



2023 Scholarship Fund Information

Dates and Deadlines

Application Open: April 6, 2023
Application Deadline: May 31, 2023
Notification of Award(s): August 1, 2023

NAEH CY Scholarship Awards

1. **First Time Post-Secondary Student Scholarship**, a scholarship value of \$5,000, is awarded to at least three students who are under the age of 23 by September 1, 2023.
2. **Back to School Support Scholarship**, a scholarship value of \$500, is awarded to three to four students who are prior NAEHCY scholars.

First Time Post-Secondary Scholarship

First Time Post Secondary Student Scholarship, a scholarship value of \$5,000, is awarded to at least three students who are under the age of 23 by September 1, 2023.

Eligibility

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

- Applicants must be under the age of 23, as of September 1, 2023.
- Applicants must be actively pursuing post-secondary education or trade schools.
- Applicants must be identified as homeless under McKinney-Vento and verified by a letter from the homeless liaison in the district that the student is currently enrolled in at the time of the application or the last district enrolled in and graduated from.
- Applicants must be identified as homeless during their enrollment in secondary school (high school) or within four years following completion of high school or



GED, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, and have verification from homeless education liaison, school official, outreach worker, shelter provider, religious leader, or other homeless service provider, confirming current or former homeless status.

- *According to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate right-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels/hotels, campgrounds, or temporarily (doubled-up or sharing the housing of others) because they lack permanent housing.*
- Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible.

First Time Post-Secondary Scholarship Requirements

To apply for the *First Time Post-Secondary Scholarship*, students are required to submit the following on the [CVENT platform](https://tinyurl.com/NAEHCYScholarship) (<https://tinyurl.com/NAEHCYScholarship>):

1. Completed online application on [CVENT](#).
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, including 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. Letter verifying homeless status from the homeless liaison in the district that the student is currently enrolled in at the time of the application.



6. 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.

NOTE: *If selected for a scholarship award, you will be required to provide proof of post-secondary school or program enrollment prior to release of scholarship funds.*

How to Submit First Time Post-Secondary Application

- Create an account on the [CVENT platform](https://tinyurl.com/NAEHCYScholarship). (<https://tinyurl.com/NAEHCYScholarship>)
- Follow prompts in CVENT, using the **First Time Post-Secondary Scholarship Requirements** as a guide.
- Incomplete applications will not be scored or considered for a scholarship award.

Back to School Support Scholarship

Back to School Support Scholarship, a scholarship value of \$500, is awarded to three to four students who are prior NAEHCY scholars.

Eligibility

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

- Applicants must be a previous recipient of a NAEHCY scholarship.
- Applicants must be under the age of 23, as of September 1, 2023.
- Applicants are actively pursuing post-secondary education or trade schools.
- Applicants must be identified as homeless under McKinney-Vento and verified by a letter from the homeless liaison in the district that the student is currently enrolled in at the time of the application or the last district enrolled in and graduated from.
- Applicants must have been identified as homeless during their enrollment in secondary school (high school) or within six years following completion of high school or GED, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, and have verification from homeless education liaison, school official, outreach



worker, shelter provider, religious leader, or other homeless service provider, confirming current or former homeless status.

- *According to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate right-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels/hotels, campgrounds, or temporarily (doubled-up or sharing the housing of others) because they lack permanent housing.*
- Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible.

Back to School Support Scholarship Requirements

To apply for the *Back to School Support Scholarship*, applicants are required to submit the following on the [CVENT platform](https://tinyurl.com/Back2SchoolApp) (<https://tinyurl.com/Back2SchoolApp>):

1. A recent college transcript.
2. Resume.
3. At least one, but no more than three, letter(s) of recommendation from a college professor.
4. One page letter statement of need.

NOTE: *The following are accepted file formats: Word, PDF, JPG, PNG.*

How to Submit Back to School Support Application

- Create an account on the [CVENT platform](https://tinyurl.com/Back2SchoolApp). (<https://tinyurl.com/Back2SchoolApp>)
- Follow prompts in the system, using the ***Back to School Support Scholarship Requirements*** as a guide.
- Incomplete applications will not be scored or considered for a scholarship award.



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Questions

- If you have any questions, please contact scholarship@naehcy.org.
- Please get in touch with scholarship@naehcy.org if you need assistance or accommodation in completing an application, or if you need a Spanish application.