

Dates and Deadlines

Application Open: March 29, 2021

Application Deadline: May 28, 2021

Notification of Award(s): July 19, 2021

2021 Scholarship Application

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be under the age of 21, as of September 1, 2021
- Applicant be actively pursuing post-secondary education
- Applicant must be eligible for McKinney-Vento assistance or have experienced homelessness while in school within the last six years
- Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible
- Parameters on homeless status are defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act (see below).

According to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, a person is considered homeless who "lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence." This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels/hotels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation. The definition includes children and youth who are living with friends or relatives temporarily (doubled-up or sharing the housing of others) because they lack permanent housing.

Scholarship Evaluation Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on each component of their submission. All applicants are to submit the following:

1. Completed Application Form
2. A personal essay (500-800 words, double spaced) that addresses the following questions:
 - a. How did homelessness impact your educational aspirations? How did you maintain your commitment to education while homeless?
 - b. How many times have you been homeless and for how long?
 - c. What are your future educational goals and how will this scholarship help you to accomplish those goals? Specifically, how would you use this scholarship, if awarded?
 - d. What are your long-term professional goals and career interests?
3. An unofficial school transcript, include class ranking if available.
4. A letter from a local homeless education liaison, school official, outreach worker, shelter provider, religious leader, or other homeless service provider, confirming current or former homeless status.
5. A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or other adult (not related) that can speak to the applicant's qualifications and experiences.

Submit all materials via this webform by Friday, May 28, 2021. If you have questions, email scholarship@naehcy.org or text (470) 203-6465.

Signature	Date
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Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Please provide an email address; we would like to send you confirmation that your application was received and being considered for an award. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship award. Please be sure to use the scholarship checklist as a guide. If selected for an award, an official copy of your school's transcript and proof of enrollment will be required.

2021 Application Form

Contact Information				
Last Name	First Name	Year in School	DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)	Gender
Street Address				
City	State	Zip		
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Email		
High School or Recently Attended College				
School Name		School Counselor or Trusted Teacher		
School Address				
Website				
Contact Person				
A contact person is someone who is in regular communication with the applicant and is able to reach him or her; for example: an employee at the most recent school attended, such as a counselor, teacher, social worker, coach, or an employee of a community agency, such as a counselor, case manager, or shelter director.				
Name		Title		
Contact Number		Email		

Postsecondary Education Plans
SAT/ACT Score (most recent)
Anticipated or Current Field of Study
Anticipated or Current College/ University
Anticipated Financial Aid (loans, scholarships, grants, money from family, etc.)
Anticipated Support (family, friends, counselor, mentor, pastor, etc.)

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How did you hear about this scholarship?
If awarded, are you interested in attending an award ceremony?
If awarded, would you be interested in participating in a forum to tell educators and policy professional what worked well with your education and what could be improved?
If awarded, you would be interested in joining the NAEHCY alumni network and potentially mentoring other future scholars?