AT&T Pioneers
Georgia
Scholarship Program
General Information
2010
**Program Description**

The 2010 program provides scholarships to students in the Georgia Area. Ten scholarships will be awarded. Scholarships are awarded based on applicant involvement in community service, school and leadership activities and academic achievement. The scholarship is a one-time award in the amount of $2000. The funds are payable to an accredited post-secondary institution, skill/training center or trade school. The funds are provided to assist students with tuition, required registration or other fees.

**Eligibility**

High school seniors and/or college students who are relatives or friends of Pioneers and those who believe in the Mission of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers are eligible to apply. The student may be a relative of a regular dues-paying Pioneer member or a Life Member. The student must be planning to enter or currently be attending an accredited post-secondary institution or trade school. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50 and participate in community service activities an average of 60 hours a year. Students must be a resident of Georgia, but may be attending a college outside of the state of Georgia. Students who have previously been awarded the AT&T Georgia Pioneers Scholarship are not eligible to win a second time.

**Application Process**

Eligible students must complete the scholarship application and submit the requested documentation certifying community service, school involvement, an essay describing the applicant’s involvement in volunteerism, his/her accomplishments, and the importance of volunteerism. The applicant must also submit a certified copy of the most current cumulative grade transcript. Applications should be sent First Class or Priority Mail. Delivery confirmation is suggested, but not required. The application and all supporting documentation must be postmarked by June 11, 2010 and sent to:

**AT&T Pioneers - Georgia**
**Scholarship Program Administrator**
C/O Phyllis Yancey
2541 Oakridge Place
Decatur, GA 30033-2126

While applications are available on the AT&T Georgia Pioneers web site, the hard-copy application must be submitted with original signatures of the student applicant. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. Applications should be printed on one side of paper only. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied. Therefore, applications not including all requested information by the due date are ineligible for consideration. All information received is considered confidential.

**Judges**

Recipients are selected by a panel of external judges who are not employees of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers Corporation. An AT&T Georgia Pioneers team will oversee the process, but will not participate in judging.

**Recipient Notification and Presentation**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 20, 2010. The AT&T Pioneers will send a letter of notification (email or US Mail) to each scholarship applicant. Recognition of the scholarship winners at local Pioneers events, in sponsor company publications, and at Pioneer training conferences is recommended.
Selection Process
The recipients will be selected on the basis of performance in three key areas. Each of the three areas is assigned a point value. Each applicant may receive grades from 0 up to the total points allotted in each category. Each of the three performance areas will be assigned a point value by individual judges, then total points will be summarized for a final score. The highest total score is awarded the scholarship. Each of the applicants will be notified whether or not they will be awarded a scholarship. Individual feedback about the judges’ evaluation will not be provided. The decision of the AT&T Pioneers is final.

1. **Community Service** – (50 points) The applicant is asked to provide one one-page letter of documentation from a non-family member describing the applicant’s volunteer involvement and accomplishments. The letter should describe community service (an average of 60 hours a year) activities and the applicant’s impact on a service project. The applicant’s essay will also be used to determine total points in this area.

2. **Academic and Leadership Activities in School** – (25 points) The applicant is required to indicate cumulative GPA or cumulative numerical grade along with a copy of the most current school grade transcript and describe leadership roles while in high school/college. The applicant is asked to provide a one one-page letter of documentation from a non-family member describing the applicant’s school activities and accomplishments.

3. **Written Essay** – (25 points) Essay describing in 1,000 words or less what has been the most rewarding community service activity the applicant has participated in and why it was important to the applicant. The essay should include 5 basic points:
   - The applicant’s role in the project.
   - Time spent on the project – hours, days, etc.
   - Is the project a one-time or an ongoing effort?
   - Impact of project on applicant.
   - Why student feels his/her involvement in the project qualifies him or her to apply for this scholarship.

Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Who can apply for this scholarship?**
**A.** High school seniors and/or college students who are relatives or friends of Pioneers and those who believe in the Mission of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers are eligible to apply. The applicants must be residents of Georgia, but may be attending a college out side the state of Georgia.

**Q. How are scholarships awarded?**
**A.** A maximum of ten $2000 scholarships will be awarded. Each recipient may receive one of the ten based on established criteria as defined in documents provided by the AT&T Georgia Pioneers with the scholarship application.

**Q. Are scholarship awards based on financial need?**
**A.** No. Scholarship awards are based on the three key areas defined in the selection process.

**Q. Will the number of scholarships awarded change?**
**A.** This is for 2010. As with any program (if this is continued into 2011), changes may occur over time as circumstances, funding, administration and other key factors critical to the scholarship program change.

**Q. How might I appeal scholarship allocations?**
**A.** The scholarship awards are based on criteria established by the AT&T Georgia Pioneers and AT&T Pioneers decisions are final. Information submitted by the applicant and any information utilized in selecting recipients is confidential and is the property of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers Corporation and is not subject to disclosure.

**Q. How are judges selected?**
**A.** Judges may be selected through a variety of means as deemed appropriate by the Pioneers Scholarship Program Administrator Board. Judges will be non-Pioneers who may be a representative of a Pioneers partnership organization or other community-based organizations.

