

Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship Application



The Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship was established in 1983 as a part of Pilot International to provide financial aid to a qualified graduate or doctorate student preparing for or currently working in careers related to brain safety and health or caring for families in times of need. M. Fred Sepia made the initial contribution to the fund in memory of his wife, Marie, who was a longtime member of Pilot International and served as International President in 1968 – 1969. It is intended that this fund will permanently further Pilot International's mission by assisting worthy capable individuals to pursue careers in which they will teach, encourage and rehabilitate children with disabilities.

Eligibility:

- Full-time or part-time graduate and doctoral students.
- Career goals which will teach, encourage, and rehabilitate children with disabilities, specifically dealing with brain-related disorders/disabilities of children.
- Awards are based on community service, financial need, academic success, and application contents.

Details:

- Scholarships are awarded for one academic year.
- Award amounts may vary but will not exceed \$2,000.00 per year.

Application Deadline:

March 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (EDT). All required documents must be submitted in one (1) electronic file in PDF format to PIFFscholarships@pilothonq.org

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Requirements:

The following documents must be submitted in one (1) electronic file in PDF format to be considered for this scholarship:

- Student Application form. This form must be typed and signed.
- Your resume or CV.
- A list of extracurricular and/or community activities, if not on your resume or CV.
- Your most recent original transcript with cumulative GPA (does not need to be officially sealed) as of January 1, 2026.
- Your 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submission Summary that includes your Student Aid Index (SAI).
- Financial need essay of less than 300 words or less explaining your need for this scholarship and how this scholarship can assist you.
- Career goals essay of less than 300 words describing your career goals and how the achievement of your goals will teach, encourage, and rehabilitate children with disabilities, specifically dealing with brain-related disorders/disabilities.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation dated within the last 12 months from teachers, professors, faculty advisors or employers.
- Proof of acceptance to a college or university for the 2026-27 Academic Year.
- (Optional) Prior high school and/or undergraduate transcripts, if applicable.

If any of the required documents are missing or incomplete, the application will be disqualified.

Policies for all Pilot International Scholarships

1. The Executive Committee of Pilot International will provide the overall administration of the scholarship funds.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review and grade scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Executive Committee of Pilot International. The Scholarship Committee will recommend as recipients of scholarships those persons who in the sole judgment of the committee are best suited to further the purposes of the fund.
3. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition and related educational expenses considered necessary by the Executive Committee. Actual amounts awarded may vary.
4. In accordance with IRS regulations, officers, directors, trustees, employees, or current members of the Scholarship Committee of Pilot International are not eligible for scholarship programs sponsored by Pilot International.
5. When an application has been approved, the scholarship recipient will be notified and payment will be made in one installment directly to the applicant's educational institution upon receipt of the appropriate forms.
6. A student may reapply annually by submitting an updated application and supporting documentation for those scholarships that are renewable.
7. A scholarship applicant is limited to one scholarship award annually. Applicants applying for more than one scholarship must submit the correct application package for each scholarship. If an applicant is eligible for more than one scholarship, the Scholarship Committee will decide on the scholarship most appropriate for the individual.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Single:

Married:

Dependents:

Yes

No

If yes, # of dependents:

Undergraduate College or University:

Major:

Date Bachelor's Degree Awarded:

2026-2027 College or University:

Major:

Status (Graduate/Doctoral):

Your Career Goal(s):

Anticipated employment earnings during 2026-27:

\$

Are you or have you been a member of Pilot International, Compass or Anchor? Yes No

If yes, which club?

I have applied for the Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship. If I am awarded a scholarship, I understand and agree to comply with the following policies:

- I will be cognizant of my representation of Pilot International and my school and will uphold the ethics and principles of both.
- I will notify Pilot International in advance of any intent to change my major or curriculum from the one approved for my scholarship as making such a change could alter my scholarship eligibility.
- I understand it will be necessary to provide documentation from the college's financial aid office before receiving any scholarship monies.

Applicant's Signature

Date