Pilot International
Dreams Ahead Scholarship Application

Our Mission: Pilot International transforms communities by developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families.

The Pilot International Executive Committee has established a scholarship to aid Anchors in leadership development by attending leadership conferences and other training. This scholarship is granted through the Goals for Grants and Scholarships program of Pilot International Founders Fund. It will be funded by Pilot clubs and members who do not sponsor an Anchor Club but who want to support Anchors.

Please review the entire application before completing. All necessary forms are included.
The Dreams Ahead Scholarship was established in 2014 to provide financial assistance to Anchors who are seeking to develop leadership skills. Applicants are to be Anchor Club members in grades 9 through 12.

Scholarships are based on financial need, community service, academic success, and application contents. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year. A student may re-apply the following year. Award amounts may vary.

This application must be received by the Anchor Specialist either postmarked or email time stamped by March 15th. The mailing address is Pilot International, 102 Preston Court, Macon GA 31210 or email to anchor@pilothq.org.

This application packet contains:

- Scholarship Program Narrative
- Scholarship Application Timetable
- Policies Governing Pilot International Scholarships
- Responsibilities of Applicant and Sponsoring Pilot Club
- Scholarship Profile
- Student Application
- Student Agreement
- Application Checklist
Policies for Pilot International
Dreams Ahead Scholarship

- The Executive Committee of Pilot International will provide the overall administration of the Dreams Ahead scholarship funds.

- The Executive Committee, through the Anchor Specialist, may receive recommendations for scholarships from any Pilot Club, District, and / or the Executive Committee of Pilot International, in accordance with existing administrative procedures.

- March 15th is the postmark / email date deadline for local clubs to send their completed Dreams Ahead scholarship application packets to the Pilot International Anchor Specialist.

- The Pilot International Anchor Specialist will review and grade scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Executive Committee of Pilot International. The Anchor Specialist will recommend as recipients of scholarships those persons who are best suited to further the purposes of the fund.

- Dreams Ahead scholarship funds may be used for registration fees and other expenses considered necessary by the Executive Committee for the recipient to be able to attend the leadership conference. Actual amounts awarded may vary.

- In accordance with IRS regulations, officers, directors, trustees, employees, or the current Anchor Specialist of Pilot International are not eligible for scholarship programs sponsored by Pilot International.

- When an application has been approved, the sponsoring club will be notified and payment will be made in one installment directly to the applicant upon receipt of the appropriate forms.

- Once approved, a student may reapply annually by submitting an updated application and supportive documents – if the club elects to continue sponsorship of the student. However, any given student may be awarded a total of three (3) Dreams Ahead scholarships during his / her academic career.

- A club may submit only 2 applicants each scholarship period.

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Sponsoring the Pilot Club Responsibilities

- Screen applicants in cooperation with officials of the high school. The Club PIFF Representative should carefully review the applicant’s scholarship request and the application procedures. Clubs are strongly encouraged to personally interview applicants. Only those applicants who meet or exceed the minimum qualifications required by the scholarship should be recommended for an award.

- Guarantee that the application is typed or printed.

- Provide the completed original applications and supporting documents, (in the order listed) to the Pilot International Anchor Specialist postmarked or email date stamped by March 15th.
  
  - Sponsorship Profile
  - Sponsorship Letter from Club
  - Student Application
  - Student’s Transcript(s)
  - Two letters of Recommendation
  - Student Agreement (signed by student and 2 witnesses)
  - Summary of Volunteer Service
  - Checklist

- Make sure the applicant understands the policies governing the scholarship program and the terms of the Student Agreement and remains aware of its provisions throughout the term of the scholarship.

- Familiarize the recipient with Pilot International’s principles so the student will be a good Pilot ambassador.

- Inform the recipient of the approval / denial of the scholarship and formally award if possible.

- Work closely with the student to ensure that the payment is requested in time. To do this, the student must submit all requested forms to Pilot International.

- Pilot Club members are encouraged to invite the student to at least one club meeting per year. Clubs should also contact the student regularly and assist the student as needed.

Scholarship Applications that are incomplete or do not include all of the appropriate documentation will not be processed.

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Other Information for Clubs

**Sponsorship Letter from Club:**
A letter, signed by the Club President and Club PIFF Representative, stating that, to the best of its knowledge, the club believes the applicant meets the qualifications for the scholarship, and the club voted to recommend the applicant.

