



2026 Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship Application Requirements

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In honor of former Iowa State University basketball player Brian Pearson, who died of brain cancer in the fall of 1997, the Iowa Games began awarding the Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship in 1998.

Pearson knew the meaning of hard work and recognized the rewards of commitment. He valued the relationships he had with his family, friends, neighbors, and teammates. People who were fortunate enough to know Brian use words like integrity, honesty, and courtesy to describe his life.

The intent of the Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship is to recognize two outstanding student-athletes involved with the Iowa Games (one male and one female), and through that process, Brian Pearson.

Qualifications: High school junior or seniors for the 2025-2026 school year who have previously participated in any Iowa Games events (Summer Iowa Games, Winter Iowa Games, Iowa Games Net Fest, Iowa Games NASP, etc.) are eligible for this scholarship.

IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Name, Gender
- 2) Street Address, City, State, Zip Code
- 3) Cell Phone, Evening Phone
- 4) Email
- 5) High School, Current GPA
- 6) Expected High School Graduation Year
- 7) SCHOOL/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Please list and describe any service to school, church, clubs, community, and years involved
- 8) IOWA GAMES PARTICIPATION – Please list years that you were involved with an Iowa Games sponsored event such as the Summer Iowa Games, Winter Iowa Games, or Iowa Games Net Fest. Also include any awards you received from an Iowa Games event
- 9) ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS – Please list and describe any athletic honors and awards, and years involved
- 10) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS – Please list and describe academic honors and awards
- 11) PERSONAL ESSAY – describing educational goals, community involvement, volunteer work, citizenship, role modeling, and career aspirations. Please limit your typed essay to two pages, double spaced
- 12) TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION – One from a teacher or coach, the other from a community member (clergy, club, volunteer group, etc.)

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 1, 2026

Email to: cole.bollweg@iowagames.org

Or Mail to: Iowa Sports Foundation
Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship
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Ames, IA 50010

Please direct all questions to Cole Bollweg, Assistant Director of Sports & Competitions at 888.777.8881 ext. 701 or cole.bollweg@iowagames.org.