

2024 Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Application

Environmental Fields of Study

This scholarship fund was established in 2006 by former Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President D. “Dewey” Pierotti Jr. and his wife, Leslie, in memory of their late son Paul. “This is a fitting tribute to Paul,” said Mr. Pierotti. “He had a great love of the outdoors, especially for the forest preserves of DuPage County. This scholarship will enable deserving students with similar interests to pursue an education related to nature.”

This scholarship is designed for students from DuPage, Kane, Kendall or Will Counties pursuing college majors and careers in an environmental field. Applicants wishing to be considered for this scholarship must be a member or volunteer with The Conservation Foundation or a related conservation organization; possess a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A., provide details of their academic achievement and an outline of their participation in extracurricular activities, and write a 350-word essay on an environmental topic determined annually by the selection committee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

High School Attended: _____

Applicant’s Extra-Curricular Experience: In the space provided below or on a separate sheet of paper, please list all activities (volunteer, work, school), and include the # of years involved in each activity.

Colleges/Universities to which you have applied and/or have been accepted:

Intended Field of Study:

What are your long-term academic plans? How do they pertain to the environment?

Answer the following prompt on a separate sheet of paper. Limit your answer to one typed page (350 words).

Studies show that spending time outside in nature is very good for our physical and mental well-being. Please summarize some of your favorite research on this topic and describe one instance where spending time outside in nature made you feel better.

Please include:

- ☐ A copy of your transcript outlining all course work and current GPA, and
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation, each in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by its author. Please request your letters of recommendation two weeks in advance of the scholarship deadline in order to ensure that they are completed prior to the due date.

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Signature_____

Date_____

Completed applications and related attachments should be postmarked by **March 22, 2024** and mailed to:

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