



McAleer/Pierce Memorial Scholarship  
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January 19, 2023

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](http://www.educationquest.org). Click on *College Funding Estimator* in the list on the bottom right and then click on College Funding Estimator 2023 – 2024. 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, 2023 and sent to the address indicated in the letterhead.

The selected recipient(s) will be notified by April 1, 2023.

We appreciate your help in promoting this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Squier*

Tammy Squier  
Auxiliary President  
Great Plains PVA

# MCALeer/PIERCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**\*For students with a permanent physical disability or who have a parent with a 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 2023-2024 College Funding Estimator worksheet at [www.educationquest.org](http://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

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### 2. Job

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### 3. Community Involvement

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

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Return this application, the completed College Funding Estimator worksheet, and the 250-word essay by March 1, 2023 to: Great Plains PVA, McAleer/Pierce Memorial Scholarship, 7612 Maple Street, Omaha, NE 68134 or by email to Amanda Vazquez at [vazquez@greatplainspva.org](mailto:vazquez@greatplainspva.org).