

Patrick O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Application

BIOGRAPHY: Pat O'Connor graduated from Caldwell High School in 1927 and the College of Idaho in 1931. After graduation from C of I, Pat worked as an engineer with the building of Highway 95 and also served as an Army engineer in the North European Theater during World War II. After returning to Caldwell, Pat opened Caldwell Sporting Goods Store located next to the old bus depot on Arthur St. Pat worked very closely with the schools supplying athletic equipment. Many athletes have benefited from Pat's generosity in providing equipment for those students who otherwise would not be able to participate. He also assisted many students at C of I who needed an extra boost financially in order to continue their education. Pat closed the store in 1962 and was hired as a general manager of the Caldwell Cubs, a major league farm team for the Chicago Cubs; he also served as superintendent of grounds at Caldwell Simplot Stadium. The team disbanded in 1972 and Pat became a scout for the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates. O'Connor Field House was named in Pat's honor for the many years of service he gave to the youth and the City of Caldwell.

Pat admired those who participated in sports, showing their leadership skills in building the team and by giving everything they had to that sport. He felt it was very important for the students that demonstrated Good Sportsmanship, Leadership Skills and Academics have an opportunity to go on with and complete their education at the college level.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

DUE Date: April 15, 2025

- Graduating Caldwell High School & Canyon Springs Senior
- Demonstrated Good Citizenship
- Demonstrated Leadership Skills
- Community Service
- Requirements on the application need to include:
 - #1 Financial need-students should self report this.
 - #2 High level of involvement in all areas of extra-curricular activities. This includes a commitment to extracurricular activities and seeing them through.(These above 2 are of the highest importance in selection)

- The following 2 are of equal importance.
 - #3 Academic fitness-the ability to find success in higher education.
 - #4 Motivation to continue their academic journey.

- Minimum GPA 2.5
- Financial Need
- Application Essay
- Letter of Recommendation outside of school
- Transcript

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT(S) _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: _____ EMPLOYER: _____

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: _____ EMPLOYER: _____

LIST CHILDREN IN FAMILY AND AGES:

_____ SIZE OF CLASS: _____ CLASS RANK: _____ GRAD DATE: _____

YRS ATTENDING CALDWELL HIGH: _____ TRANSFER FROM: _____

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. What are your college choices?

1. _____

2. _____

2. What are your educational goals? (BE SPECIFIC)

3. List the school activities in which you have been involved: (must list at least two)

4. List any community service projects in which you have been involved.

5. How have you had an impact on classmates through active involvement in school activities?

6. Describe how this scholarship will financially benefit your ability to attend college?

7. Write an essay on why you are deserving of this scholarship?

(You may use additional paper for the above two questions. Make sure they are numbered and attached.)

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Attach essays if necessary
- Transcript must be included

Applicant Signature

Date