

Preferred Foundation Scholarship 2019 Application

Application Deadline: February 15, 2019

The Preferred Foundation is a corporate giving entity of *Preferred Mutual Insurance Company* located in New Berlin, New York. The Preferred Mutual Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to high school students attending college since 1992. Two college scholarships will be awarded. The candidate receiving the highest rating will receive \$3,000 each year for up to four (4) years. The runner-up will receive \$1,500 each year for up to four (4) years. Selection is based on careful review of the application, required materials documenting academic performance and activities, and a personal interview.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Current high school seniors meeting the following criteria are eligible:

- Planning to attend an accredited college/university in the fall following their high school graduation; *and*
- Reside in NY Counties of Otsego, Delaware or Chenango; *and*
- Have a high school academic standing (GPA) of 95.0 or higher.
or
- Are the children of non-office Preferred Mutual employees, and have a high school academic standing of 95.0 or higher.

WHAT CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP BE USED FOR?

The scholarship may be used to pay tuition, college room and board, and other college fees. The award recipient must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a college or university in the United States that holds accredited higher education status. The scholarship is not payable for attendance at service academies, virtual universities or certain institutions limited in their purpose or training. The recipient must be enrolled in a course of study leading to one of the traditional baccalaureate degrees and remain in good academic and disciplinary standing. Disbursement will be made upon receipt of bills due or proof of payment made. Funds will be released to the appropriate party.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Complete applications can be submitted electronically by saving this form as a PDF under the applicant's name, and emailing to: corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com.

A confirmation email will be provided upon receipt of the application. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 3 days, please make sure to resubmit the application by the deadline.

QUESTIONS?

The Preferred Foundation Scholarship is administered by the Preferred Mutual Advisory Committee. Questions about this program should be directed to **800.333.7642 ext. 1366** or emailed to corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your application will be reviewed for content, completeness, and timeliness. Applications must be received no later than **February 15, 2019. Please leave adequate time for your confirmation email to arrive prior to the deadline.**

The application consists of the three parts below. If needed, you can add additional pages to the application in order to have ample space to answer each question.

- I. Personal Information.
- II. Academics and Activities. Information about your academic record, school-related activities, and community service and/or employment activities. (75 points)
- III. Essay Question. (25 points)

Parts II and III will be graded up to a maximum score of 100 points. Top scoring applicants will be invited to interview with the Advisory Committee. Two of these finalists will be selected as scholarship recipients.

List any educational and school-related activities in which you have participated (i.e. drama club, music groups, sports teams, etc.). Please include the participation information requested in the table below. (25 points)

Educational or School-Related Activity	Years of Participation	Leadership Roles or Honors Received

Please provide the name and telephone number of one reference (advisor or coach) from the above mentioned school-related activities.

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List any activities outside of school in which you have participated. Include community service (outside of school sponsored activities), volunteer work, part-time employment or club-related activities. (25 points)

Outside of School Activity	Hours per Week	Leadership Roles or Honors Received

Please provide the name and telephone number of one reference from the abovementioned activities.

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PART III: Essay (25 points)

Please complete the following essay question in 750 words or less.

How will pursuing your higher education goals help you *live assured*?

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:

I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct (by typing your name in this box it serves as my signature). If I am selected as a finalist, I give my permission for my name and photo to be used for publicity.

Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

For applicants under the age of 18: I, the undersigned, certify that if my child is selected as a finalist, I give my permission for his/her name and photograph to be used for publicity purposes.

Guardian's Signature:		Date:	
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