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Pineo Memorial Fund Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Pineo Memorial Fund (PMF) was established by Doug’s wife, Trish and their two children, Chris and Helen. Their PMF provides scholarships that foster opportunities for newcomers and young adults to experience and appreciate the wonders of nature through mentored recreational and educational experiences.

The scholarship committee seeks proposals that show a clear means of making an impact in support of young adults and new enthusiasts **with an interest in falconry** as they pursue their passion for the outdoors, falconry, recreational hunting, fishing, and conservation with a focus on stewardship and ethical resource use.

Requests for up to \$500.00 will be entertained, and up to two scholarships shall be awarded annually. Applications must have a clear link to falconry, raptors, or their prey. The Falconry Fund (FF) serves as the fiscal sponsor for the Pineo Memorial Fund, and it is responsible for ensuring that use of the funds remains consistent with the mission established by its founders, Trisha Pineo, Lauren Redig, and Sheldon Nicole.

Doug Pineo (January 10, 1950 - September 7, 2022) was introduced to the sport of falconry in 1964, while attending Uniondale High School on Long Island, New York. He graduated from Earlham College in 1973 and worked for Washington Game Department and the Washington State Department of Ecology, retiring in 2010.

Doug cared deeply about his community and the environment. He worked in support of land conservation, the preservation of biodiversity, and public access to natural resources. Doug was an avid hunter and angler, an artist and craftsman, producing falconry equipment of exceptionally high standard. He was a founding member and Washington Falconry Association and served as President (1988, 1989, and 2022). He also served on the boards of the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy (founding member), North American Falconers Association (awarded the Lifetime Honorary Membership Award in 2019), North American Grouse Partnership, The Archives of Falconry, and the Falconry Fund (founding member).

Program Timetable

June 1	Request for proposals issued
August 30	Proposals due
September 1 to November 1	Proposals review period
Nov 20-Dec 10	Applicants notified at NAFA annual field meet
December 31	Projects can start as of 12/31/2025

For each theme outlined below, we have provided additional detail as examples of the broad range of subjects that are eligible for funding. Proponents are not limited to these examples

Theme 1 - Supporting young adults and new enthusiasts

- Equipment including books
- Subscriptions
- Workshops
- Mentoring
- Courses
- Meet registration, travel, accommodation
- Spring Rendezvous registration, travel, accommodation

Theme 2 - Stewardship and Ethical Resource use

- Subscriptions
- Workshops
- Courses

Instructions

Applicants should describe how a Pineo Memorial Grant Scholarship will contribute to the applicants' active and ethical participation in falconry, fishing, and a love for the outdoors. The complete application must consist of a cover sheet, supporting information, and budget. This must be a single **word document or .pdf file**, with 12-point font, single-spaced, with at least one-inch margins.

Application format (3 pages maximum)

1. Title and contact information
 - A short statement of what the funds will be spent on (E.g., Travel support to the NAFA meet).
 - Contact information for the applicant: full name, address, phone, e-mail address
2. Background Information
 - Explain what led to your interest in the outdoors and hunting, in particular. Include prior experience, books you have read, mentors that have influenced you. Include a short video telling this story, if you wish.
3. Purpose of the scholarship
 - What will you use the funding for? Explain in detail how the funding will be spent and how the funds will help you improve your understanding of the outdoor pursuit in which you are involved.
4. Your Responsibilities
 - Recipients of a Pineo Memorial Grant will be expected to:
 - Write a story for one of the NAFA publications (the Hawk Chalk or the Journal) sharing details of how the Pineo Memorial Scholarship influenced your thinking, your decisions and beliefs in ethical resource-use, and the importance of hunting in conservation.
 - Acknowledge the Pineo Memorial Fund
 - Acknowledge the Falconry Fund

5. Review Criteria

- All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Pineo Memorial Grant Scholarship Committee.
- For each category, reviewers will assign points as a way of rating how well this project meets the goals of the Small Grants Program. Where possible, reviewers will include comments to explain their ratings [such as calling attention to a particularly positive (or negative) feature of the proposal].
- Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
 1. The impact the scholarship is likely to have on the applicant's ability to engage on an ongoing basis in outdoor recreation (20 points).
 2. The purpose of how the scholarship will be used is clear and achievable (10 points).
 3. There is a clear connection between impact and purpose to the budget (10 points).
 4. The application honors the legacy of Doug Pineo (5 points)
 5. The application outlines how the applicant will make good use of other financial assistance (5 points)

Key: (Based upon Total Average Score)

- 45+ Highest priority, if funds are available
- 35-44 May need to request further information before authorizing funding
- Below 35 Does not meet the stated goals of the Pineo Memorial Grant