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AWARDED BY ALABAMA DISTRICT, PILOT INTERNATIONAL

1. The scholarship shall be awarded biannually to a qualified student who has been accepted by an approved school offering a program with a degree in a medical or health related field in the state of Alabama.
2. The scholarship shall be $1600.00 payable $800.00 per year for two years only.
3. Should the recipient not remain in school, the balance from the scholarship account shall be returned to the Alabama District Treasury.
4. The completed application form must be accompanied by:
5. A high school transcript, and college transcript if already enrolled.
6. A letter from the applicant to include the reason for entering their medical related field and why he/she should receive the scholarship.
7. A letter of acceptance from the school offering a program in their chosen medical field, in Alabama.

 D. Two letters from academic references (teachers, principals, etc.) who could recommend applicant.

 E. Summary and verification of Volunteer and Community Service Activities and Hours.

5. Applications must be signed by the sponsoring Pilot Club President, which is in good standing in the Alabama District of Pilot International.

**6. Three (3) copies of the application and all attachments must be submitted, one to the Committee Chair, one to the District Governor, and one to the Treasurer listed below. This should be done in two ways. First a hard copy by mail and a second copy via email, no later than 20 February 2025** (I suggest postmarking by February 14th) This is a precaution that will ensure that your application reaches it’s intended destination. Also I recommend using a large 9 X 12” mailing envelope.

7. Judges will be the Pearl Sparks Scholarship Committee, consisting of 3 impartial members appointed by the Alabama District Administrative Council.

8. The Scholarship Recipient will be notified prior to and be announced and at the Alabama District Convention in May.

9. The Pearl Sparks Committee Chair will notify all other nominees in writing of the judge’s decision.

10. The **Scholarship Recipient** shall be responsible for *verifying that the school officials notify and provide proof of registration and acceptance to the Alabama District Governor before the funds will be distributed to the school.*

11. The **Scholarship Recipient** is required to have the school officials send to the Alabama District Governor verification that the recipient is in good standing, **before funds for the 2nd year** will be distributed to the school.

12. Applicants will be judged based upon all supplied information including academic record and financial need.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

 Beverly Kissinger, Pearl Sparks Scholarship Committee

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**A copy of COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD BE MAILED and EMAILED to each of the 3 persons below:**

**Beverly A Kissinger, Chairman**

Pearl Sparks Scholarship Committee

2114 Fox Ridge Road

Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

 And via

bkissing@retiree.ua.edu

Text any questions to: 540.327.8461

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Note: The Chairman will forward via email the applications as a group to the committee members. It is advised that applicants scan and send documents as a PDF. The professional quality of your application packet matters to the impression you give. Be consistent with any written documents you personally create and keep them in portrait orientation like the application. School records of your courses and grades may vary and be landscape or a mixture of both types of orientation which is fine. Remember that your application form must be signed by the President of the Pilot Club sponsoring you.