



## **Pilot International Dreams**

## **Ahead Leadership Grant**

### **Our Mission**

Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

The Pilot International Executive Committee has established a grant to aid Anchor and Compass members in leadership development by attending leadership conferences and other training. This grant is awarded through the Goals for Grants and Awards program of Pilot International Founders Fund.

**Please review the entire application before completing.  
All necessary forms are included.**

## Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant Application

The Dreams Ahead Grant was established in 2014 to provide financial assistance to Anchor and Compass members who are seeking to develop leadership skills. Applicants are to be Anchor Club members in grades 9-12 or active Compass members.

Grants are based on financial need, community service, and application contents. Grants are given for one academic year. A member may re-apply the following year. Grant amounts may vary.

**This application must be received by the Youth Development Specialist electronically by 5pm on March 1st. Submissions should be sent to [youthdevelopment@pilothq.org](mailto:youthdevelopment@pilothq.org).**

This application packet contains:

- Grant Program Narrative
- Grant Application Timetable
- Policies Governing Pilot International Grants
- Responsibilities of Applicant and Sponsoring Pilot District
- Sponsorship Profile
- Member Application
- Member Agreement
- Application Checklist

## **Policies for Pilot International Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant**

- The Executive Committee of Pilot International will provide the overall administration of the Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant funds. A minimum of 1 Anchor member and 1 Compass member will be awarded grants if funds allow and applications are submitted.
- The Executive Committee, through the Youth Development Specialist, may receive recommendations for awards from any Pilot Club, District, and / or the Executive Committee of Pilot International, in accordance with existing administrative procedures.
- The deadline for local clubs to send their completed Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant application packets to the Pilot International Youth Development Specialist is 5pm est. on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Pilot International Youth Development Specialist, Pilot International Anchor Coordinator, and Pilot International Compass Coordinator will review and grade award applications and make recommendations to the Executive Committee of Pilot International. They will recommend those persons who are best suited to further the purposes of the fund as recipients of the grant.
- Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant funds may be used for registration fees and other expenses considered necessary by the Executive Committee for the recipient to be able to attend the leadership conference. Actual amounts awarded may vary.
- In accordance with IRS regulations, officers, directors, trustees, employees, or the current staff of Pilot International are not eligible for award programs sponsored by Pilot International.
- When an application has been approved, the sponsoring district will be notified, and payment will be made in one installment directly to the applicant upon receipt of the appropriate forms.
- Once approved, a member may reapply annually by submitting an updated application and supportive documents – if the district elects to continue sponsorship of the member. However, any given member may be awarded a total of three (3) Dreams Ahead Grants.
- An Anchor or Compass club may submit only 2 applicants each award period.

## Sponsoring District Responsibilities

- Screen applicants. The District PIFF Representative should carefully review the applicant's grant request and the application procedures. Districts are strongly encouraged to personally interview applicants. Only those applicants who meet or exceed the minimum qualifications required by the grant should be recommended for a grant.
- Guarantee that the application is typed or printed.
- Provide the completed original applications and supporting documents, (in the order listed) to the Pilot International Youth Development Specialist via email by 5pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Sponsorship Profile
  - Member Application
  - Member Agreement
  - Summary of Volunteer Service
  - Leadership Essay
  - Checklist
- Make sure the applicant understands the policies governing the grant program and the terms of the Member Agreement and remains aware of its provisions throughout the term of the grant.
- Familiarize the recipient with Pilot International's principles so the member will be a good Pilot ambassador.
- Inform the recipient of the approval / denial of the grant and formally award if possible.
- Work closely with the member to ensure that the payment is requested in time. To do this, the member must submit all requested forms to Pilot International.
- Pilot Club members are encouraged to invite the member to at least one club meeting per year. Clubs should also contact the member regularly and assist as needed.

Grant Applications that are incomplete or do not include all of the appropriate documentation will not be processed.

**Sponsorship Packet**  
(To be completed by the Sponsoring Pilot District)

Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anchor or Compass Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Location of Leadership Development Course/Convention:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Course/Convention: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Course/Convention: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How did your Pilot District learn of the applicant's needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How did your Pilot District determine the applicant's grant eligibility?

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Interview \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Interview \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain)

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Has your Pilot District conducted an interview with the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Has your Pilot District fully explained the policies governing this grant program to the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

By signing this form, the club agrees to fulfill its responsibilities as outlined in the grant process.

*(Electronic Signatures are acceptable)*

District Representative

District Governor

Printed

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Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Address:

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Phone:

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Email:

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Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

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District:

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## Member Application

### Applicant's Responsibilities:

#### All applicants must:

- Furnish such supporting data as Pilot International may request so the relative merits of the applications may be judged.
- Be willing to sign and abide by the terms of the Member Agreement.

### Biographical Information:

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of Nearest Relative: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anchor/ Compass Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Leadership Goals**

How will attending contribute to your leadership goals?

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**B. Financial Need**

1. What is the cost of the course/convention you plan to attend? (Brochures or other information should be attached.)

Registration                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Travel                            \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel                             \_\_\_\_\_

Meals                            \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Total                            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. How much of this total are you able to pay? \$ \_\_\_\_\_



- C. **Community Service and Leadership Experiences**  
Beginning with your most recent experiences, list your community service and leadership experiences. Include year, hours of service and your role in these community service projects. Indicate if experience was at club, district, or international level.
  
- D. **Leadership Essay**  
This grant is to be used to fund leadership development opportunities for members. In an essay of 100 – 300 words, explain how attending this training will benefit you in leadership development and how you can put your skills to use. Supporting documentation such as photos, articles or other media can be included with the essay.
  
- E. **Make sure your application is complete including the checklist.**

### **Member Agreement**

I have applied for a Dreams Ahead Leadership Grant from Pilot International. Should a Dreams Ahead Grant be awarded to me, I understand and agree to comply with the following policies:

- I will uphold the ethics and principles of Pilot International.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

### Pilot International Dreams Leadership Grant Checklist

This checklist shows all requirements for this grant. This sheet <b>MUST</b> be included with the application packet. If items are not completed and / or included, the application <b>CANNOT</b> be processed.		
	Applicant	District
Deadlines have been met		
Application is typed or printed including essays		
Completed Forms:		
Sponsorship Profile		
Member Application <b>(Including Essays)</b>		
Member Agreement		
Community Service and Leadership Experiences		
Member Meets Criteria/financial need		
Checklist		

Signatures:

District Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District PIFF Rep.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Scoring Ranges

- A. Financial Need (10)
- B. Community Service and Leadership Experience (40)
- C. Essay (40)
- D. Checklist Complete (10)

Total 100 points