



The PAEP Gifford Pinchot Scholarship

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) is pleased to announce its 2023 scholarship program. Interested students should complete the attached application and return it to Kristin Aiosa, Student & Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at kaiosa@jmt.com.

Note: Applications must be emailed by **May 30, 2023** to be considered for the 2023 Scholarship Award.

1) AMOUNT AND SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 is awarded to a current full-time undergraduate student in their Freshman or Sophomore Year (as determined by the College or University) during the Spring 2023 Semester. Applicants must be pursuing studies in environmental science, or a related major, at a two-year or four-year institution in Pennsylvania with the intention of working in the environmental science field. The scholarship honors the dedication and excellence during one's education.

2) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- a. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have permanent resident status.
- b. The applicant must be enrolled full-time in a two-year or four-year college or university in Pennsylvania leading to a degree in environmental science or related field and planning to pursue a career in environmental science.
- c. The applicant is eligible to receive a scholarship from PAEP only one time.
- d. The applicant must submit copies of college transcripts. Unofficial transcripts will be acceptable.
- e. If selected, the recipient is encouraged to attend the 2023 Annual PAEP Conference to receive recognition for their award in person. PAEP's 2023 Annual Conference, Communities, Corridors & Connections Conference (C4), is scheduled for September 20-22, 2023 at the Wyndham Garden, State College, PA.

3) EVALUATION: Each applicant will be evaluated on a point-count system as described below:

- a. Performance Factors, 15 points maximum as follows:

Students will be rated on their cumulative grade point average at the time they apply for the scholarship. The number of science courses completed will also be considered.

- b. Evaluation of Applicant, 45 points (55 points maximum including bonus points) as follows:
 - Evaluation of the applicant's activities and honors, work experience, leadership positions, volunteerism, and distinguishing qualifications (30 points maximum).
 - Evaluation of career goals, based on content, clarity of ambitions, grammar, spelling and neatness (15 points maximum).
 - Dependent of a current member of PAEP (5 point bonus). Current student member of PAEP (5 point bonus). **Please note that student members are eligible for FREE membership.**

- c. Personal Recommendation, 15 points maximum as follows:

One of the student's current professors, faculty, employee supervisor, or volunteer organization leaders should provide an objective evaluation regarding character and motivation on the enclosed "Recommendation Form". This form can be emailed separate from the Student's Application.

4) INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM

- Be as complete as possible while filling out this application. Each portion of the application has a specific point value. Judges will score each section separately. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.
- Forms must be typed or neatly printed. Points may be lost for poor grammar, incorrect spelling, illegibility, or lack of neatness. Proofread carefully.
- All Scholarship application materials and instructions can be found on the PAEP website (<https://www.paep.org/>).

5) STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Each student is eligible to receive a FREE student membership to PAEP when they submit a membership form. The membership form can be found on the PAEP website (<https://www.paep.org/membership-account/membership-levels/>). Please complete the form and submit it with your scholarship application. Although completion of the membership form is not required, 5 bonus points are given to all students who become student members.

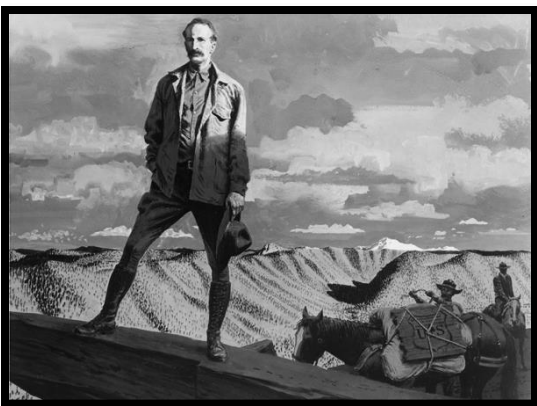
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In 2013, the PAEP membership elected to name this scholarship after Gifford Pinchot.

Gifford Pinchot was born in 1865 and entered Yale University in 1885. His father asked a question "How would you like to be a forester?" When asked, not a single American had made forestry a profession. Pinchot stated, "I had no more conception of what it meant to be a forester than the man in the moon....But at least a forester worked in the woods and with the woods - and I loved the woods and everything about them....My Father's suggestion settled the question in favor of forestry."



Neither Yale nor any other university offered a degree or even a course in forestry, so Pinchot after graduation decided to study the subject in Nancy, France. After a year of school, he returned to the United States to prepare for his lifelong work and interest. He worked as a resident forester for Vanderbilt's Biltmore Forest Estate for three years. Several years later he became involved with the National Forest Commission created by the National Academy of Sciences. He and several other members traveled through the West during the summer of 1896 investigating forest areas for possible forest reserves. Two years later, he was named chief of the Division of Forestry. His friend Theodore Roosevelt was elevated into the Presidency by the assassination of President McKinley.



Gifford Pinchot is generally regarded as the "father" of American conservation because of his great and unrelenting concern for the protection of the American forests. He was the primary founder of the Society of American Foresters, which first met at his home in Washington in November 1900. He served as chief with great distinction, motivating and providing leadership in the management of natural resources and protection of the national forests. He continued as forester until 1910, when he was fired by President Taft in a controversy over coal claims in Alaska.

To learn more about Gifford Pinchot (including text and photos provided here), visit the U.S. Forest Service History's website

<https://foresthistor.org/research-explore/us-forest-service-history/people/chiefs/gifford-pinchot-1865-1946/>.