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The Charles “Lindy” and Shirley Feeney Scholarship Information

Who is eligible to apply for the Charles “Lindy” and Shirley Feeney Scholarship?

The Charles “Lindy” and Shirley Feeney Scholarship is offered to a T.F. Riggs High School graduating senior who is in need of financial assistance to further their education beyond high school. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a dedicated track athlete in his/her higher education costs. This student must have participated in track & field for at least three years, and must be accepted to an accredited college, university or technical school. The selection committee has the discretion of awarding the annual scholarship either to a current senior, or, if deemed more appropriate, to a previous years' awardee if he/she is maintaining a GPA of 2.75 or higher in their post-high school education. If the selection committee deems there is not a suitable applicant, they can forgo awarding the scholarship for that year.

Who serves on the selection committee?

After the application is received by the April 10 deadline, the Pierre Educational Foundation's Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient. The committee is comprised of a current PEF Board designee, a T.F. Riggs High School Track Coach, the T.F. Riggs High School Principal, a T.F. Riggs High School Guidance Counselor, and two members of the Pierre community. No member of the selection committee may be related to the scholarship applicants. The two community members on the selection committee will be selected by Lindy and Shirley Feeney. If Lindy and Shirley Feeney become incapacitated, the Pierre Educational Foundation will name the two community members to serve on the selection committee.

What criteria are used for the selection of the scholarship recipient?

This award will be given to an athlete who has shown determination, hard work, and perseverance in the sport of track & field. Participation in extra-curricular activities in school and the community are preferred. This student must be a person who strives to achieve a high moral character. The applicant must complete the application. No sections of the application should be incomplete. Criteria on the application include: name, address, date of birth, leadership and community activities, work experience, financial need, goals, and three (3) letters of recommendation (not from family members).

How will the Charles “Lindy” and Shirley Feeney Scholarship be advertised?

T.F. Riggs students and guidance counselors will be notified and asked to announce the scholarship availability in the Scholarship / Financial Aid Newsletter.

How are scholarship proceeds sent to the winner?

Once the student has completed the first semester or quarter in an accredited college, university or technical school, and a transcript of grades is received by the Pierre Educational Foundation, a check will be mailed directly to the accredited college, university or technical school, **unless** the committee decides it to be in the student's best interest to receive the scholarship proceeds directly. If the scholarship winner fails to enroll in an accredited college, university or technical school or if the student does not complete the semester or quarter, an alternate winner will be selected by the committee.

What is considered misrepresentation or misuse of scholarship funds?

A full explanation will be requested if it is determined that the scholarship funds were not used by a student enrolled in an accredited college, university or technical school. Legal action may also be undertaken, in the event that the scholarship proceeds are not used to help the student pursue their education beyond high school.