

Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship 2017



Purpose: To further the Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce mission of supporting economic growth and community enrichment, the Chamber has established a scholarship fund to support students who have been working toward their future profession. The purpose of the Chamber scholarship fund is to identify students who have demonstrated initiative in pursuing their post high school vocation and to support them in the pursuit of their passion. Funding for the GVACC scholarships is provided by the proceeds of the annual GVACC Golf Tournament.

Award Components: In 2017 the Chamber will award four (4) one-time general scholarships each valued at \$1000 and one (1) one-time Pete Inks Memorial scholarship valued at \$2000.

Award Criteria for GVACC Scholarships:

1. Applicant must be a current Senior in good standing enrolled in the Vail Unified School District.
2. Weighted consideration will be given to applicants who best demonstrate a history of pursuing their passion while in high school and have a well thought out plan to achieve the necessary post high school education to reach their professional goals.
3. Weighted consideration will be given to letters demonstrating excellent grammar and the ability to express themselves.
4. Consideration will only be given to applicants who have plans to attend an accredited post high school institution in the state of Arizona but it need not be a college or university.
5. Weighted consideration will be given to students who plan to work in the Greater Vail Area upon completion of their post high school coursework.
6. The \$2000 scholarship is in memory of Pete Inks and will have weighted consideration given to students who have demonstrated community involvement and volunteer commitments.

Application Process:

1. Students must fill out the attached application form.
2. Students must submit a one-page essay describing their pursuit of a future career path, the next steps they plan on taking toward their success in that field, and how the assistance will impact their plans.
3. Students must submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher/mentor who has a connection with the student's current activities.
4. Students must submit a copy of their resume.

Application Deadline: All four documents must be submitted to the GVACC Scholarship Committee, and if mailed, must be post marked no later than Feb. 1, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted.

Recipient Announcement and payment: The Vail Chamber of Commerce will notify the winners on or before Feb. 10, 2017 and commemorative checks will be awarded at the 2017 Vail Pride Day event in February. It is expected that the winning recipients will also attend the GVACC breakfast as the Chamber's honored guest. The actual checks will be made out and sent to the Arizona institution of the student's choice payable to the students account before start of registration for the Fall 2017 semester.



GREATER VAIL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENT NAME: _____ PARENT PHONE: _____

SCHOOL OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT: _____

DATE OF EXPECTED GRADUATION: _____

ARIZONA SCHOOL PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER AT ARIZONA SCHOOL IF KNOWN: _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLYING FOR: *(select all that apply)*

- \$1000 GVACC SCHOLARSHIP (4 To be awarded)
- \$2000 PETE INKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 To be awarded)

1. Attach a one page essay describing your career ambitions, why you deserve this scholarship, how this award will further your career passion and what Arizona educational institution you plan to attend after graduation.
2. Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher/mentor with whom you have a connection.
3. Copy of your resume.

This application and all attendant documentation must be submitted to:

Michelle Harrington
Executive Director, GVACC
13200 E. Colossal Cave Rd. Ste. 106
Vail, AZ 85641
(520) 261-8245

Or you may email it to:
michelle@greatervailchamber.com

The dead line for all applications is postmarked by **Feb. 1, 2017**. Applications may be emailed or dropped off by **Feb. 1, 2017** at the Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce office located behind the post office next to Vail Self Storage.

Thank you and good luck.