



Virginia & Tom Pierce Memorial Scholarship  
839 South Polk Street  
Papillion, NE 68046  
(402) 339-3448

January 21, 2011

Dear Friend,

Once again it is the time of year for our Auxiliary of the Great Plains Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America to send a letter regarding the VIRGINIA AND TOM PIERCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of our dear friends, Virginia and Tom Pierce, both of whom were longtime supporters of our organization.

Our Auxiliary is associated with veterans who have a spinal cord injury or disease. Our interest, however, is not limited to veterans with disabilities. We are particularly interested in young people with disabilities who are graduating from high school and planning to attend a college or university.

The amount of this non-renewable scholarship was increased to \$500.00 in 2005. The scholarship is intended for a graduating student with a permanent physical disability or to a graduating student who has a parent(s) with a permanent physical disability.

Interested students who meet the above qualifications are asked to complete the enclosed application and the *College Funding Estimator* worksheet. If additional worksheets are needed, you can obtain them online [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) and click on guidance counselor. The reverse side of the application can be used as a bulletin board poster. Students can either mail in or take the completed CFE worksheet to the Educational Planning Center nearest them. In either event, the student should send the results to us along with the scholarship application and a two hundred-fifty word essay, typed and in double space. The essay should provide a brief description of the permanent physical disability situation and a synopsis of their high school activities and plans for their future education. The essay and the forms should be submitted with a photo by MARCH 1, 2011 and sent to the address indicated in the letterhead.

Results will be sent to the student on or before April 1, 2011 and the scholarship check will be presented at a special awards luncheon to be held sometime in late May or early June, 2011. We will let the student know the exact date of the luncheon when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan M. McAleer".

Joan M. McAleer  
Scholarship Coordinator

VIRGINIA AND  
TOM PIERCE  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

VALUE: \$500.00  
DUE DATE: MARCH 1st

For students with a physical  
disability, or if a parent of the  
student has a physical disability

See your Guidance Counselor  
Or IEP Coordinator  
for more information and  
an application

APPLICATION  
VIRGINIA AND TOM PIERCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
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Papillion, NE 68046 - (402)339-3448

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Activities:

1. School \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Job \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Community involvement \_\_\_\_\_  
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Return this application, the results of the College Funding Estimator worksheet, your photograph and the 250 word essay by March 1, 2011.