

NICHOLAS PATTERSON PERPETUAL FUND

Memo to School Financial Advisors - 2016

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TO: School Guidance Counselors, Administrators and Financial Aid Office FROM: Administrator Email: Admin@PattersonFund.foundation

The Patterson Fund Scholarships are intended to financially assist a student who shows promise as a hard working person and a good future citizen. The application process is used to discover these students so the Fund can encourage them to continue on their positive way by rewarding them with a scholarship.

Because effort and citizenship are the character traits the Fund is looking for; the usual criteria such as high grades, athletic prowess and financial need, while considered, are not paramount criteria. While it varies by year and number of applicants, approximately 20 - 25% of applicants receive a scholarship.

The student's application is evaluated not only upon the information he/she submits but also in the way the application process is completed. Sad to say over the years many worthy applicants could not be considered because of incomplete applications. The most common reasons are failure to furnish a transcript (a class schedule is not a transcript) and failure to accurately and logically supply financial information.

In addition to the Forms that must be filled out and submitted, the student must answer a **biographical question** and answer **one** of two **essay questions**. The questions are designed to learn about how the student thinks about serious issues that may affect them now or in the future. **The answer to the biographical question is limited to one page single spaced. The essay is limited to two single spaced pages.**

The assumption is that most students have access to computers either at home or in school but if that is not the case the Forms can be copied and filled out and the handwritten application submitted in accordance with **Instructions. Electronic submission of applications by email is, however, preferred.**

Thank you for bringing the Patterson Fund Scholarships to the attention of your students and for assisting them in the application process.

Frederick B. Cohen, Trustee Nicholas Patterson Fund

Deadline: June 7th, 2016

Scholarship applications can be mailed or emailed. They must be signed to be accepted.

Encourage your students to visit our website: www.PattersonFund.Foundation.

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We look forward to receiving applications from your students.