

Guidelines for the Marc Obniski Memorial Scholarship Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation

Marc Edward Obniski was born in Natrona Heights where he grew up with great pride in his Polish heritage. Marc was a graduate of Highlands High School and was a member of the swim team and marching band. He pursued his lifelong desire to be a civil engineer by receiving his degree from Case Western Reserve University, where he was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. Marc traveled and lived throughout the United States as he worked on many projects. He had a strong work ethic and was passionate about his career. Marc was a caring son and loyal friend who was known for his generosity. It is in memory of Marc's generous spirit that this memorial scholarship was established.

The following criteria will apply:

1. Be a graduating senior from Highlands High School.
2. Be an undergraduate student having graduated from Highlands High School.
3. Pursuing a degree in Engineering.
4. Minimum GPA of 3.0.
5. Demonstrate financial need (if applicable).
6. Official school transcripts.
7. Submit an essay about how life prepares you for a future in Engineering.
8. Two Letters of Reference from a teacher, principal, or supervisor of an employment position.

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be decided (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The Pittsburgh Foundation) by a Scholarship Advisory Committee. *No member of the Advisory Committee, or his or her immediate family, is eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Advisory Committee.*

The Pittsburgh Foundation shall notify the chosen scholarship recipient(s) of its decision. The scholarship payment will be made after The Pittsburgh Foundation's June Board Meeting, and after the student verifies the school he or she will be attending. Payment will be made to the school for the student.

Marc Obinski Memorial Scholarship

Application

Date: _____

Name: _____
(please do not use nicknames)

Home Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ County: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current High School or College: _____

Address: _____

Month/Year of Graduation: _____ GPA: _____

Current Year in School: __ high school __ freshman __ sophomore __ junior __ senior

Institution at which to use scholarship: _____

Major: _____

Cost of Tuition: _____

Residence: __ home __ on campus __ off campus __ other (specify)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Names of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) and their Respective Occupations:

Name	Occupation
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List names and ages of brothers and sisters who are under the age of 21 and indicate whether they are currently attending school beyond the high school level and if so, whether they are receiving financial aid:

Name of Sibling	School Attending	Receiving Financial Aid?
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If you anticipate receiving financial assistance or scholarships from any other sources, please describe them, including the amounts expected, below:

Do you have a part-time Job? If so, where? _____
(on a separate sheet of paper, describe your duties, hours, and pay. If you do not work, please explain why.)

CURRENT WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Please list current employment or volunteer experience:

Type of Work/Activities From (month/year) To (month/year)

HONORS

What special recognition have you received for outstanding school and/or community work, such as honors, prizes or scholarships?

ACTIVITIES

List community/school activities in which you have participated (scouting, religious organizations, etc.) as well as school related (athletics, class officer, publications, etc.)

APPLICANT ESSAY

Explain how life prepares you for a future in Engineering. (one page or less)

LETTER(S) OF REFERENCE

Please **submit two** personal reference letters from an individual not related to you (teacher, principal, or supervisor of an employment position).

Each reference should include the applicant's name, the name of the person providing the reference, position, signature and date signed. Each reference should address the following: (1) the applicant's general ability; (2) appraisal of the applicant, giving details in the form of examples with regard to leadership ability, citizenship, concern for others, responsibility, initiative and general interest; and (3) qualities that most commend the applicant.

GENERAL

Please attach the following to your application:

1. Official school transcript(s)
(undergraduate students must submit high school transcripts as well as undergraduate transcript)
2. Essay
3. Letters of reference
4. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR); if applicable

Mail completed applications by April 1st to:

**Marc Obniski Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Pittsburgh Foundation, c/o Deborah Turner
Five PPG Place, Suite 250
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered