



NAFEPA Scholarship Program

2021

Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support post-secondary education for qualifying high school seniors attending their first year of college. There are four scholarships, each worth \$2,500, and they are non-renewable. Two scholarships are for students pursuing degrees in Education. The other two scholarships may be awarded to applicants pursuing degrees in Education or any other field.

Eligibility

High school students who are on track to graduate by the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year are eligible to apply for the NAFEPA scholarship. Candidates will be nominated by the NAFEPA state affiliate organization or representative. Each state may select one candidate to nominate for the national scholarship program. States with more than 100 members may nominate two candidates.

Selection Process

Scholarship winners will be selected based upon the following criteria:

Criteria	Point Value
1. A personal essay of 350 - 500 words that reflects proper conventions of writing and fully addresses the required discussion points (See Application Checklist for discussion points.)	50 points
2. GPA, based on the applicant's Spring 2020 High School transcript.	20 points
3. School, community, service, leadership and/or work activities and experiences in which the applicant participated during grades 9-12, including leadership positions held.	15 points
4. Three letters of recommendation including a letter from the student's high school principal or administrative designee, a faculty member/advisor, and a non-family member.	15 points

Scholarship Payment

The full amount of each scholarship will be made payable to the institution of the recipient's choice for the 2021-22 academic year. It is the responsibility of each scholarship recipient to forward enrollment verification and a tuition invoice from the institution to the NAFEPA scholarship chairperson. Please note that the scholarship is paid directly to the institution.

Application Process

1. Applicant:

- Complete the application and attach all required information.
- Submit two copies (**one (1) original and one (1) copy**) of the completed packet to the State's NAFEPA Representative by **January 11, 2021** at the address below:

Jan Callis, State NAFEPA Representative
16475 Park Street
Livonia, Michigan 48154

State Rep's contact information: **janet.callis@oakland.k12.mi.us** or **804-986-5867 (cell)**.

2. **State NAFEPA Representative:** Forward the state's selected nominee(s) to the NAFEPA Scholarship Committee by Feb. 1, 2021. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2021.
3. **Questions?** Contact the State NAFEPA Representative or Ann West, NAFEPA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at 205-921-3191 or by email at awest@mcbe.net.



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Application Checklist

A **completed** NAFEPA Scholarship Application form with **ALL signatures** must include the following documents. Place a checkmark or “X” to indicate each document is attached.

- Two Application Packets – The Original AND a Copy**, including all of the following Parts:
 - Application Checklist**, with applicant’s signature and date
 - Part 1: State NAFEPA Representative**
 - Part 2: Applicant’s Information**
 - Part 3: List of School, Community, Service, Leadership, and Work Activities/Experiences**
 - Part 4: Certification of Applicant’s High School Completion Status by HS Principal**
(Applicant – Please include the date the principal is to return this form to you.)

- Personal Essay** (typed, about 350 - 500 words) in which the applicant:
 1. Explains the reasons for applying for the scholarship;
 2. Describes a personal experience with adversity & the impact on self;
 3. Describes an experience when the applicant demonstrated leadership skills or qualities and the impact on self or others;
 4. Describes an experience when the applicant demonstrated personal responsibility and the impact on self or others; AND
 5. Discusses future goals and why they are important.

- Spring 2020 High School transcript**

- Three letters of recommendation:**
 1. One from the applicant’s high school principal or administrative designee (on letterhead)
 2. One from a faculty member or advisor (on letterhead)
 3. One from a non-family member

- Use the Application Checklist with Applicant’s Signature as a Cover Sheet**

Applicant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

State NAFEPA Representative’s Signature: By signing below, I verify that our state nominates this applicant for the 2021 NAFEPA scholarship.

NAFEPA Rep’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

NAFEPA Rep’s Full Name (Please Print): _____



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Part 1: State NAFEPA Representative (To be completed by the State Representative before distributing application documents to NAFEPA Members.)

Name of State Representative: Jan Callis

Nominating State or State Organization: MI Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

Part 2: Applicant's Information (To be completed by the applicant.)

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ School District: _____

I plan to pursue a degree in: _____

Institutional Preferences		Estimated Tuition and Educational Expenses	Date Accepted (if applicable)
1 st Choice			
2 nd Choice			
3 rd Choice			

Part 3: School, Community, Service, Leadership, and Work Activities/Experiences

Please list activities in which you have actively participated during high school (grades 9-12), either at school or outside of school. Include any leadership positions or roles you might have held with school or community groups or organizations. (Include as an attachment, if preferred.)



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Part 4: Certification of Applicant's High School Completion Status

Applicant's Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

To be completed by the High School Principal:

By checking this box, I certify that this student is a high school senior and is currently on track to meet the established criteria for obtaining a high school diploma by the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year.

Principal's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Principal's Name (Print): _____

Name of High School: _____ **State:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this completed form to the applicant by: _____

(Applicant must include a Return Date.)