

Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Application
Environmental Fields of Study
Application deadline January 13, 2012

This scholarship fund was established in 2006 by the 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 pursuing college majors and careers in the environmental fields. Applicants wishing to be considered for this scholarship must be a volunteer or associated with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County or The Conservation Foundation, 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.

Completed applications and related attachments should be postmarked by January 13, 2012 and mailed to:

The Pierotti Memorial Scholarship
The DuPage Community Foundation
104 E. Roosevelt Rd., Suite 204
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
630-665-5556

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

Financial Need: Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income: _____

In the space provided below or on a separate sheet of paper, please describe any circumstances related to your family's financial status which would give the Scholarship Committee a better understanding of the importance of this scholarship.

Choose one of the essay prompts below and submit your response on a separate sheet of paper. Limit your answer to one typed page (350 words).

- 1) John Muir said, "Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is not repose like that of the green deep woods. Here grow the wallflower and the violet. The squirrel will come and sit upon your knee, the log cock will wake you in the morning. Sleep in forgetfulness of all ill. Of all the upness accessible to mortals, there is no upness comparable to the mountains."

Explain your beliefs on how natural areas of open space relate to climate change.

- 2) According to Aldo Leopold, "The outstanding discovery of the 20th century is not the radio or the television; rather, it is an understanding of the complexity of the land. So if land, in the course of eons, has built something we like but do not yet fully understand, then who but a fool would discard those seemingly useless parts. The first principle of intellectual tinkering is to save all the parts."

Explain what Leopold means when he stresses the need to "save all the parts." Then describe a situation where this principle could have been applied to save a piece of land or to address an environmental issue in your community.

Please include:

- A copy of your transcript outlining all course work and current GPA, and
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from a Forest Preserve or Conservation Foundation supervisor if you work or volunteer at one or both of those organizations, each in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by its author.

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 _____

Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Application
Agricultural Sciences and Resources Fields of Study
Application deadline January 13, 2012

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Intended Field of Study: _____

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

Financial Need:

Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income: _____

In the space provided below or on a separate sheet of paper, please describe any circumstances related to your family's financial status which would give the Scholarship Committee a better understanding of the importance of this scholarship.

On a separate sheet of paper please respond to the essay prompt below. Limit your answer to one page (350 words).

In 2000, the State of Illinois published the results of its land cover survey showing that only 4.7% (10,000 acres) of the land cover in DuPage County remained in agricultural production. What concerns or impacts (if any) does this have on the residents of DuPage County? What do you feel could be accomplished to address these concerns?

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