



PITZER FAMILY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
EDUCATION VS. INCARCERATION

Scholarship Application Form

The Pitzer Family Education Foundation-PFEF, was established to support equal opportunities for students whose parent and/or guardian is incarcerated/paroled. Decisions are based on overall assessment of your entire application. PFEF values diversity and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, or disability.

Selection Criteria:

- ❖ Provide evidence of Federal Pell Grant eligibility by submitting a copy of your most recent Student Aid Report resulting from your filing of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance)
- ❖ Parent/Guardian currently incarcerated or paroled
- ❖ Must be enrolled full-time or admitted into an accredited college/university/technical institution

Scholarship Information:

PFEF Undergraduate Scholarships: \$1,000 up to \$5,000 scholarship. Scholarships are ordinarily awarded once a year.

PFEF only supports those students who are enrolled full-time during the academic school year, and online courses are not permitted.

Applications will be on a first come first served basis when funding is available.

Deadline: Qualified applicants can apply for a PFEF scholarship at any time. There is no set deadline.

Application Checklist:

1. Please read and complete the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. The following documents must be submitted to complete your application:
 - PFEF Application Form
 - Copy of most recent Student Aid Report resulting from your filing of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance)
 - Responses to the essay questions (guidelines provided at the end of the application)
 - Copy of High School Diploma/GED documentation
 - Recent transcripts (must be mailed directly to the Scholarship Committee by the **institution**)
 - Letter of Acceptance from the educational institution of choice
 - Three (3) Letters of Recommendation: One from a member of a church or community based program; one from a previous teacher or professor; and one from a school representative, i.e. principal or guidance counselor (all must be mailed directly to the Scholarship Committee by the **recommenders**)
3. **You** must provide the following documents along with your application: Responses to the essay questions; copy of the most recent Student Aid Report resulting from your filing of the FAFSA; and a copy of your high school diploma/GED documentation.
4. **The Institution or Recommenders** will submit the following documents directly to PFEF: Recent transcripts; three (3) letters of recommendation.

General Information:

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Name of parent/guardian incarcerated/paroled (please include full name, date of birth, and place of residence): _____

Indicate Facility & State Institution: _____ Offender Registration/ID Number: _____

Note: Contact facility where offender is incarcerated to obtain necessary offender Registration/Identification Number

Educational Information:

I received my GED (please attach documentation to completed application)

High School Attending/Graduated: _____

Complete School Address: _____

GPA: _____ Graduation Date (Month/Day/Year): _____ / _____ / _____

Name of Institution you plan to attend: _____

Student ID #: _____

Complete Address of Institution (City, State, and Zip): _____

Current Year in Higher Education: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major/Minor: _____ Anticipated Graduation Year: _____

Miscellaneous Information:

List clubs/organizations that you are/were involved in: _____

List your accomplishments: _____

List your hobbies/interests: _____

PLEASE EMAIL A HEAD SHOT PHOTO OF YOURSELF FOR OUR TESTIMONIAL PAGE

If you are awarded a PFEF scholarship or financial aid, we will ask for a short testimonial statement stating how this award will help you financially for college or trade school. We will only use your first name and state under your photo.

Please provide three (3) references for which you will be submitting as recommenders:

Name:	Address:	Phone:	Years Known:
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Essay Guidelines:

Please attach answers to the following essay questions. Answers must outline the information listed below. **Each** essay question must be a minimum of **1** page long (not to exceed 2 pages), must be typed, double spaced, using 12-point font.

- Introduction-** Introduce yourself using your full name. Include information about your home, family, and community. Tell us any special circumstances or obstacles you have had to overcome to attend college. Let us know what is unique and different about you that will help the committee to understand you more fully. What do you think it is about you that will help you succeed in college?
- Academics –** Describe yourself as a student; how you made the grades you did, and how much time you spent studying. Tell us who/what inspired you to pursue a college education. Tell us why you have selected major. Tell us about any support systems you will have while pursuing your degree.
- Career Plans –** Describe your ultimate career goal. Tell us the steps you are taking to reach your goals. Explain what qualities you see in yourself that will help you in your journey and career. Discuss your strengths and weaknesses. Describe your financial situation and how you plan to fund your educational goals.

Applicant Read and Sign Below

I certify that the information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I understand that misrepresentation of fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment. I understand that the information provided in the application will be verified. Additionally, if I am awarded a scholarship from PFEF, I understand that a copy of my transcripts **MUST** be provided to PFEF at the end of each semester.

Signature:

Date:

**APPLICATIONS MUST:
INCLUDE ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS
BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT
BE MAILED IN A LARGE ENVELOPE (DO NOT FOLD) OR EMAILED
SENT ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
NOT BE FAXED**

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