

**Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Application**  
***Environmental Fields of Study***  
**Application deadline March 11, 2016**

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 pursuing college majors and careers in the environmental fields.** Applicants wishing to be considered for this scholarship must 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 March 11, 2016 and mailed to:

The Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship  
DuPage Foundation  
3000 Woodcreek Dr., Suite 310  
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515  
630-665-5556



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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) 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.*

- 2) 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.*

**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 three 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 \_\_\_\_\_