

Pioneer-Plus Scholarship 2024

Dear Conestoga HS graduates:

The Pioneer-Plus Scholarship is available to qualified Conestoga High School graduates after the conclusion of at least one successful year at a technical/trade school, a community college, or a 4-year college, to help cover the costs of the following year's tuition/room/board. All applicants must be well-rounded students who are committed to working hard in their schooling while also making good decisions in their everyday lives. Scholarship amounts vary, but they tend to be in the \$1000-\$3000 range. **No student can apply more than 3 times for this assistance.** To qualify for this award, the applicant must meet the *minimum* requirements by:

- Having a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 after the freshman year, and 3.0 after all subsequent years.
- Being an active member on at least one sports team, club or other activity while on campus.
- Having at least a part time job while on campus and during the summer.
- Being able to exhibit a need for financial assistance by having received grants from all possible FAFSA sources, including Pell (and PHEAA if at a PA school).
- Having no record of suspensions or disciplinary action during the previous year in college.
- Being a US citizen, or having Permanent Resident status.

If you qualify, then please complete this form below and submit it to the CHS Guidance office by July 1. The funds for these scholarships will be available on a first come, first served basis. All payments will be made directly to the college or institution.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of application _____ School-year for scholarship _____

Student's Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

(please write neatly!)

Current Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian Name(s) _____

School attending _____ Major _____ Expected year of graduation _____

GRADE/ACTIVITIES/JOB VERIFICATION

*Please indicate your cumulative GPA at the end of your most recent year (*please attach a screen shot of your transcript or grades; be sure it includes your name and your GPA*). _____

*Please list all sports programs, musical/drama groups, clubs and/or other activities with which you were actively involved in your most recent year on campus. Include any leadership roles you had.

*Please explain what job(s) you had in your most recent school year and what your job(s) will be this coming summer. _____

Name _____

TUITION/ROOM/BOARD EXPENSES

Please indicate the **total cost for attendance** at the school for the upcoming school year (assuming no aid).

Tuition/fees	\$ _____
Room (or apartment costs)	\$ _____
Board	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
TOTAL yearly cost	\$ _____

FINANCIAL AID STATUS

Please indicate all financial aid awards (both grants and loans) for the upcoming school year.

Stafford Loan (subsidized)	\$ _____
Stafford Loan (unsubsidized)	\$ _____
PEL Grant	\$ _____
PHEAA Grant*	\$ _____ (*required if you are attending a PA institution)
SEOG Grant	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Total aid	\$ _____

(NOTE: Do NOT include any work-study assistance in this list – that is not aid!)

Remaining gap for family \$ _____

DISCIPLINE RECORD VERIFICATION

Please indicate if you were suspended or subject to any disciplinary action during your most recent school year.

NO ___ YES ___ (please explain) _____

SHORT ESSAY

In 350-400 words, on a separate piece of paper, please write a short essay answering this question: “Now that you have been in college for one, two, or three years, what are some of the important lessons you have learned? How have you grown as a person?” (Please be sure to put your name on the short essay page.)

PAYMENT TIMING

If approved, your payment will be split between the 2 semesters. Checks for the fall semester will be mailed to the school in late July. Checks for the spring semester will be mailed in December. If you attend a school with terms (like Drexel) you should reach out to the CHS guidance office to confirm how payments are made. ***Please remember to confirm with CHS prior to the spring term to confirm that you will still need that check.***

I certify that all the information on this application is complete and accurate.

signature

date

*The application must be received by CHS no later than **July 1**. No late entries accepted. Finished applications should be either:*

- *emailed to Nicole Jolly at CHS (JollyN@tesd.net). Please also copy Jenn Kratsa (kratsaj@tesd.net).*
- *mailed to Conestoga HS, attn: Nicole Jolly, 200 Irish Rd., Berwyn, PA 19312*