

Plum Chamber of Commerce
2023 Scholarship Application

Applications must be received by: **April 14, 2023**

Applications are available online at www.PlumChamber.com, at the Plum High School (PHS) Guidance Office, or online at www.pbsd.net/Scholarships.aspx

Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at the Plum Chamber Office, or emailed to info@plumchamber.com

Mailing Address: Plum Chamber of Commerce, 4555 New Texas Road, Pgh., PA 15239

Plum Chamber will award **five (5) scholarships** in the amount of **\$500 each** to **two (2) regular applicant students, two (2) Chamber Member/employee applicant students (company must be Chamber member a minimum of 6 months) and one (1) Chamber Elite Sponsor Member/employee applicant student (company must be current year Elite sponsor).**

Eligible students need to possess a GPA of 2.0 or above, and show commitment of service to others and the community. In addition, each candidate must also meet the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a High School Senior.
- The applicant must complete application pages 1 & 2 entirely. Applicant may submit a copy of their high school resume/curriculum vitae (preferred), instead of completing pages 3 & 4.
- The applicant must write three (3) brief essays. See page 2.
- The applicant must have applied to, or been accepted by a four-year college, two-year college, technical school, trade school, nursing school or business school.
- The applicant must attach **two (2)** letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, clergy, scout leader, etc. **No letter of recommendation will be accepted from a family member or relative.**
- The applicant **must attach a copy of their transcript demonstrating a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.**
- Applications must contain both the student's and parent's/guardian's signatures.

The scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee of local business owners who are current members of the Plum Chamber of Commerce. A rubric (see attached) will be used for point assignments and tabulation. In the event of a tie, the student with more Chamber volunteer hours will be awarded the scholarship. If you have any questions, please email:

info@plumchamber.com

Plum Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information/Profile:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Do you have an affiliation (through your parent/guardian or workplace) with Plum Chamber of Commerce? Yes _____ No _____

Please check one:

Regular Applicant _____ Chamber Member/Employee _____ Elite Sponsor/Employee _____

I, the undersigned, state the following/attached information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Application Date: _____

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ID# _____

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What is your intended Major/Field of Study?

List Post-Secondary Schools of Interest where you have applied and/or been accepted:

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please type and attach a separate sheet to the application, answering the following three essay questions.

1. Briefly describe your understanding of a Chamber of Commerce; and how you could see it benefitting you in your future career.
2. Briefly describe what you have learned in your high school career that will help you in your future career.
3. Briefly describe why you feel that you should be considered for a scholarship.

Is there any additional information you would like the Committee to review (i.e. personal experience with Plum Chamber of Commerce)?

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Please submit a copy of your high school resume/curriculum vitae (preferred) OR complete the following sections (you may attach additional sheets, if needed):

1. **School Activities** – please list school activities and/or clubs that you were (are) involved in during grades 9-12.

Activity	Years/Grades of Participation	Honors Received/Position or Offices Held

2. **Clubs/Groups and Volunteer Activities** – please list non-school related clubs, groups or other clubs that you were (are) involved in during grades 9-12. (ex. Boy/Girl Scouts, Soccer, Library, Church, Toys for Tots, etc.)

Club/Group/Volunteerism	Years/Grades of Participation	Honors Received/Position or Offices Held

Work Experience – please list any work experience that you may have. Be as specific as possible with description.

Job Title & Description	Job Location	Dates Employed

****Please do not forget to submit your two (2) letters of recommendation and transcript with your application****

Thank you for your PCOC scholarship application. Award recipients will be notified.

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