



## **Tom Peirce & Melanie Peirce Brown Memorial Scholarship**

The Tom Peirce & Melanie Peirce Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the friends and family of the late Tom and Melanie to help young people of exceptional promise develop their intellectual talents, their sense of ethics and their powers of exploration.

### **Criteria**

- Be a graduating senior at Aspen or Basalt high schools
- Plan to attend a two-year or four-year accredited college or university
- Should exhibit a passion for the environment, unceasing intellectual curiosity, an appreciation of diversity, an appetite for adventure and the making of a strong social conscience

### **Required Application Materials**

- Completed application form
- Personal statement essay
- Supplemental essay (see below)
- Official school transcripts of grades
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation, signed and dated
- An interview may be required for finalists

### **Required Supplemental Essay**

Students applying for this scholarship must submit the following essay with a word limit of 500: Following are several of the greatest challenges facing the world in the future. Please tell us which two of these you consider the most important and, briefly, how best they might be addressed:

- Social Justice
- Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss
- Diversity Issues and Conflicts of Race, Religion, and Culture
- Equality of Education and Economic Opportunities for Women and Girls

### **2025 Application Instructions for the Tom Peirce & Melanie Peirce Brown Scholarship:**

#### **Go to the ACF Scholarships Online Portal -**

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=aspencfs>

- All applicants in 2025 need to 'Create New Account'
- Use your personal email address, not your high school email address.
- You will complete a universal application form first that will direct you to the scholarships you are eligible to apply for this year
- Deadline to apply is Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM Mountain Time

#### **Questions? [Visit the ACF Scholarships webpage](#)**

- Email the ACF Grants Manager on [scholarships@aspencommunityfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@aspencommunityfoundation.org)
- Call the ACF office on 970.925.9300