



**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 required to submit a 250-word essay that provides a brief description of their permanent physical disability situation, a synopsis of their high school activities, and plans for their future education. The application and 250-word essay must be submitted by March 1, 2026 and sent to the address indicated in the letterhead or by email to Amanda Vazquez at [vazquez@greatplainspva.org](mailto:vazquez@greatplainspva.org).

The selected recipient(s) will be notified in April 2026. We appreciate your help in promoting this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Squier*

Tammy Squier  
Auxiliary President  
Great Plains PVA



**Paralyzed Veterans of America**

**Great Plains Chapter**

## **MCALEER/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 your permanent physical disability situation, a synopsis of your high school activities, and plans for your future education.

2. 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 describe.

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Return this application and the 250-word essay by March 1, 2026 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).