



Scholarship Fund Program Guidelines, Selection Criteria & Application Process

Guidelines & Selection Criteria

Award – \$5,000 per scholarship; payable directly to the academic institution for the approaching academic year.

Number of scholarships – determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility restrictions – recipient must be the son/daughter to an individual who is employed by a dues-paying NIOP member in good standing.

Criteria for scholarship – academic achievement, field of study and essay:

Academic achievement – minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Essay – All applicants must submit a 500-word essay (typed, double-spaced). Any essay significantly longer than two double-spaced pages will not be accepted. **Essay topic:** *Explain why you want to pursue your chosen degree.*

How to Apply

- The *NIOP Scholarship Application Form* is posted on the website.
- **Complete** applications with all supporting documentation should be submitted via email: leigh@niop.org. If email is not an option, please submit by mailing to NIOP Headquarters at PO Box 11035, Columbia, SC 29211. Mailed applications must be submitted with no staples, page protectors, tabs, binders, brochures, books, notebooks, etc. Each page of the application should be an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper (one-sided). Please keep a copy of the complete application for your records.
- Each application packet **must** include the following:
 - Completed application form
 - Copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript
 - 500-word essay (typed, double spaced)
 - Documentation from college, university or trade school program indicating specific field of study



NIOP Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information

Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State & Zip	_____
Phone	_____
Email Address	_____
College / University Attending	_____
College / University Address	_____
City, State & Zip	_____
Major Field of Study	_____
Expected Graduation Date	_____
Relationship to NIOP Member	_____

Educational Information

High School / Prior University	_____
GPA	_____
Graduation Date	_____
Diploma / Degree Awarded	_____

Applicant Checklist

The following items must be included in a complete application packet:

- High school or college transcript
- Acceptance letter from college, university or trade school program indicating field of study
- NIOP Essay*

Please submit complete application and all supporting materials as **one PDF file** by **April 1st** via email: leigh@niop.org. If email is not an option, please submit by mailing to NIOP Headquarters PO Box 11035, Columbia, SC 29211. Mailed applications must be submitted with no staples, page protectors, tabs, binders, brochures, books, notebooks, etc. Each page of the application should be an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper (one-sided). Please keep a copy of the complete application for your records. **Incomplete applications or those that haven't been completed following the application guidelines will not be accepted.**