

Ray Ira Prather Scholarship Guidelines

Plano Land Trust Corporation a 501(c)(3) organization for the scholarship award program for the “Ray Ira Prather” estate. The program is to be administered by the Prather Scholarship selection committee; all decisions mandated by the committee are final.

The following criteria are set forth for the application process:

1) **Who May Apply:**

- Students who attend a public high school in Yuma County, Colorado shall have priority over other Colorado residents.
- High school seniors who are seeking college and/or trade school admission who have satisfactory scholastic aptitude scores to gain such admission.
- Seniors who have maintained a 3.0 gpa and have (or will) obtained a high school certificate of graduation.
- Candidates must be U.S. Citizens.
- Applicant can apply to any state certified institution of higher learning available in the United States.

2) **How To Apply:**

- A copy of this guideline is to be provided to each high school guidance counselor located in Yuma County.
- School guidance counselors shall make available the guidelines to all prospective candidates without regard to race, color, creed or religious affiliation.
- A completed application shall be returned to your guidance counselor office (or designated person) no later than March 1st. If it is a renewable request, a letter to Plano Land Trust dated no later than April 30th, of each year.

3) **Selection criteria Procedure:**

- A selection committee consisting of the guidance counselor or appointed representative shall meet to review applicant candidates in April of each year.
- The criteria to be judged shall be:
 1. Prior academic performance.
 2. Recommendations from instructors, principals and community member.
 3. Leadership evidence in the community.
 4. Demonstration of motivation, character, ability and potential.
- After evaluation of the candidates the selection committee shall make their recommendations to the appointed representative of the Ray Ira Prather Scholarship fund as soon as practical thereafter.

4) **Terms & Conditions of Scholarship:**

- Scholarships shall be awarded in the name of Ray Ira Prather.
- The award shall be up to \$2,000.00 per each successful first year candidate payable by check to the institution where applicant shall attend.
- Before payment shall be made the applicant shall be required to accept the award by acknowledgment to the committee or designated representative.
- If the award is not accepted or the check is uncashed after 180 days, the funds will be re added to the Prather account and the check shall be declared null & void.
- Renewability of scholarship. A successful candidate may renew his/her scholarship for up to 3 years of consecutive secondary education by reapplying to the designated agent in writing to:

Plano Land Trust Scholarship Award, PO Box 314, Wray, CO 80758
- Successive renewal awards will be granted as long as candidate supplies proof of continued 3.0 grade performance from the prior semester and acceptance by the school for the upcoming term.
- At the discretion of the Prather Scholarship committee, the funds available of up to 50% of total scholarship funds shall be split among the renewal applicants received by March 31st of each year. You must submit your request in writing by March 31st..

