

PINC (Poverty Is Not a Choice) SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount:** \$3,000 Minimum
- Eligibility:** Graduating seniors or former graduates from public or private high schools (including home schools) in Lancaster County, Nebraska
- Criteria:** Intention of studying music or the arts, record of participation in music or the arts, extreme financial need

The PINC Scholarship is awarded in recognition that Poverty Is Not a Choice. It is named after a documentary of the same name which received the Mayor's Choice Award at the Lincoln Mayor's Arts Awards in June 2016. This documentary, made by 9 high school and college students and aired on NET TV, related several stories about children's day-to-day realities with living in poverty. It is the donor's hope that this award will be received by someone who has been directly affected by poverty who could not otherwise attend college but who would benefit from specialized study in their chosen art or music field.

CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a current graduating senior or graduate of **public or private high schools (including home schools) in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
2. Preference given to home-schooled students.
3. Applicant must intend to study music or the arts in college.
4. Applicant must demonstrate extreme financial need – only applicants with an **EFC** (expected family contribution from FAFSA report) under \$5,000 will be accepted.
5. Applicant must demonstrate a record of participation in music or the arts.
6. First preference to previous PINC Scholarship recipients who re-apply, meet stated criteria, and have maintained a college GPA of 2.5 or higher.

APPLICATION

Applicants are required to complete the Lincoln Community Foundation Application Form online at <https://lcf.academicworks.com/> and submit the form and all required attachments electronically. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 15th.

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Application required attachments:

1. High school **transcript(s) or equivalent record** (copies of transcripts are acceptable).
2. Financial Information that shows **Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number**, which is on the first page of the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR).
3. Essay: *1) Explain how the scholarship would affect the applicant's dream of attending college and further studying art or music. 2) Explain how studying art or music in college will help the applicant become established for a future beyond college.* Responses to each essay question should be no more than 250 words.

DEADLINE

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically to the Lincoln Community Foundation at <https://lcf.academicworks.com/> by 11:59 p.m. on March 15th.

AWARD

The Lincoln Community Foundation will make the final selection of scholarship recipients.

Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the student's college or university. Scholarship grants can be made only to qualified, nonproprietary institutions.

This scholarship shall not be awarded to any immediate or distant member of the Anonymous Donor Family.