NC District Pilot International Scholarship Application

Information for Scholarship Applicant

The North Carolina District Pilot International is pleased to offer (a) scholarship(s) each year, as funding allows, to (a) deserving high school student(s) who is/are continuing his/her education. Before we talk scholarships, here is a bit of information about the NC District and Pilot International.

Pilot International

Pilot International is a non-profit organization whose mission is to transform communities by developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families whose lives are affected by a brain related illness or injury. Pilot International envisions a world where all are valued.

Founded in Macon, GA in 1921, Pilot International has been dedicated to serve for almost a century. Originally designed as a volunteer service organization for business and professional women, Pilot International has since expanded to include men and women from around the globe and in all walks of life.

The historic inspiration for the name was the riverboat pilot who would steer a true course through calm or troubled waters. Thus, for almost 100 years, Pilots have served under the motto "True Course Ever." Today's Pilots find their "true course" through our charge to do more, care more and BE MORE every day.

North Carolina District

The North Carolina District of Pilot International has a rich history of service and friendship. We also focus on influencing positive change in communities by coming together to give people an outlet for service, encouraging brain safety and health, and supporting those who care for others. The first NC Pilot Club was chartered in 1934. Since then the NC District has grown to include Pilot Clubs from the mountains to the coast. Each Pilot Club is diverse and tailors their service activities to suit the needs of their own communities.

Both the NC District of Pilot International and Pilot International offer scholarships. **By completing this application, you are applying for a scholarship from the NC District of Pilot International**. There may be scholarships from Pilot International that you may be interested in also. Information about scholarships is available on the Pilot International website.

North Carolina District Scholarship Application Requirements/Rules

- Be a NC Resident
- Accepted at a NC College or University
- Planning to attend college courses beginning six months or less following scholarship being awarded
- Preference given to students who are interested in careers that will positively impact brain illness or disease awareness
- Preference given to students who have participated as a volunteer in ways that positively impact brain illness or disease awareness
- Information regarding GPA is required. Application decisions are not based solely upon GPA.

North Carolina District Scholarship Application Instructions

Please read these instructions carefully. Please pay attention to each detail.

- Complete the attached application form as thoroughly as possible.
 - Include with the application the following items:
 - Letter from a sponsoring Pilot Club that states
 - The name of the Pilot Club
 - Contact Information of the Scholarship Chairperson (Name, address, email and phone number)
 - A statement from the club as to why they believe that you are deserving of this scholarship
 - Application form TYPED
 - Copy of acceptance letter to a NC College or University
 - All High School Transcripts
 - Three letters of recommendation using the attached forms. One must be from a high school official. Before you give out the form, complete the top portion, add the date you need it back to allow yourself enough time to email or mail before the deadline.
 - Essay of no more than two typed pages (double spaced) that answers the following questions:
 - What are your career goals? (be sure to note if your career goals include working with a brain related illness or injury)
 - What have you done or plan to do that makes you think you deserve this scholarship? (This is your chance ...tell us why you deserve this!)
 - Are there financial reasons that this scholarship will relieve a burden for you or your family? Describe as much as you feel comfortable.
 - Remember, an essay generally includes an introductory paragraph, at least a paragraph each to answer the above questions and a conclusion paragraph.

Please mail the application and other requested materials in one packet to the sponsoring Pilot Club (who will then forward to the District Scholarship Chairperson) OR to the following District Scholarship Committee Chairperson:

Zana Whitmire 1495 College Ave, Ste 150, PMB 102 Spindale, NC 28160

If you don't have a sponsoring Pilot Club, please mail all information to Ms. Whitmire. You can still apply without a sponsoring club.

Sponsoring Club: Please forward all the information to the NC District Scholarship Committee Chairperson listed above.

Completed application packets must be received no later than March 15, 2025, for consideration of this year's award(s). The award(s) will be presented at the NC District Convention, Saturday, April 26, 2025. Award winners will be notified ahead of time so that they can be invited to attend. Attendance on April 26, 2025, to receive the award is not required. The North Carolina District Scholarship is a one-time award.

<u>Helpful Hints</u>:

- Once your application is complete, please review it carefully to ensure accuracy, completeness, and that it is free of spelling/grammatical errors.
- Double check to be sure you have included all the information required for the scholarship committee to review the application. Leaving anything out will make your application weak and may cause you not to be awarded the scholarship.
- If you are having a hard time getting all three of your letters of recommendation back to you and you have two of them, you may go ahead and mail your application. Two letters are required. You may mail the third letter when you receive it as long as it is received before the due date. You may still score high enough to receive the scholarship.

NC District Pilot International Scholarship Application Form

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Please List. Be sure to include the year you did this work. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

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Honors and/or Awards

Please List. Be sure to include the year you received this Honor/Award. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

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Award decisions are made regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or generic information of the applicant. Decisions are made based upon the above listed criteria by the NC District Pilot International Scholarship Awards Committee.

Letter of Recommendation North Carolina District Pilot International Scholarship

Dear ___

Applicant, fill in name of person making the recommendation

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Applicant's Signature:

Name of Applicant:

How long have you known this applicant?

In what capacity do you know this student?

Please share some information about the applicant including strengths, weaknesses, personal interests or achievements, etc.

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