

PIJAC CANADA Scholarship
Application Form

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The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council of Canada (PIJAC) is the voice of the Canadian pet industry. As a not for profit, member based organization, PIJAC Canada advocates on behalf of the Canadian pet industry, while acting as a credible source of information and education for pet related businesses.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The PIJAC Canada scholarship was established to recognize and award an outstanding college, university bound student who:

- is passionate about his or her field of study;
- is committed to making a difference;
- cares about his or her community ;
- acts as a positive and effective role model for their peers and colleagues;
- is truly interested in becoming involved and making a difference in society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for a PIJAC Canada scholarship, a student must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be a PIJAC Canada member, an employee of a member, a PIJAC Canada employee or an immediate family member;
- be presently completing a secondary school diploma, be presently enrolled in college, university or have been out of school for a minimum of three years (students presently enrolled in colleges working towards their high school equivalency are eligible to apply);
- be entering college, university studies in the fall of 2012 leading to a diploma or applied degree (university transfer programs and post-graduate studies are not eligible) in a program recognized as eligible by a Canadian college, university or PIJAC Canada;
- have a minimum grade average of 75%.

INFORMATION FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Adult learners must submit one additional page which should include a brief biographical sketch, a more extensive employment history, and a paragraph about why they have decided to pursue college, university studies. PIJAC Canada considers adult learners as those individuals who have been out of school for at least three (3) years.

ELIGIBLE USE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The funds received from the PIJAC Canada Scholarship will only assist to help pay tuition fees. An appropriate receipt, from the institution, must be submitted to PIJAC Canada.

APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST

- Complete the application form by using a computer or **print** neatly in blue or black ink only.
- To complete electronically, please download the application form from our website at www.pijaccanada.com, fill-in and print. **This form cannot be saved.**
- Answer all the questions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Use only the space provided. Extra pages will not be read.
- Proofread your application carefully.
- Find a reference that can complete page 8. Make sure he or she is not a relative, but who knows you and your activities well. Provide him or her with a copy of your completed application.
- Submit one original application and two photocopied applications to the mailing address listed below.
- Include one official transcript and two photocopied transcripts with your application.
- Staple the original transcript at the end of the original application and staple the photocopied transcripts at the end of the photocopied applications.
- Do not forget to sign and date your application. Applications received without a signature or date will be considered incomplete and will be not accepted.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE INFORMATION

- All applications must be received (not postmarked) **by April 25th, 2012.**
- Mail completed applications to:

PIJAC Canada Scholarship Committee
c/o PIJAC Canada Inc.
2495 Lancaster Road, Suite 202
Ottawa, ON K1B 4L5

- To receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application, please include your email address.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Telephone/day: _____ Telephone/evening: _____

Preferred language of correspondence:

- English
- French

Citizenship or permanent residency: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship?

- Teacher/Counsellor
- Family/Friend
- Advertisement/Poster
- School Paper
- PIJAC Canada website
- College or University Representative
- Others (please specify): _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I authorize the provision of any information held or to be held by post-secondary and secondary institutions, references, community groups and others, relating to my application, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts.

I understand and accept that: (1) such information, as well as the personal information contained in this application, will be used by the scholarship selection committee of PIJAC Canada for the purposes of selection, for statistical analysis, and to facilitate ongoing administrative correspondence with applicants and to improve the selection process; (2) PIJAC Canada will not release application evaluations or the results of the evaluation process, except to inform me if my application has been accepted for an award; and (3) for all questions regarding my personal information held on file by PIJAC Canada, including updates thereof. I may contact PIJAC Canada at the address on the PIJAC Canada website. Finally, if my application is selected for an award, I authorize the publication of my name, city, photo and educational institution on the PIJAC Canada website, annual report, newsletters and other publicity materials.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

My signature indicates that I, we hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of current school (if applicable): _____

Graduation Date: _____ Years attended (Start/End dates): _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

School contact person: _____ Title: _____

List other schools (secondary/post-secondary) attended in chronological order.

Name of school and program of study	Location	Start/End (mm/yy)
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Colleges/CEGEPs/Universities that you are considering, in order of preference:

Institution Name	Location	Program Name
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____

CAREER PLANS

Career choices you are considering: 1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

1. Why are you interested in your selected college/university program(s)?

2. How have you prepared yourself for your selected college/university program(s)? What are the requirements and how have you fulfilled them?

3. Were you required to complete community service and/or leadership activities to receive your high school diploma? Please provide details of how you fulfilled this requirement.

ACTIVITIES

Please tell us what activities, beyond the classroom, you have been involved in during the last three years (not including your required community service).

Extracurricular/artistic/athletic activities: (list activity(ies) and short description of your involvement)

Volunteer work: (list activity(ies) and name of organization with short description of your involvement)

Hobbies/interests:

Conferences/trade shows/competitions attended:

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List any employment you have held in the last three years (include name of employer and short description of your position and responsibilities).

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please answer the questions on the following two (2) pages by reflecting on your experiences of the last 3 years.

1. Please list the three (3) activities within either your school or community which have been the most important to you and briefly state why each was important.

Activity: _____
Your role and period of involvement: _____ _____
Who or what prompted your involvement: _____ _____
Importance: _____ _____

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EVALUATION

While applications may be submitted at any time of the year, all applicants should be aware that the PIJAC Canada Scholarship Committee meets once a year in early spring to review applications. No application can be approved without the approval of the Board of PIJAC Canada. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded annually. Regrettably, many worthwhile applications will not be funded. During the review process, each application will be assessed on its ability to support one or more of the criteria. The decision of the Board of PIJAC Canada and/or Scholarship Committee is final.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applicants must use the appropriate application form. An application will be considered complete when all supporting materials are submitted with it.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

TIMELINES

At the January Board meeting a Scholarship committee will be created, consisting of three (3) Directors to deliberate and choose the successful applicants for a scholarship. In February, changes to and the revised scholarship form will be posted onto the PIJAC Canada website. April 25th, of each year, is the deadline to submit an application. In the month of June, the Scholarship Committee will put forth the names of the successful applicants, to the Board of PIJAC Canada, for approval. In the month of July the successful applicants will be notified by the Scholarship Committee.

NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS

Successful applicants will be notified in the month of July. In most cases a check in the amount of 25% of the scholarship will accompany the notification. The remaining 75% will be released on the proof that the applicant has registered full-time in a course of study at a college, university. Cheque(s) will be made payable directly to the successful candidate. In the event that the recipient withdraws from college, university, the recipient will reimburse PIJAC Canada the full or partial amount of funds received. Unsuccessful candidates will receive a letter informing them of the decision.

FURTHER INQUIRIES

Please call the PIJAC Canada office toll-free at **1-800-667-7452**, visit www.pijacanada.com or email us at information@pijaccanada.com.

Board Approval January _____