NAFEPA Scholarship Program
2020

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 in the spring of 2020 are eligible to apply for the NAFEPA scholarship. Candidates will be nominated by the NAFEPA affiliate state 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:

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<td>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.)</td>
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<td>2. GPA, based on the applicant’s Spring 2019 High School transcript.</td>
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<td>3. School, community, service, leadership and/or work activities and experiences in which the applicant participated during grades 9-12, including leadership positions held.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Scholarship Payment
The full amount of each scholarship will be made payable to the institution of the recipient’s choice. 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 **one (1) original and one (1) copy** of the completed packet by **January 10, 2020**.
   - Mail the application directly to the address noted below:
     Debbie Chapman  
     ACET Region #16 Director  
     7200 I-40 West  
     Amarillo, TX 79106

     Regional Director’s contact information: debbie.chapman@amaisd.org or 806-326-1353

2. Questions? Contact the ACET Scholarship Committee Chair Catherine Eubanks at catherine.eubanks@humbleisd.net. The ACET Scholarship Committee will submit the selected applications to the State NAFEPA Representatives in January 2020 to meet the established deadline.

3. State NAFEPA Representative: Forward the state’s selected nominee(s) to the NAFEPA Scholarship Committee by February 1, 2020. Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2020.
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.

- **Application Document**, including a list of School, Community, Service, Leadership and Work Activities/Experiences *(Parts 1-3)*

- **Certification of Applicant’s HS Completion Status (Part 4)*
  (Applicant – Please include the date you would like the principal 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 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 2019 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

- **Application Checklist with Applicant’s Signature (use as cover sheet)**

  **Applicant’s Signature:**
  
  Applicant: ____________________________ Date: ____________

  **State NAFEPA Representative’s Signature, if applicant is selected as State’s nominee for NAFEPA scholarship:**

  State NAFEPA Representative: ____________________________ Date: ____________
National Association of Federal Education Program Administrator

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Part 1: State NAFEPA Representative (completed by the State Representative):

Name of Representative(s): Jamie Bryson and Robyn Cranmer
State Organization, if applicable: Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas (ACET)

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

Last Name: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________ MI: _____
Street Address: ________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________________________
Email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
High School: ____________________________ District: ____________________________

I plan to pursue a degree in: ____________________________________________

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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:

☐ I certify that this student is currently on track to meet the established criteria for obtaining a high school diploma at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

Principal’s Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________

Principal’s Name (Print): ________________________________

Name of High School: ________________________________ State: ________

School Phone Number: ________________________________

Please return this completed form to the applicant by: ________________

(Applicant must include a Return Date.)