



# NH Coalition to End Homelessness

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## HOPE STARTS HERE SCHOLARSHIP

### Eligibility

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

1. Applicant must be under the age of 21 prior to the application due date;
2. Applicant must be residing in New Hampshire at the time of applying for the scholarship;
3. Applicant must be actively pursuing post-secondary education;
4. Applicant must have experienced homelessness at some point during their school career. Parameters on homeless status are defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

According to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels/hotels, campgrounds or places not meant for human habitation. The definition includes children and youth who are living with friends or relatives temporarily (doubled-up or sharing the housing of others) because they lack permanent housing.

### How to Apply

**Applicants will be evaluated on each component of their submission. All applicants are to submit the following:**

1. Complete application form (application forms are available online at [www.nhceh.org/scholarship](http://www.nhceh.org/scholarship)).
2. A personal essay (500-1,000 words, double spaced) that address the following questions:
  - How did homelessness impact your educational aspirations? How did you maintain your commitment to education while homeless?
  - How many times have you been homeless and for how long?
  - 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?
  - What are your long-term professional goals and career interests?
3. An official school transcript, include class ranking if available. If there are any barriers to obtaining an official school transcript, please contact us at [scholarship@nhceh.org](mailto:scholarship@nhceh.org)
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. 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.

### Dates and Deadlines

**Application deadline:** June 1st, 2020  
**Notification of Award(s):** August 2020  
**Announcement of Award(s):** September 2020

Submit completed applications to the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness either by email at [scholarship@nhceh.org](mailto:scholarship@nhceh.org) or by mail at:

New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness  
Attn: Hope Starts Here Scholarship  
122 Market Street  
Manchester, NH 03101



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## 2020 HOPE STARTS HERE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Student Information

First Name Last Name Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Mailing Address

Street

APT #

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number:

Email

Please provide the name of a contact person who can be reached should we not be able to get in touch with you.

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Email

### School Information

Have you already applied to college or institute for post-secondary education? Yes No

If yes, which college/institute are you planning on attending?

*(Undecided? Please list up to 3 college/institution choices)*

What is your anticipated major?

Est. annual tuition (total) \$

Est. annual grants and scholarships \$

Est. annual loans \$

Est. remaining annual expense not covered by other sources \$

What other scholarships are you applying for?

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Flyer/Poster

Email

Website

FIT-NH Employee

Mail/Letter

Friend/Family

Online Search

Other *(please specify)*

### Signature of Applicant

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Did you know... You can find other information about local and state scholarships by contacting your school counselor, academic advisor or by visiting [nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-scholarship](http://nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-scholarship).