

Hope Starts Here Scholarships

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).
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 efforts in education while experiencing 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 info@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.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1, 2023

Complete this application and email it to info@nhceh.org or mail it to

NH Coalition to End Homelessness

ATTN: Hope Starts Here Scholarship

122 Market Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Notification of Award(s) will be sent by July 2023

2023 Hope Starts Here Scholarship Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

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

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please provide the name of a contact person who can be reached in the event we are unable to reach you.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Relation to you: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

If yes, which college/institution are you planning to attend? (If you are undecided, please list up to 3 college/institution choices)

What is your anticipated major? _____

Estimated annual tuition (total): _____

Confirmed grants & scholarships: _____

Estimated remaining balances: Loans - _____

Other - _____

Additional educational expenses (books, software, etc): _____

What other scholarships have you applied for or anticipate applying for? _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? Email Families in Transition Employee Family/Friend Flyer/Poster

Mail/Letter Online Search Website Other: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____