Q. Can multiple family members submit an application during the same period?
A. Yes. Members of the same family may make application as long as each applicant is in his or her senior year of high school or is currently in an accredited college or trade school and meets all other established program criteria for submitting an application.

Q. Can parts of the application be submitted at different times as long as all information is in by the deadline?
A. No. All information to be considered as part of the application MUST be submitted together. Information received with the application will be considered the entire submission and will be evaluated solely on that information.

Q. Can part of the information be submitted by FAX and part submitted through the mail?
A. No, all information to be considered MUST BE MAILED together with the application as one package postmarked by June 11, 2010. Faxes and electronic submissions will not be accepted. Priority Mail delivery confirmation is recommended.

Q. Will scholarships be payable to the applicant if career plans change and the applicant does not enter an accredited institution as defined in the program?
A. No. Scholarships will not be payable to individuals. The scholarships are designed to assist scholarship recipients with expenses associated with school tuition, required registration and other fees and will be directed to the institution indicated by the scholarship winner.

Q. Will all scholarship awards be $2000?
A. Yes, each recipient will receive the same amount.
### Application Information

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| Type of School (circle one): 2 Yr Community College 4 Yr University/College Trade |
NAME OF APPLICANT:

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please attach a list of the school activities in which you have participated. Using the format given below, indicate the name of the activity or organization, your role, when you were involved, and the average number of hours per month you participated. Also include the name and contact number for the person (non-family member) who can verify your participation and role in the listed activities. Below are examples of the type of information to be provided. Please do not include information about any paid work positions.

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<td>9/1999</td>
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<td>3/2002</td>
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LETTERS OF VERIFICATION

Please have one non-family member attach no more than a one-page explanation of your role in one of the activities or projects listed above. The write up should identify your personal impact and contribution to the project or activity, the amount of time you spent involved in the project and why you should be considered for this scholarship. The write up should be signed and dated by the individual submitting the information, and should include their title and contact data.
NAME OF APPLICANT:

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Please attach a list of the volunteer activities and school activities in which you have participated. Using the format given below, indicate the name of the activity or organization, your role, when you were involved, and the average number of hours per month you participated. Also include the name and contact number for the person (non-family member) who can verify your participation and role in the listed activities. Below are examples of the type of information to be provided. Please do not include information about any paid work positions.

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<td>Ms. Owens</td>
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ESSAY
Please attach your essay of 1,000 words or less describing the volunteer project that has been the most rewarding community service activity you have participated in and why it was so important to you. Include in the essay the following items:
• Describe your role in the project
• Time you spent on the project – hours, days, etc.
• Is project a one time or on-going project?
• Impact of the project on your personal life
• Explain why you feel your involvement in the project enabled you to apply for this scholarship

APPLICANT’S NAME SHOULD APPEAR ON ALL PAGES OF THE ESSAY
APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am a relative/friend/family member of a Pioneer or those who believe in the Mission of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers. I understand that falsification of any information will result in disqualification of this application. I also understand and agree that this application becomes the property of AT&T Georgia Pioneers. I understand that this application will be assessed based on information provided and submission of this application does not guarantee that I will receive a scholarship and that the decision of AT&T Pioneers is final. I further agree that in the event I am a scholarship recipient, this form also serves as a release to use my name, photographs, biographical information and excerpts from my application and related material in press releases and other publications announcing and promoting this scholarship program.

Applicant’s Signature: _________________________ Date: _____/_____/______

Confirmation of receipt of an application will be sent to the applicant’s email or home address within 14 days of receipt. If you do not receive confirmation, you may call 404-982-4294.

Applicants will be notified whether or not they will be granted a scholarship. Decisions of AT&T Pioneers are final.

**Please indicate your notification preference: US Mail______ Email_____
APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Be sure you have included all requested information. Incomplete applications will
NOT be considered. It is recommended that applicants make a copy of their
application for their records. Use only one side of paper.

• Complete application including signature of applicant.
• **Be sure applicant’s name is on all pages of the application.**
• List of school activities with one letter of verification
• List of community service activities with one letter of verification
• Personal essay about your most rewarding community service activity. Essays
  that do not address this topic will not receive consideration for the essay points.
  Essays should be 1,000 words or less.
• Official high school/college transcript
• Official school certification on application
• Send the application First Class or Priority mail postmarked no later than June
  11, 2010. Delivery confirmation is suggested, but not required. Applicants are
  responsible for verifying that the application has been received by using the
  USPS web site.
• Send an email to pyancey01@gmail.com to let them know that delivery has been
  confirmed by the USPS (optional).
• Send only pages of the application shown below. Do not send instructions or
  other pages of the scholarship package.
• Do not staple any pages. Paper clips may be used if desired.

SPECIAL NOTE: WHEN ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION ARE COMPLETE,
ARRANGE THE APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
1) APPLICANT AND SCHOOL INFORMATION FORM
2) LIST OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
3) LETTER OF VERIFICATION OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4) LIST OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
5) LETTER OF VERIFICATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
6) ESSAY
7) SIGNED SCHOOL AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION FORM
8) TRANSCRIPT
SEND ONLY THESE PAGES.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

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