

TO: High School Counselors
FROM: Mara Wheeler, Pinnacol Foundation
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RE: Scholarship opportunities for your Students

For some students, continuing their education after high school isn't guaranteed. It's not a lack of good grades that stops them from going to college or into vocational training — it's a parent's workplace injury or work-related fatality. Pinnacol Assurance, Colorado's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance, started the Pinnacol Foundation in 2000. Since then we have awarded \$6 million in scholarships to nearly 650 students whose parents were injured or killed on the job.

As counselors who support individual students, you may be able to help us identify students who qualify for our scholarship program. Applicants must:

- Be the child of a worker who was injured or killed in a compensable work-related accident in Colorado and who was entitled to benefits under the Colorado Workers' Compensation Act.
- Be between the ages of 16 and 25 at the time of the application deadline.
- Have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Have a high school diploma or GED, or be a high school senior.

Scholarships average \$4,700 per student per year, and can add up to a \$15,000 to \$20,000 investment over the course of an eligible student's undergraduate career. Scholarships may be used for to attend four-year, two-year or trade programs at accredited colleges, universities, community colleges and vocational schools.

Applications may be submitted between November 1 and February 15 each year. For more information and to apply, visit Pinnacolfoundation.org.

Enclosed you will find Pinnacol Foundation brochures. Please distribute them to students that may qualify. If you have questions (or if you would like additional brochures), please contact the Pinnacol Foundation at 303.361.4789 or mara.wheeler@pinnacol.com.

Thanks for helping us spread the word about this scholarship opportunity for the children of workers seriously injured or killed on the job.

Sincerely,

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