

## 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
- 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 on ACF's online scholarship portal and include attachments:
  - Personal Essay
  - Resume
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - School transcript of grades
  - FAFSA Student Aid Index (SAI) number
- **Required Supplemental Essay:** Students applying for this scholarship will answer an additional essay in the scholarship portal. (500 word limit)
  - Please write about how ONE of these challenges 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 All

To access the application, go to the **ACF Scholarships Online Portal** -

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

- Create New Account using your personal email, not your high school email address
- You will complete and submit a universal application form first that will direct you to the scholarships you are eligible to apply for this year

**Deadline for applications: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM Mountain Time.**



### Questions?

- Email ACF: [Scholarships@AspenCommunityFoundation.org](mailto:Scholarships@AspenCommunityFoundation.org)
- Call the ACF office on 970.925.9300 (ext 214)
- Visit ACF Scholarships website by scanning QR code.