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Piston Scholarship

Piston Fund scholarships provide tuition assistance for students with a strong interest in pursuing a career in the restoration and service of vintage, classic, and collector automobiles.

Eligible students must be accepted, enrolled, or attending a state or nationally accredited automotive trade school program.

Thanks for applying with the Piston Foundation. As you go through the application, you can save your progress and return to complete it later. Once the deadline for submissions has passed you will not be able to add to your application.

Applicant Full Name

Personal information

Personal and contact information about you, the applicant.

First Name

Last Name

Your Mobile Phone Number

Home Address 1

Home Address 2 (optional)

City

State

AL

AK

AZ

CA

CO

CT

DE

DC

FL

GA

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Zip Code

Are you a U.S. Citizen or an eligible noncitizen?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you have a green card or are a permanent resident alien, you are considered to be an eligible noncitizen.

Date of Birth

Do you consider yourself of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or of Spanish origin?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I prefer not to say

How would you describe your race demographic?

- ☐ American Indian /indigenous / First Nation / Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black / African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White, not Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Some other race, ethnicity, or origin
- ☐ I prefer not to say

Your Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Non-binary/non-conforming
- ☐ I prefer not to say

What are your pronouns?

- ☐ He/Him
- ☐ She/Her
- ☐ They/Them
- ☐ I prefer not to say

This helps us understand the best way to address you.

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or active duty military?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Air Force
- ☐ Yes, Army
- ☐ Yes, Coast Guard
- ☐ Yes, Marine Corps
- ☐ Yes, National Guard
- ☐ Yes, Navy

Are you the child of a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or active duty military?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Air Force
- ☐ Yes, Army
- ☐ Yes, Coast Guard
- ☐ Yes, Marine Corps
- ☐ Yes, National Guard
- ☐ Yes, Navy

What is the current status of your driving record/motor vehicle report?

- ☐ 100% clean (No infractions, violations, or citations)
- ☐ I have never applied for a driver's license
- ☐ Minor violations (Parking tickets or moving violations)
- ☐ Major violations (Misdemeanor or felony)
- ☐ Previously suspended and reinstated (DUI/DWI)
- ☐ Currently suspended (DUI/DWI)
- ☐ Currently suspended (General reason NON DUI/DWI)
- ☐ Revoked

Where did you find out about the Piston Foundation's scholarship and apprenticeship programs?

- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Web search
- ☐ My school
- ☐ Family or friend
- ☐ At an event
- ☐ Other

Education

Tell us about your high school career and your trade school or college plans.

What is the name of your high school?

In which state is your high school?

AL

AK

AZ

CA

CO

CT

DE

DC

FL

GA

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Graduation year

The year you graduated or will graduate.

What is your current high school GPA or with what GPA did you graduate high school?

Please enter a number. You can use a decimal, but exclude any other symbols. Based on a 4.0 scale. Approximate within one decimal point. If your school used a 100-point scale, take your points and divide by 25, this is your 4.0 scale GPA.

Did you participate in a high school career and technical education or automotive program?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is the highest level of high school math that you completed?

☐ Algebra I

☐ Geometry

☐ Algebra II

☐ Trigonometry

☐ Pre-Calculus

☐ Calculus

Are you the first person in your immediate family to go beyond a high school education?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I don't know.

What stage are you at in your technical school career?

- ☐ Researching schools
- ☐ Applying to schools
- ☐ Enrolled and accepted
- ☐ Currently attending

What is your expected family contribution (EFC) for your next school year?

You can find this number in your FAFSA Student Aid Report.

If you did not complete a FAFSA application, enter the amount.

Have you previously studied in a 2-year or 4-year degree or certificate program?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why are you applying for a Piston Fund scholarship?

250 words

In a short essay, please share why you are passionate about pursuing a career in the collector car industry and why you are applying for an apprenticeship.

Please describe your previous automotive, mechanical, or engineering experience, and tell us about your personal qualifications.

Minimum length = 500 words

Accepted formats = doc, docx, pdf

Personal Statement



Please submit two letters of recommendation with at least one from a non-relative teacher, supervisor, or mentor. Be sure the letter indicates the capacity in which the letter writer knows you, e.g. as a student, employee, or other capacity.

Accepted formats = doc, docx, pdf

Recommendation #1



Recommendation #2



Please prepare a video presentation about your interest in collector cars. You might tell us about an automotive or mechanical project you've worked on, or tell us about your favorite cars.

If you are applying for an apprenticeship, tell us about your skills and work experience. The world of collector cars is large and diverse. Tell us about what you're interested in.

Upload your video:

UPLOAD

This link will also be emailed to you.

Video Specs

- Maximum length = 5 minutes
- Orientation = horizontal
- Accepted formats = mov, mp4
- Video filename should include your first and last name

☐ I understand and agree.

Your application will not be considered complete until you have uploaded your video essay. Your video must be received by the application deadline.

Please upload a current, complete transcript of grades. Grade reports are not accepted. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grades and credit hours for each course and term in which each course was taken.

Accepted formats: pdf, jpg

School Transcript



Please review and agree to the following authorizations.

☐ I agree to receive text messages from The Piston Foundation. Including reminders and notifications related to my scholarship application.

☐ I agree to email messages from The Piston Foundation. Including reminders and notifications related to my scholarship application.

☐ By checking this box, I authorize my school officials to release to The Piston Foundation information about the following: FAFSA, academic records including, but not limited to: course, grades, attendance, program enrollment, graduation information, Veteran status: and information stated on transcripts in its possession from ALL other institutions previously attended.

☐ By checking this box I authorize The Piston Foundation's Scholarship & Grants Committee and/or representatives of The Piston Foundation to examine my scholarship application, academic and financial records including financial aid awards.

☐ By checking this box, I agree that if I am awarded a Piston Foundation scholarship or apprenticeship grant I will allow my name and story to be used in future promotions by The Piston Foundation and/or its donors in the marketing of the scholarship or grant program. I also agree to participate if asked in stewardship activities with donors including but not limited to attending donor events and telling my story. Additionally I understand my name and scholarship & grant information may be shared with the media and The Piston Foundation donors and corporate sponsors as appropriate.

☐ By checking this box I certify that the information on this form and my application are true, complete and accurate and will be used to support my application. I understand that misrepresentation of information or failure to comply with the use requirement(s) of any award I may receive: 1) may negate my ability to apply for any scholarships or grants in the future; 2) may result in cancellation of my scholarship or grant; and/or 3) may result in The Piston Foundation withdrawing all remaining funds or requiring return of an unexpended funds or pursuing other remedies to recover the scholarship or grant.