**Student’s Transcript(s):**
Current high school student transcripts should be included. Transcripts downloaded from school websites are accepted if unaltered and URL is visible at the bottom of the printed page. **The student’s cumulative GPA must be listed.** If GPA is not listed, an official paper copy must be requested by the applicant from the school’s registrar and submitted with the application.

**Two letters of Recommendation:**
These should address character, commitment and ability. Letters must be dated within 3 months of the date of application. The letters should be from qualified persons such as a teacher who has taught the applicant, a faculty advisor, or an employer. **If these arrive in sealed envelopes, the club should open the envelope to verify the letter.**
Sponsorship Profile
(To be completed by the Sponsoring Pilot Club)

Scholarship Choice: Dreams Ahead Scholarship

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Permanent Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone / Email: ______________________________________________________________

Anchor Club: ________________________________________________________________

District: __________________________________________________________________

Years of Membership: ________________________________________________________

Name and Location of Leadership Development Course/Convention:
________________________________________________________________________

Date of Course/Convention: ____________________________________________________

Cost Course/Convention: $____________

How did your club learn of the applicant’s needs: ________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

How did your club determine the applicant’s scholarship eligibility?

_____ Personal Interview  _____ Telephone Interview  _____ Other (please explain)

________________________________________________________________________

Has your club conducted an interview with the applicant?

_____ Yes  _____ No

Comments: _________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Has your club fully explained the policies governing this scholarship program to the applicant?

_____ Yes  _____ No

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By signing this form, the club agrees to fulfill its responsibilities as outlined in the scholarship process.

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Pilot Club: ______________________________

District: _______________________________
**Student Application**

**Applicant’s Responsibilities:** All applicants must:

- Furnish such supporting data as Pilot International may request so the relative merits of the applications may be judged.
- Have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher.
- Be willing to sign and abide by the terms of the Student Agreement.

**Biographical Information:**

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________________________________________

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________

Phone / Email: ___________________________________________________________________

Name & Address of Nearest Relative: ______________________________________________

Anchor Club: __________________________________________________________________

Years of Membership: __________________________________________________________________

**A. Academic Record**

Educational Background:

Please provide the name and location of the schools you have attended:

Secondary: ___________________________________________________________________

Academic Status at the beginning of the term of scholarship:

___ Freshman     ___ Sophomore

___ Junior     ___ Senior

Most Recent GPA _____  Cumulative GPA _____
B. Career Plans

What are your educational goals? (Include curriculum and major to be pursued)
________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________

C. Financial Need

1. What is the cost of the course/convention you plan to attend?
   (Brochures or other information should be attached.)

   Registration $____________
   Travel ____________
   Hotel ____________
   Meals ____________
   Other ____________ ____________
   Total $____________

2. How much of this total are you and your family able to pay? $ ____________

3. Describe your financial situation (no more than 150 words).
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
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D. **Community Service and Leadership Experiences**
   Beginning with your most recent experiences, list your community service and leadership experiences. Include year, hours of service and your role in these community service projects. Indicate if experience was at club, district, or international level.

E. **Leadership Essay**
   This scholarship is to be used to fund leadership development opportunities for Anchors. In an essay of 100 – 300 words, explain how attending this training will benefit you in leadership development and how you can put your skills to use.

F. **Attach two letters of recommendation dated within 3 months of this application.**

G. **Make sure your application is complete including the checklist.**
## Student Agreement

I have applied for a Dreams Ahead scholarship from Pilot International. Should a Dreams Ahead scholarship be awarded to me, I understand and agree to comply with the following policies:

- I will be cognizant of my representative of Pilot International and uphold the ethics and principles of both.
- In order to continue receiving this scholarship, I understand that I must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher.

___________________________  __________________________
Applicant’s Printed Name    Date

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Applicant’s Signature

Please provide the following information from two witnesses:

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Pilot International Scholarship Checklist

This checklist shows all requirements for all scholarships. This sheet MUST be included with the application packet. If items are not completed and / or included, the application CANNOT be processed.

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Signatures:

Club President: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Club PIFF: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Scoring Ranges

A. Financial Need (35)  
B. Community Service and Leadership Experience (20)  
C. Essay (20)  
D. Academic Record (10)  
E. Letters of Recommendation (10)  
F. Career Plans (5)