

New Opportunity School for Women Scholarship Application

Introduction

The New Opportunity School for Women Foundation manages a scholarship fund for graduates of the NOSW three-week residential programs at any program site. Scholarships are intended to assist NOSW graduates who are furthering their education or training with the goal of becoming employed.

Eligibility

Students enrolling in the following types of programs and institutions are eligible to apply for scholarship support:

- Full-time enrollment in a baccalaureate or graduate degree program at a four-year college or graduate school
- Part-time enrollment in a baccalaureate or graduate degree program at a four-year college or graduate school
- Full-time enrollment in an associate degree program at a community college
- Part-time enrollment in an associate degree program at a community college
- Enrollment in a certificate or job training course or program at a community college
- Enrollment in a job certification programs at a regionally respected proprietary school.

The NOSW Scholarship Committee will give preference for awarding scholarships to NOSW graduates who enroll in *regionally accredited institutions*. However, the NOSW Scholarship Committee will also consider applications, on a case-by-case basis, from students who enroll in job certification programs at *regionally respected proprietary schools* (for-profit businesses that provide vocational education and training, such as a cosmetology school).

Purpose/Use of Scholarships

Students who are awarded scholarships may use the funds to pay for any expense related to education. This could include direct expenses (such as tuition, books, or fees) or indirect expenses (such as childcare, transportation, or health insurance).

Scholarship Amounts

Depending on a student's success and enrollment in a given school year, she may apply for the scholarship for two terms: once for the fall term and once for the spring term. She must apply for these two scholarships separately and must submit a copy of her transcript with the prior term's grades with her later application. See "Application Process" below.

A full-time student for a term in the 2015-2016 school year may apply for a \$300 scholarship; a part-time student for a term in the 2015-2016 school year may apply for a \$150 scholarship.

Application Process

To apply for a scholarship, complete the attached application, and submit it to the NOSW Foundation in one of the following ways:

- Online at www.noswfoundation.org
- Email -- tim@ruralstrategies.org
- U.S. mail
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ATTN: Tim Marema, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 867, Norris, TN 37828
- If an applicant has received a scholarship in the past, she must apply again for any future scholarship and must submit a copy of her transcript with the prior term's grades with her later application.

The New Opportunity School for Women Foundation reserves the right to verify a student's enrollment in an eligible education program before awarding any funds.

Criteria

The Scholarship Committee will base its decisions on the following criteria:

- Verified enrollment in a qualifying educational program (see "Eligibility" above)
- Evidence of progress for students who are seeking support for a subsequent semester
- Likelihood that the student's path will lead to full-time work

Scholarships are not guaranteed. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and the availability of funds and make decisions based on these factors.

Awarding of Funds

Any funds made available to a student will be distributed directly to the applicant.

Should a scholarship recipient withdraw from or fail a course term (with a GPA under 1.0), that student will be ineligible for future scholarships for one year (12 months).

Contacts

Should a student have questions about this scholarship program, she should contact her program site director or the NOSW Foundation, Chair of the Scholarship Committee of the NOSW Foundation at tim@ruralstrategies.org

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Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Year you attended the three-week residential program of NOSW:

Program site you attended (e.g., Berea, Bluefield, Lees-McRae, Maryville,):

Name and address of educational institution you plan to attend:

Date you will begin at this institution:

Will you be a full-time or part-time student?

Will you be a degree-seeking student or a non-degree-seeking student?

If pursuing a degree, which degree are you pursuing?

If the program is job training, what job are you preparing for?

Period for which scholarship is sought: Spring / Fall / Summer? _____ Year _____

List courses you expect to take during this period.

Please list what you wish to use the grant for (i.e. tuition, books, travel, etc.).

Please provide a paragraph explaining why you deserve this scholarship and how it will assist you in achieving employment.