

Up to **\$6,000**  
SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM



Looking for a way to pay for school? The Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association would love to help out!



You could be eligible for up to **\$6,000** in scholarship awards!



**PIONEER EQUIPMENT**  
— DEALERS ASSOCIATION —



### INTERESTED?

The Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association is looking for students that are interested in the equipment industry. Equipment dealers throughout the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota have a growing demand for well-trained diesel technicians. While technicians are a particular area of focus, dealers are interested in assisting potential employees in all areas of dealership operations, including sales, service, parts, and management.

*"Dealers across our states are hiring well-trained technicians, and offering excellent pay and benefits. Technician candidates who show talent, interest, and commitment will find that dealers are willing to assist them with their education. If they're a good fit, it's likely they'll have a great job waiting for them after graduation."*

- Matthew Larsgaard, President/CEO of Pioneer EDA

### Contact our office for more information.

Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association

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# PIONEER EQUIPMENT — DEALERS ASSOCIATION —

*Committed to building the best business environment for  
Minnesota, North Dakota, & South Dakota equipment dealers.*

## Scholarship Rules & Regulations

### PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance for the education or training of future and current employees of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota equipment dealerships in order to create a larger pool of qualified, committed, long-term employees for those dealers.

### ELIGIBILITY

Pioneer EDA's Scholarship Program is available to all potential employees and employees (students) of equipment dealerships in Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota, subject to the following conditions:

1. The student must be enrolled and accepted in a higher education curriculum approved by the dealer as training applicable to the dealership's needs, and must be enrolled full-time in the approved course of study.
2. The dealer must be willing to provide scholarship funds in the amount of \$500 and must be a current member of the Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association (Pioneer EDA). Furthermore, each Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota retail location of a multi-store, "common ownership" dealer group must be a current member of Pioneer EDA.
3. During the school year the student must maintain an average cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.

### PROCESS

#### **Student without a dealer sponsor:**

1. Pioneer EDA Scholarship Application
  - a. The student must complete the student portion of the application which must include:
    - i. A cover letter (*4 paragraphs max*) indicating the reason why they have chosen to pursue their specified degree.
    - ii. Verification of college enrollment, or high school transcripts if not yet enrolled. (*first-year college students*)
    - iii. Most current transcripts. (*second and subsequent-year college students*)
    - iv. The student must submit the application to Pioneer EDA.
2. If the application is approved, Pioneer EDA will assist the student in their efforts to secure a dealer sponsor.
3. If a dealer elects to sponsor the student, the dealer must complete the sponsor portion of the application and submit the completed application to Pioneer EDA.
4. Pioneer EDA will then mail the dealer a \$500 invoice for their portion of the scholarship award. The dealer must submit to Pioneer EDA a \$500 check which must be made payable to the school that the student will be attending.

5. Pioneer EDA will then submit the \$1,500 scholarship award directly to the school, after which the dealer's \$500 payment will be non-refundable. Half of the funds will be applied to the student's first semester tuition. Remaining funds will be applied to the student's second semester tuition only after the student has submitted their first semester transcripts.

**Student with a dealer sponsor:**

1. Pioneer EDA Scholarship Application
  - a. The student must complete the student portion of the application which must include:
    - i. Verification of college enrollment or high school transcripts if not yet enrolled. (*first-year college students*)
    - ii. Most current transcripts. (*second and subsequent-year college students*)
  - b. The dealer must complete the sponsor portion of the application.
  - c. The dealer must submit the completed application to Pioneer EDA, including the student's enrollment verification.
2. If the application is approved, Pioneer EDA will mail the dealer a \$500 invoice for their portion of the scholarship award.
3. The dealer must submit to Pioneer EDA a \$500 check which must be made payable to the school that the student will be attending.
4. Pioneer EDA will then submit the \$1,500 scholarship award directly to the school, after which the dealer's \$500 payment will be non-refundable. Half of the funds will be applied to the student's first semester tuition. Remaining funds will be applied to the student's second semester tuition only after the student has submitted their first semester transcripts.

