



**PINE ISLAND NY**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## **2025 BLACK DIRT SCHOLARSHIP FUND INFORMATION**

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2025**

**Description:** The Black Dirt Scholarship Fund awards three \$1500 scholarships annually, an initiative that has grown over the years in amount and scope. Applicants are evaluated on their character and level of dedication to the service of others through community volunteer service and/or community work experience. The Pine Island Chamber of Commerce sponsors these scholarships, which are funded with a portion of the proceeds from the Chamber's Black Dirt Feast.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Warwick, New York, and either a high school senior, who will graduate in June, 2025, or a student at any stage of post-secondary education at an accredited educational facility. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or community work experience. Applicants must be in good academic standing and show evidence of having achieved a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 or equivalent. Previous applicants may re-apply for consideration, however prior scholarship winners are not eligible.

**About the Scholarships:** We award three scholarships of \$1,500 each

**Application Deadline for Students:** April 1, 2025.

### **Procedure:**

- 1) Print & Complete the Scholarship Application
- 2) Write & Submit Essay of not more than 1,000 words, which answers the following:  
*"Looking toward the future, describe how you would define a successful individual."*
- 3) Résumé: Provide personal résumé of community volunteer service, club memberships with positions held, employment history, extracurricular activities, sports, scholastic activities, and awards/honors received.
- 4) Letters of Recommendation: Submit 3 letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or other community members not related to you.
- 5) Transcript: Include a copy of your transcript from the guidance department or college registrar.

### **Mail Application, Essay and all materials to:**

Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, Black Dirt Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 354, Pine Island, NY 10969

### **Mission of the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce:**

The mission of the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, which was founded in 1961, is to promote prosperity in the business community, support and enhance the uniqueness of the region, and to enrich the lives of all our residents through community spirit and cooperation.



**Student Info:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current High School or College Info:**

Name of School/College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone of School/College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post-secondary school you expect to attend or are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course of study you are pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Info:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Certification:**

I certify that I am a resident of the Town of Warwick and that I have met the eligibility requirements of the application. I agree that if I am selected as a Black Dirt Scholarship recipient, I will attend and speak at a Pine Island Chamber of Commerce meeting or event after completing my first semester at the post-secondary educational facility of my choice. I also agree to attend a Pine Island Chamber meeting or event on or before Sept 1, 2025 and speak about my educational and career plans.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Include the following materials:**

- 1. This application, completed
- 2. Your Essay
- 3. Personal résumé
- 4. Transcript from guidance department or college registrar
- 5. Three letters of recommendation
- 6. Signed Application Certification

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