



2026-2027

**Joe Cleres - Don Sage Memorial Scholarship  
Guidelines and Application**

**Guidelines:** The Joe Cleres-Don Sage Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for post-secondary school students with physical and/or intellectual challenges.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH APPLICANT**

- Any high school senior or current college student enrolled in an accredited college or university. This includes liberal arts college, technical institute, teacher training college, specialized college school of nursing or junior or community college, provided that the institution offers a standard degree or certification course of study for no less than two years.
- Applicants must be accepted to a United States post-secondary educational institution. Attach a copy of the letter of acceptance, if you are an incoming student. This scholarship is for undergraduates only.
- All fields on the application must be entered in order for the application to be considered.
- Applicants must be qualified residents of the United States.
- Application may be submitted either by the student or by someone on their behalf by **May 1** of the current scholarship year. No exceptions will be made regarding the deadline. Any application received by the deadline but missing any of the required information will be disqualified.
- The application consists of a three-page letter size 8.5 by 11 inch PDF document containing contact information, how the student met the challenge of their disability, academic and **community service achievements**, and educational and career goals. Page 1 has the student's expected contact information on May 1 of the application year. Page 2 is a one-page essay describing how the student met the challenge of their disability and describing their **volunteer or community service**. Page 3 is a one-page resume typically used for college and job applications showing applicant's achievements and goals. The minimum font size for pages two and three is 12-point font. If either page extends beyond a single page, it will be truncated.
- Each scholarship award is paid directly to the school that the applicant will attend during the applied for school year. All checks will be issued and mailed to the college of choice after the winner is notified and submits a tuition bill including Student ID number and Scholarship Designation form, if required.
- Print or scan the completed three-page application to a file named **studentslastname.pdf**.
- Email the complete application and/or any other correspondence to [cleres.sage.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cleres.sage.scholarship@gmail.com).
- You will receive an email confirmation of receipt of application or other correspondence.
- Applicants will receive email status of their application by May 30 of the applied for year.
- A list of the awarded scholarships will be posted on the Legacy West Pioneers web page (<https://www.legacywestpioneers.org/cleres-sage-scholarship/>) by June 15.

**Instructions to fill out the Scholarship Application**

1. Download the .pdf file
2. The file will save in your download files
3. You can now save the file to a folder or desktop
4. Open the .pdf file with either Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader. If you use Microsoft Edge it is also alterable
5. In the upper right-hand corner click on Fill and Sign. In the Adobe Reader menu click on Fill and Sign
6. Fill out the form, name your file and save to folder or desk top
7. When completed email your file to [cleres.sage.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cleres.sage.scholarship@gmail.com)

**Joe Cleres-Don Sage Memorial Scholarship Application**

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Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

(area code) telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number and Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student is a qualified resident of the United States: \_\_\_\_ YES; \_\_\_\_ NO

Post secondary grade the student will enter in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g.,  
Freshman, Junior, undergraduate class.

Education and Career Goals:

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**Applications must be emailed to** [cleres.sage.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cleres.sage.scholarship@gmail.com)

**by 11:59 PM Mountain Time, May 1. as a PDF file**

### Joe Cleres-Don Sage Memorial Scholarship Essay

- Please provide a one-page essay describing how the student/applicant met the challenge of their disability and the student's academic and **volunteer/community service** achievements.
- Minimum font size is 12-point. If the page extends beyond a single page, it will be truncated.



### **Joe Cleres-Don Sage Memorial Scholarship Student Resume**

- Please provide the student/applicant's resume typically used for college and job applications showing their achievements and goals.
- Minimum font size is 12-point. If the page extends beyond a single page, it will be truncated.