## **AWARDS**

Scholarship awards are currently \$1,500 per recipient, per school year; Pioneer EDA will contribute \$1,000, provided the dealer contributes \$500. The intent of this scholarship is to provide dealer training funds and is not to be offered for other general purposes.

Applications for the school year must be made in writing by filling out the Pioneer EDA Scholarship Application Form and submitting it to Pioneer EDA. If applications exceed available funds, scholarship awards will be made by random drawing.

Scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants who are sponsored by Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota dealer members (see Eligibility). Dealer groups headquartered in any one of these states may sponsor up to two students for non-member retail locations that reside outside of these three states (not two scholarships for EACH non-member, out-of-state location).

Scholarship awards are renewable for the second and subsequent years of the student's educational program, provided the student remains eligible and the dealer approves the renewal. Students must submit a new application for all scholarship renewals (see Process). Scholarships may be renewed once for students pursuing an associate's degree or three times for students pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Scholarship funds will be submitted to the school and applied directly to the student's tuition. Dealer contributions must be received by Pioneer EDA before the full award will be applied to the student's tuition. Scholarship funds will be divided equally among the semesters or quarters to be attended during a given school year. Any breach of enrollment in the eligibility requirements of this program or other unsatisfactory performance in the course of the student's studies will result in the immediate cessation of aid and any remaining scholarship funds will be forfeited by the student.





**PIONEER EQUIPMENT  
DEALERS ASSOCIATION**

# PIONEER EQUIPMENT DEALERS ASSOCIATION (Pioneer EDA) Scholarship Program Application

Please fill out the fields below, save a copy of the completed form, and e-mail to [sherry@pioneereda.com](mailto:sherry@pioneereda.com)

## **STUDENT PORTION**

This application is for (First Time Application or Renewal Application):

Name

Email

Mailing Address

City, ST, Zip

Phone Number  Expected College Grad. Date

Occupation Being Pursued

College

College Address

City, ST, Zip

Check One (verification of enrollment or progress report **MUST** be submitted before this application can be processed):

*As a first-year college student, I will submit verification that I have been accepted and am enrolled full-time in the education program listed above.*

*As a second, third, or fourth-year college student, I will submit my most current unofficial transcript.*

**Student Statement:** I understand that this scholarship application is for financial aid in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2021-22 school year, and such aid requires a dealer sponsorship. All funds will be forwarded to the college specified above to be applied directly to my tuition, with half of the funds being applied to the first semester, and half of the funds held until the second semester. I understand that after the first semester is complete, I will need to forward a copy of my unofficial transcripts to Pioneer EDA for review. Upon review, the funds for the second semester will be released provided that I maintain eligibility for the scholarship. I also understand that any breach of enrollment or unsatisfactory performance in my course of study will result in cessation of aid.

Student Signature

Date



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DEALERS ASSOCIATION**

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## **DEALER PORTION**

Company

Phone Number

Mailing Address

City, ST, Zip

Dealer Contact

Contact Email

**Dealer Statement:** I understand that the Pioneer EDA Scholarship Program requires a dealer contribution in the amount of \$500, and that I, and each retail location of our dealer group (if applicable), must be a current member of Pioneer EDA to participate. I also understand that this scholarship is intended to provide dealership training funds and is not to be offered for other general purposes. If the above-mentioned applicant is granted a \$1,500 scholarship, I understand that Pioneer EDA must receive the dealer's \$500 contribution (made payable to the school) before Pioneer EDA will contribute \$1,000. Both Pioneer EDA and the dealer's scholarship funds will be forwarded to the school, and will be applied directly to the student's tuition. Any breach of enrollment or unsatisfactory performance in the student's course of study will result in the immediate cessation of aid and any remaining scholarship funds will be forfeited by the student.

Dealer Signature

Date

For more information, please see the Pioneer EDA Scholarship Rules & Regulations.

**Please contact Sherry Wells with any questions regarding this application.**

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