

## **Guidelines for the Vandeventer Scholarship Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation**

**The Vandeventer Scholarship Fund** was created at The Pittsburgh Foundation by Robert L. Feller (Linden class of 1936) and Ruth M. Johnston-Feller in honor of Mr. Feller's aunt and uncle, Mr. John Marshall and Catherine Buckelew Vandeventer. This scholarship is to be used for graduating seniors of Linden High School in Linden, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Vandeventer lived on Ainsworth Street across from the high school and three blocks from Mr. Feller's boyhood home. The following criteria will apply:

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- Student must be a graduating senior at Linden High School in Linden, New Jersey
- Student must have been a part of the Linden School System (as determined by the Linden guidance counseling office) for more than 5 years to be eligible for this scholarship.
- Student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- Student must demonstrate financial aid.
- Student must provide school transcripts.
- Student must write a one-page essay on their life goals and how this scholarship will help them to achieve them.

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be decided (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The Pittsburgh Foundation) by a Scholarship Advisory Committee. *No member of the Advisory Committee, or his or her immediate family, is eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Advisory Committee.*

The Pittsburgh Foundation shall notify the chosen scholarship recipient(s) of its decision. The scholarship payment will be made after The Pittsburgh Foundation's June Board Meeting, and after the student verifies the school acceptance or enrollment in the school he or she will be attending. Payment will be made to the school on behalf of the student.

## **Vanderventer Scholarship Fund**

### **Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please do not use nicknames)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution at which to use scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence:   \_\_\_home   \_\_\_ on campus   \_\_\_off campus   \_\_\_other (specify)

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Names of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) and their Respective Occupations:

Name	Occupation

List names and ages of brothers and sisters who are under the age of 21 and indicate whether they are currently attending school beyond the high school level and if so, whether they are receiving financial aid:

Name of Sibling	School Attending	Receiving Financial Aid?

If you anticipate receiving financial assistance or scholarships from any other sources, please describe them, including the amounts expected, below:


Do you have a part-time Job? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
(on a separate sheet of paper, describe your duties, hours, and pay. If you do not work, please explain why.)

**CURRENT WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Please list current employment or volunteer experience:

Type of Work/Activities

From (month/year)

To (month/year)

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**HONORS**

What special recognition have you received for outstanding school and/or community work, such as honors, prizes or scholarships?

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**ACTIVITIES**

List community/school activities in which you have participated (scouting, religious organizations, etc.) as well as school related (athletics, class officer, publications, etc.)

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**APPLICANT ESSAY**

Submit a one page essay on your life goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

**LETTER OF REFERENCE**

Please submit a personal reference letter from an individual not related to you (person(s) who know your educational goals).

Reference should include the applicant's name, the name of the person providing the reference, position, signature and date signed. Each reference should address the following:

(1) the applicant's general ability; (2) appraisal of the applicant, giving details in the form of examples with regard to leadership ability, citizenship, concern for others, responsibility, initiative and general interest; and (3) qualities that most commend the applicant.

**GENERAL**

Please attach the following to your application:

1. Official school transcript
2. Essay
3. Letter of reference
4. A copy of your **2016-17** Student Aid Report (SAR)

**Mail completed applications by May 1 to:**

**Vanderventer Scholarship Fund**  
**Attn: Deborah Turner, Scholarship Coordinator**  
**The Pittsburgh Foundation**  
**Five PPG Place, Suite 250**  
**Pittsburgh PA 15222-5414**

**Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered**