



Pierre Educational Foundation

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The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Information

Who is eligible to apply for the James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship?

The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship is offered to a T.F. Riggs High School graduating senior planning to enroll in an accredited college or university who intends to pursue a career in the medical field.

Who serves on the selection committee?

After the application is received by the March 1 deadline, the Pierre Educational Foundation's Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient. The committee is comprised of the Foundation Board President (or a board designee), a T.F. Riggs High School Guidance Counselor, and a doctor representing the Pierre medical community. No member of the selection committee may be related to the scholarship applicants.

What criteria are used for the selection of the scholarship recipient?

The application must complete the application. No sections of the application should be incomplete. Criteria on the application include: Name, Address, Date of Birth, Class Rank, SAT or ACT scores, Grades, Leadership and community activities, work experience, financial need, goals, and letters of recommendation.

How will the James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship be advertised?

T.F. Riggs students and guidance counselors will be notified and asked to announce the scholarship availability in the Scholarship / Financial Aid Newsletter.

How are scholarship proceeds sent to the winner?

Once the student has completed the first semester or quarter in an accredited college or university, and a transcript of grades is received by the Pierre Educational Foundation, a check will be mailed to the scholarship recipient. If the scholarship winner fails to enroll in an accredited college or university OR if the student does not complete the semester or quarter, an alternate winner will be selected by the committee.

What is considered misrepresentation or misuse of scholarship funds?

A full explanation will be requested if it is determined that the scholarship funds were not used by a student enrolled in an accredited college or university in a field of study related to the medical profession. Legal action may also be undertaken, in the event that the scholarship proceeds are not used to help the student pursue an education related to the medical profession.