied for or been granted.

Scholarship Award	Amount	Status
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Granted
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Granted

Application Checklist

This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when you have returned the following in a **SINGLE ENVELOPE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN April 10th, 2023:**

- This completed and signed Scholarship Program Application
- The envelope containing the official transcript of grades (and the completed Transcript section for high school students)
- The envelope containing the letter of recommendation or the completed Applicant Appraisal section
- The statement explaining why the scholarship is deserved and how it will help. Consider explaining how you became interested in nature, why your intended major is important to you, describing your experiences or involvement with Piney Run Park and/or sharing how this scholarship will help improve your financial situation. (No more than one typewritten double-spaced page.) to:

Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
30 Martz Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

This application becomes the property of the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

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CERTIFICATION

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If requested, we agree to give proof of the information given on this application. We realize that if proof is not submitted when requested, this application will not be considered valid.

Applicant's Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature (if Applicant is a minor)	Date
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Applicant Name: _____

TRANSCRIPT SECTION – An official transcript of grades must be sent with this application. NOTE: Minimum application requirements: a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

High school students must include a high school transcript of grades **and** have the following section completed by the appropriate school official.

Please return to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Cumulative Grade Point Average: Weighted _____/____ Unweighted: _____/____

School Official's Signature _____ Date _____ Telephone Number _____

School Official's Name (Please type or print) _____ Date _____

College students need to provide an official college transcript in a sealed envelope.

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Applicant Name _____

APPLICANT APPRAISAL

A non-related high school or college counselor, advisor, instructor, professional person or supervisor (not employed at Piney Run Park) must provide a letter of recommendation or complete this section.

You have been asked to provide a letter of recommendation or to complete this section of the scholarship application form to assist the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council with awarding our scholarships to the most-deserving qualified applicants.

If completing this form in lieu of a letter or recommendation, please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. If you have additional comments, please attach a separate sheet.

Please return the letter of recommendation or this completed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary education program is

- Extremely appropriate Very appropriate Moderately appropriate Inappropriate

The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability

- Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community is

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources

- Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative

- Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follows through and completes tasks

- Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

The applicant's respect for self and others is

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

Appraiser's Signature

Date

Telephone No.

Appraiser's Name (please print or type)

Title/Affiliation

Appraiser's Address

City

State

Zip