

PILLAGER EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Pillager Education Foundation awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to Pillager Seniors every school year on behalf of many of our faithful and loyal sponsors and we are excited to continue to support our students in their pursuit of post-secondary education once again through these local scholarship opportunities. By submitting this application, you are **automatically considered** a candidate to receive each of the community scholarships that we administer.

Since 2012, the Foundation has raised over \$230,000 for student scholarships. In 2023 alone, the Pillager Education Foundation gave away \$8,000 and administered an additional \$22,000 from generous community donors. Past donors from 2023 that this application included: Crow Wing Power, Madden's Resort, Lakewood Health Systems, Pillager Booster Club, Pine River State Bank, Bremer Bank, Lincoln / Scandia Valley Lions Club, Kavanaugh's Resort, Season's Adult Foster Care, Pepsi, Randall Building Supply, Waste Management.

The Pillager Education Foundation Scholarships are open to Pillager High School Seniors meeting the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior from Pillager High School in 2024
- **Email a PDF of this completed Scholarship Application to PillagerFoundation@gmail.com by Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at midnight**
- Plan on attending a postsecondary school as a full-time student for the subsequent school year

TIP: Using Adobe Reader or another similar PDF app to complete this application will keep your application neat and readable.

Scholarship Application Contents (each section completed will add more points to your overall application score):

- Applicant Information Page (**required**)
- Personal Essay (**required**) Note: see essay requirements
- Volunteer/community service work (optional)
- Work experience (optional)
- School Athletics and Activities (optional)
- Note: Academic Performance (Class Rank, GPA, college classes) will be requested from the school counselor and automatically included with Pillager Education Foundation application on your behalf

A late application WILL NOT be scored and therefore the applicant would not be eligible for scholarships through the Pillager Education Foundation. Be aware of the deadline for emailing your application.

COMMITTEE USE ONLY ID# _____

Applicant Name _____
First MI Last

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth _____ Student Phone Number _____

Student Email _____

Parent/Guardian Address if different from student _____
Street City State Zip

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____ Parent Email _____

My signature below affirms: 1) the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

2) I understand that falsification of any information on this application will result in forfeiture of any scholarship that may have been awarded to me.

3) I give permission to Pillager School District to release my most current academic information to the Pillager Education Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

PERSONAL ESSAY - (Note: Please do NOT include specific names of people in your essay)

Type and include a well-organized, multiple paragraph paper that explains the most important real-world skills that you have learned that will best benefit you in the future workplace. Include detailed examples of how you feel these skills will benefit you. These skills could have been learned from school, life, or past jobs you have had.

Include a functional and short paragraph at the end of your essay that briefly describes where you plan to attend school and what you plan to study. If you are undecided, that's ok. Just let us know a general path of interest that you are leaning towards and why.

General Essay Directions: Title can be generic, but the entire Personal Essay (including functionally short paragraph) should contain no more than 1.5 pages of writing, typed, single spaced, 12-point font, Calibri font.

Paper will be scored on:

- How well did the essay stick to the topic and answer the question?
- Did the essay have quality, detailed examples that showed authentic reflection?
- How was the general grammar and spelling? How well were the directions followed?
- Subjective score for overall effort

PAID WORK EXPERIENCE or INTERNSHIP (CANNOT include hours that you receive academic credit for)

List the most recent work experience first. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

If you list jobs such as babysitting or other occasional work, lump all clients together in one "job".

If you worked for a family business, such as a farm, but **did not get paid**, include that time as **one** of the jobs.

Job #1: Employer Name: _____

What were your responsibilities? _____

Type of job: ___ Seasonal (20+ hours, but just in the summer)
 ___ Irregular (like on call babysitting, one-time project, or occasional work)
 ___ Part-time (year round, but less than 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Full-time for a student (year round, 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Family business (no pay - skip to the next job)

When did you start this job? _____ When did you end this job? (if applicable) _____

Job #2: Employer Name: _____

What were your responsibilities? _____

Type of job: ___ Seasonal (20+ hours, but just in the summer)
 ___ Irregular (like on call babysitting, one-time project, or occasional work)
 ___ Part-time (year round, but less than 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Full-time for a student (year round, 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Family business (no pay - skip to the next job)

When did you start this job? _____ When did you end this job? (if applicable) _____

Job #3: Employer Name: _____

What were your responsibilities? _____

Type of job: ___ Seasonal (20+ hours, but just in the summer)
 ___ Irregular (like on call babysitting, one-time project, or occasional work)
 ___ Part-time (year round, but less than 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Full-time for a student (year round, 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Family business (no pay - skip to the next job)

When did you start this job? _____ When did you end this job? (if applicable) _____

Job #4: Employer Name: _____

What were your responsibilities? _____

Type of job: ___ Seasonal (20+ hours, but just in the summer)
 ___ Irregular (like on call babysitting, one-time project, or occasional work)
 ___ Part-time (year round, but less than 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Full-time for a student (year round, 20+ hours per week)
 ___ Family business (no pay)

When did you start this job? _____ When did you end this job? (if applicable) _____

SCHOOL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES (Grades 9-12)

Examples: Student Government, Music Contests, Arts, MSHSL Athletics, NHS, Knowledge Bowl, Spanish Club. We are interested in ways you participated at school beyond the classroom. Use a separate sheet if needed.

FRESHMAN YEAR:	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
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OFFICE HELD	_____	_____	_____
AWARDS	_____	_____	_____

SOPHOMORE YEAR:	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
OFFICE HELD	_____	_____	_____
AWARDS	_____	_____	_____

JUNIOR YEAR:	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
OFFICE HELD	_____	_____	_____
AWARDS	_____	_____	_____

SENIOR YEAR:	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
ACTIVITIES	_____	_____	_____
OFFICE HELD	_____	_____	_____
AWARDS	_____	_____	_____