



McAleer/Pierce Memorial Scholarship
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Paralyzed Veterans of America Great Plains Chapter's Ladies Auxiliary would like to invite you to share this scholarship opportunity with your students. The MCALEER/PIERCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of our dear friends, Joan & Jay McAleer and Virginia & Tom Pierce, all of whom were devoted to helping veterans with spinal cord injury and other individuals with physical disabilities.

Our Auxiliary is associated with veterans who have a spinal cord injury or disease. Our interest, however, is not limited to veterans with disabilities. In line with the mission of our organization, we work to improve lives of individuals living with a disability. This scholarship is intended for a graduating high school student who is planning to attend a college or university. The student must have a permanent physical disability or have a parent(s) with a permanent physical disability. The amount of this non-renewable scholarship is \$500.00.

Interested students who meet the above qualifications are asked to complete a *College Funding Estimator* worksheet. You can locate the worksheet online at www.educationquest.org. Click on *College Funding Estimator* in the list on the bottom right and then click on College Funding Estimator 2024 – 2025. Answer the questions provided and print out the results. Should you need help, call the Educational Planning Center at 1-800-303-3745 or 402-391-4033 in Omaha. In addition, students are required to submit a 250-word essay that provides a brief description of the permanent physical disability situation, a synopsis of the student's high school activities, and plans for their future education. The application, 250-word essay, and funding estimator results must be submitted by March 1, 2024 and sent to the address indicated in the letterhead or by email to Amanda Vazquez at vazquez@greatplainspva.org.

The selected recipient(s) will be notified in April 2024. We appreciate your help in promoting this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tammy Squier

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Auxiliary President
Great Plains PVA



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MCALDER/PIERCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***For students with a permanent physical disability or who have a parent
with a permanent physical disability***

1. Write a 250-word essay that provides a brief description of the student's permanent physical disability situation, a synopsis of the student's high school activities, and plans for the student's future education.
2. Complete a 2024-2025 College Funding Estimator worksheet at www.educationquest.org and print results.
3. Complete the application below:

Student name _____

Street address _____

City _____ Zip code _____ Phone # _____

Date of birth _____ Email _____

School name _____ Phone No. _____

School address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Counselor Name _____ Class rank _____ Grade Point Average _____

Activities:

1. School

2. Job

3. Community Involvement

If you or a member of your immediate family has served or is currently serving in the U.S. military, please describe.

Return this application, the completed College Funding Estimator worksheet, and the 250-word essay by March 1, 2024 to: Great Plains PVA, McAleer/Pierce Memorial Scholarship, 7612 Maple Street, Omaha, NE 68134 or by email to Amanda Vazquez at vazquez@greatplainspva.org.