



Pinebelt Foundation George and Polly Neel Memorial Scholarship

PURPOSE

The purpose of the George and Polly Neel Memorial Scholarship is to provide an annual scholarship to a deserving graduate who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of a troop within the Pine Burr Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The recipient will be a person graduating with a sound record of achievement in his or her studies and of outstanding school citizenship. This annual award will also include recognition of leadership ability by selecting a graduate who has taken initiative in school activities and/or organizations that contribute to an improved quality of life for the greater community.

The George and Polly Neel Memorial Scholarship Fund will make available a one-time scholarship to a qualified candidate who will attend an accredited, two and/or four-year, college or university, with preference given to the University of Southern Mississippi. The recipient will be recommended by a Scholarship Advisory Committee and approved by the Pinebelt Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

In making a decision, the Scholarship Advisory Committee will use the following criteria:

1. Qualified Eagle Scout Rank within the Pine Burr Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America
2. Acceptance to any University, College or Community College with preference given to the University of Southern Mississippi (note: Proof of enrollment must be provided before funds are distributed.)
3. Essay

GUIDELINES

Each applicant must present to the Scholarship Advisory Committee by March 1.

- Application form
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope
- Copy of A.C.T. score
- Copy of Completed Eagle Scout Project
- Essay: **Explain why you decided to become an Eagle Scout.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pinebelt Foundation at 601.583.6180 or caroline@pinebeltfoundatin.org

The George and Polly Neel Memorial Scholarship Fund



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Address: _____

High School Attended/ Attending: _____ Graduated Date: _____

School Address: _____

Current GPA: _____

ACT Score: _____ or SAT Score: _____

Major/Career Goals: _____

List honors/awards/scholastic achievements that you have received in the last four years:

Award/Honor/Achievement	Year Received

Name and amounts of any scholarships you expect to receive:
(Please do not apply if you are receiving a full scholarship, including books from another source)

ESSAYS

For the following question, attach separate pages with your typed answers (put your name at the top of each additional page).

1. Explain why you decided to become an Eagle Scout.

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have included one copy of the following:

- Completed application form
- Transcripts for High School Seniors must include 1st semester of Senior year
- Copy of ACT or SAT score
- Copy of Completed Eagle Scout Project
- Essay

**Completed application must be received
at the address below by March 1:**

**The George and Polly Neel Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee
Pinebelt Foundation
1501 Adeline Street Suite 1
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**