Scholarship Amount: up to $500
Application Deadline: March 19, 2010

2010 Plains Paradise Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

The Plains Paradise Chamber of Commerce Scholarship was established to open the academic doors today for our business leaders of tomorrow. The Chamber believes in its mission statement: "To advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Plains Paradise area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper." To that end, the Scholarship program has a goal to enhance our community's economic vitality by preparing an educated citizenry for responsible roles within the workforce.

The Plains Paradise Chamber of Commerce Scholarship will recognize two Plains High School students who (1) wish to pursue a career in Business Administration, Entrepreneurship or a related field and (2) are planning to attend an accredited University, College, Private Institution or Vocational Technical Center.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

To be considered for this scholarship, all applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Attend Plains High School and have been a student for at least two semesters
- Be a High School Senior planning to attend an accredited University, College, Private Institution or Vocational Technical Center to pursue a career in Business Administration, Entrepreneurship or a related field
- Have obtained a cumulative High School GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Complete and submit the attached application in full with the following supporting documents:
    - Current High School Transcript <u>and</u> Resume
    - Two letters of recommendation from a Plains High School Faculty Member, Counselor and/or Employer
    - Essay not exceeding two pages discussing how you, as a future business leader, could improve the quality of life in the community.

Preference given to students:

- Who participate in extra-curricular or community service activities
- Who have taken business related courses or have work experience *(please include on resume if applicable)*

- Who plan to return and work in the Plains Paradise Community after graduation

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS:

To receive award funds applicant must:

- Maintain full time student status as defined by the institution *(generally 12 credits)* for first two terms
- Provide proof of registration to the Plains Paradise Chamber for their second term before award funds are sent *(generally transcript of first term and registration class list for second term)*

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS:

1. Complete application, including scholarship essay, and return to Plains Paradise Chamber of Commerce with supporting documents by **March 19. 2010**
2. Awards will be determined by **April 1, 2010** and presented at graduation
3. Award recipients will receive a certificate at graduation with instructions on how to proceed
4. **Awards will be granted and made payable to the institution upon completion of their first term and proof of registration for their second term and applied directly to the student's school account**
   - **It is the applicant's responsibility to send current proof of registration to the Plains Paradise Chamber as soon as they are registered for their second term**
   - If any additional proof is required, the applicant will be contacted directly by a Chamber representative

2010 Plains Paradise Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

(Your phone number and email address will be for Chamber use only to contact you regarding your scholarship)

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

INSTITUTION INFORMATION:

School Name: _____

The above school is a *(Please select One):*

- ❑ College
- ❑ University
- ❑ Private Institution
- ❑ Vocational Technical Center

Please select one of the following:

- ❑ I am awaiting my acceptance from the above institution
- ❑ I have been accepted to the above institution

Field of Study (Major): _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION:

Please use the space below to describe the extra-curricular activities you have been involved in throughout your high school career including (1) the activity name, (2) the position you held (active member, team captain, etc.) and (3) what year(s) you participated. Please include organized activities such as athletics, theatre, 4-H, etc. Please describe special awards or recognition if applicable.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Example:
Basketball Team Captain 2007 – 2010 First Team All State (2009)

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION:

Please use the space below to describe the community service activities you have been involved in throughout your high school career including (1) the activity or organization name, (2) the position you held, (3) the approximate number of hours you dedicated to the activity, project or organization and (4) what year(s) you participated. Please describe specific tasks further if applicable.

Example:
American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team Member 24 hours 2009
I was actively involved in fundraising prior to the event and participated in the Relay itself for over 15 hours.

ESSAY:

Please attach and submit an essay (not exceeding two pages) discussing how you, as a future business leader, could improve the quality of life in the community.

The essay must be typed and will be evaluated for content, grammar, spelling and presentation.

My signature below certifies that the information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. The essay portion attached was completed on my own free of plagiarism and represents my own ideas and thoughts.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application and all supporting documents <u>must</u> be submitted by March 19, 2010 to:

Plains Paradise Chamber of Commerce

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

PO Box 1531 . Plains, MT 59859