# Grey Towers Legacy Scholarship

Grey Towers National Historic Site was home to Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the USDA Forest Service and two-term Pennsylvania Governor. Grey Towers is in Milford, Pennsylvania and was constructed in 1886 by Gifford's father, James W. Pinchot, a successful businessman and philanthropist. During the early 20th century, Gifford and James used Grey Towers and the surrounding environs to develop conservation leaders and formulate conservation principles. Amos Pinchot, Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, and other Pinchot family members were equally active and made considerable contributions in women's rights, civil rights, and labor reform movements.

To continue this Pinchot Legacy, the Grey Towers Legacy Scholarship was created to support the pursuit of new ideas, strategies, and solutions in the fields of natural resource management, environmental science, ecology, and conservation education.

**Eligible Applicants:** The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors with a 3.0 GPA pursuing a career in natural resource management, environmental science, ecology, and/or conservation education at an accredited 2-year or 4-year university, community college, or technical school. The selected student's continuing education enrollment can be full-time or part-time. To apply, the student must attend a high school in one of the following counties:

- Pike County, Pennsylvania
- Monroe County, Pennsylvania
- Wayne County, Pennsylvania
- Sussex County, New Jersey
- Orange County, New York

The scholarship will also be open to graduating students currently attending a Forest Service operated Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.

**Amount:** Three $2,000 scholarships will be awarded on a local, regional, and/or national level. One will be awarded to a student at Delaware Valley High School in Pennsylvania, and two will be awarded to students attending high schools within the identified county limits and/or the twenty-four Forest Service operated Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers nationally.

**Required Documents:** Applicants must submit a completed application and one letter of support from an instructor. The final 36 applicants will be asked to submit a copy of their transcripts.

**Optional Documents:** Applicants may submit up to two additional letters of recommendation from instructors and mentors.

**Timeline:** The application will open **November 1, 2026**, and close on **February 28, 2027**. Interviews will take place in late April 2027, and recipients will be notified in May 2027.

# Grey Towers Legacy Scholarship Application

Eligible students, in addition to the required letter of support from an instructor, please complete the following application.
**Mail it to the Grey Towers Heritage Association Scholarship Review Committee at**
**P.O. Box 740 Milford, PA. 18337 no later than February 28, 2026.**

Electronic applications will not be accepted. *All applications must be clearly legible to be accepted.*

**Name of applicant:**

**Email:**

**Phone number:**

**Name and location of high school currently attending OR name of the Forest Service operated Job Corps center currently attending:**

**Cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 Scale:**

**Please list your extracurricular involvement, e.g., volunteering, civic groups, club activities, etc.**

**Have you applied or been accepted to an accredited 2-year or 4-year university, community college, or trade school? If so, please list the name(s) of your top 2-3 school(s) and your intended major:**

**If you have committed to an accredited university, community college, or trade school, what is the name of that institution and your intended major:**

**Intended enrollment status (full- time, part-time, delayed start):**

**In an attached document, include a personal statement describing how your academic and professional goals will continue building upon the values of the Pinchot Legacy**. Please limit your response to 750 words. Suspected or confirmed use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in completion of this application will result in disqualification.

**I declare that this assignment was completed by me, and I did not use any artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT and other AI-powered text generators to assist in its completion. I uphold the principles of academic honesty, and this assignment reflects my own original work and understanding.**

*Applicant's signature:* _____ *Date:* _____