



# PIEF Scholarship Criteria

## Purpose

The purpose of the Printing Industries Education Funds, Inc. (PIEF) scholarship is to provide assistance to promising men and women interested in a career in the graphic communications industry. The recipients of these awards must be planning to continue their education in accredited graphics communications programs, preferably in the state of Ohio, Michigan, or northern Kentucky.

## Student Eligibility

To be eligible the student must:

- be seeking a degree in a two- or four-year college with an accredited graphic arts program
- be interested in a graphic communications career. Preference will be given to those desiring to fulfill their career in the state of Ohio, Michigan or in northern Kentucky following graduation
- be a high school senior or graduate, not yet starting college, or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college, or be a professional working in the graphic communications industry in the state of Ohio, Michigan or in northern Kentucky
- be a legal resident of Ohio, Michigan or Kentucky
- minimum 2.5 GPA or GED equivalent

## Application

Application for a PIEF scholarship will consist of the following steps:

- 1) Submit scores on the ACT or SAT (full-time students only)
- 2) Supply complete transcripts of high school grades (full-time students only)
- 3) Complete an application form
- 4) Submit two letters of recommendation forms (employer, teacher, guidance counselor, etc.)
- 5) Create a short statement detailing why the student wishes to pursue a career in graphic communications
- 6) Send these materials to:

*Printing Industry Education Funds, Inc.  
PO Box 819  
Westerville, OH 43086-0819*

Deadline for submission of all materials is the last day of March for the following school year beginning in the fall.

## Value of Awards

Value and number of the awards will be determined each year by the fund's Board of Trustees. Scholarship dollars will be paid directly to the school indicated by the recipient.

## Announcement of Award Recipients

Successful applicants will be notified in late spring.

## **Scholarship Renewals**

PIEF Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, but are renewable based on specific criteria. The recipient must:

- 1) Maintain a B (3.0) average on his or her graphic communications courses
- 2) Make application for renewal scholarship
- 3) Include transcripts from college courses

All PIEF Scholars will be expected to participate in at least two industry events for Graphic Media Alliance on a volunteer basis. Participation in events will also be reviewed as part of the renewal process.

Applications will be reviewed by the PIEF Board of Trustees and if satisfactory, the award may be extended.

## **Anti-discrimination Statement**

The Printing Industry Education Funds, Inc. does not discriminate because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or handicap with regard to scholarship awards, selection criteria, or treatment. This policy is applicable in all PIEF activities.