

LIONS CLUB HISTORY

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as a dream of Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

An organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 in Chicago. The new group took the name, "Association of Lions Clubs."

Perhaps a single event of having the greatest impact on the association's service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. It was there that she challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Broadening its role in international understanding, the association helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations sections in 1945, and continues to hold consultative status today.

Today, Lions Club International has 46,000 clubs in 206 countries with 1,400,000 members. This includes 284,000 women. Lions Club International is the largest service organization in the world. Their motto is "WE SERVE."

PITTSBURG LIONS CLUB

Pittsburg Lions Club was organized on November 4, 1946. The wives of the Pittsburg Lions Club members formed the Dandylions in 1947. Both the Lions Club and Dandylions have made donations to:

Shriners Hospital, Pittsburg Fire Department, FM Little League, local Boy Scout Troop, FM High School, FM PreSchool, and many other school organizations. We have donated to the Darke County Low Vision Group and Read Radio for the Sight Impaired. We have performed highway clean-up, given to the Community Unity Fund, and hosted Community Blood Drives. We also contribute to District and State Lions projects. The profit from the bbq chicken dinner sales and several other fundraisers, support the scholarships for Franklin Monroe Seniors. We also sell passes for the Darke County Fair and work gate 6 as fundraisers to support the scholarships.

PITSBURG LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

As an investment in the future, the Pittsburg Lions Club is offering a scholarship to anyone in the Franklin Monroe graduating class who wants to further his or her education at a college, technical, or trade school. The amount of the scholarship and number of scholarships will depend on funds available at the time.

The scholarship money will be sent to the recipient's educational institution or to the student upon successful completion of the first semester and has been enrolled in the next semester.

Eligibility for the scholarship is based on the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be of good character.
2. The applicant must be a student in the Franklin Monroe School District.
3. The applicant must be accepted at an accredited college, technical, or trade school.
4. The applicant must have maintained an acceptable academic level, with a GPA of 2.0 or better during their first semester of postsecondary work.
5. The applicant must complete the Lions Club's application form and return by date below.
6. Priority will also be given to those who have participated in service projects or activities.

Return all applications to Mr. McKibben by April 2nd, 2026. Please turn application in to Mr. McKibben in person so you can schedule your interview time. Interviews will be April 8th or April 15th at the Pittsburg Fire House.

All of the scholarship application must be filled out in its entirety or it will not be considered as eligible for consideration.

Pittsburg Lions Club Scholarship Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Current Class Rank _____ Number in Graduating Class _____

Accumulative GPA _____ Senior Year GPA _____

Email that you check regularly _____

*****Copy of current transcript must be attached.**

1. Educational Institution(s) to which you have been accepted: _____

2. School you have chosen to attend. _____

3. Why did you choose this particular school? _____

4. State briefly your reason for pursuing this career. _____

5. How will this scholarship assist you in achieving your career goals? _____

6. What are your other means of financial assistance available to you? _____

7. List achievements and activities (awards, honors, and leadership roles). (You may attach a typed list.)

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8. List your community service and community activities. (You may attach a typed list.)

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Character Reference Form

_____ is applying for a Pittsburg Lions Club
Scholarship. Please complete this section.

A. How long have you known this individual? _____

B. How are you acquainted? _____

C. Why do you feel this person has characteristics or qualities that would make
him/her a good candidate for this scholarship? _____

D. Additional comments:

Signed _____

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