

The Christensen Memorial Scholarship

Brief Biographies of Pete and Lora Christensen



Peter Christian Christensen was born August 11, 1888, six miles south of Akron, Colorado, the eldest of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Christensen, Danish immigrants. The following year, 1889, the family moved three miles northwest of Brush where the other children were born and raised. In 1913, Pete bought 80 acres south of his father's property and farmed it until 1945. On February 7, 1917, Pete married Lora Faye Copeland. Lora was born Oct. 15, 1897, in Stanford, Nebraska. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, moved to Brush in 1913 when the Nebraska droughts drove them off their farm. Her father was Brush's town marshal for ten years. Lora graduated from Brush High School in 1916. After farming for 32 years the Christensens took three years off to travel. Upon their return in 1948, they bought property on Dodd Bridge Road next to the river and Pete was the Ditch Superintendent for the Lower Platte and Beaver Irrigation Company for twenty years. They bought a home in Brush and moved to town in December of 1966. Pete died in September of 1977. Lora died July 30, 1986. Both were extremely active in the activities of Rankin Presbyterian Church. Both were equally interested in the young people of their community. Although they had no children, they were very close to many nieces and nephews growing up near them in Brush. It is for this reason that they wished to endow a scholarship in their names — to help deserving young students further their educations and dreams.

C.P. Pete and Lora Christensen Scholarship

The Christensen Memorial Scholarship was established in the spring of 1988 as requested in the will of Lora Christensen.

1. The Scholarship is awarded annually to one outstanding senior from Brush High School with at least a 3.00 accumulative Grade Point Average.
2. The scholarship may be used at any accredited trade school, community college or university in the United States.
3. The student can major in any field of study.
4. The amount of the scholarship will be determined each year. It is the intent to always offer at least \$2,000 per year to the recipients. The first half of the scholarship will be paid in August and the second half in January. The check will be mailed directly to the College Financial Aid Office in care of the recipient.
5. The scholarship is renewable up to 4 years upon application. A 2.5 Grade Point Average must be maintained at college for renewal consideration. Those wishing to apply for continuation of their scholarship each year must by March 15, submit to the Brush High School Scholarship Committee a personal letter requesting continuation and giving a report of their present status. Also a certified transcript must be enclosed. Applicants for continuation will be notified by June 1st. A good academic and personal conduct record is needed for scholarship continuation.
6. The Brush High School Scholarship Committee will review the applications and select the recipients.
7. In case the recipients receive other scholarships totalling more than \$1,500 per year the Christensen scholarship would then be lowered by that amount received from the other scholarship above \$1,500.

Guidelines for Applicants and School Officials

Any student wishing to apply for this scholarship should prepare a folder containing:

1. The completed application form
2. A transcript of grades, which includes class rank and size of class
3. A personal letter
4. Two letters of recommendation

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when determining scholarship winners:

1. Financial need
2. Academic ability
3. Leadership
4. Ability to relate to others
5. Extracurricular activities

The following procedures should be followed:

1. Complete the scholarship application. Use either a typewriter or write or print in ink.
2. Prepare a one page letter to accompany your application form. This letter should include and explain any information you feel is important that was not covered in the application. This letter also may include the reasons you plan to continue your education beyond high school, your ambitions, goals, and reasons you feel you merit consideration.
3. Request a transcript to include in your folder from your counselor including your ACT scores if taken.
4. The folder should be completed and given to your high school counselor by April 15.