



NAFEPA Scholarship Program, 2024

Purpose

The purpose of the NAFEPA scholarship program is to promote student access to a variety of post-secondary educational opportunities and mitigate factors that might inhibit students from pursuing their career and life goals. There are four scholarships, each worth a total of \$5000, distributed over two consecutive years (\$2500 each year). The scholarships are in honor of four NAFEPA members who provided our Association with valuable leadership, having given time and talents to move our Association forward as a professional organization. Two scholarships are awarded to candidates pursuing a degree, license, or certification in the field of education. The remaining two scholarships are awarded to candidates in any field of study.

Student Eligibility

The NAFEPA Scholarship Program is open to candidates meeting all the following eligibility criteria:

- High school senior on track to graduate by the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year;
- Enrolled in a public school district or charter school (public school academy) with at least one current NAFEPA member*; AND
- Pursuing a degree, license, certification, or other professional or vocational endorsement at a post-secondary institution beginning in 2024-25 and continuing in 2025-26.
- Year two recipients must be in academic good standing. Specific eligibility criteria for Year two will be shared with recipients when they are notified of their awards.

*Contact the State NAFEPA Representative, found at <https://nafepa.org/Board-of-Directors>, for the State's NAFEPA membership directory.

State Nominations to NAFEPA

Candidates are nominated by the NAFEPA state affiliate organization or representative. Each state selects one candidate to nominate for the national NAFEPA Scholarship Program. States with more than 100 NAFEPA members may nominate a total of two candidates.

Scoring

Components	Points
1. A personal essay (up to 2 pages, double spaced) that reflects proper conventions of writing and fully addresses the required discussion points listed in the Application Checklist.	50 points
2. Unweighted* GPA, based on the applicant's Spring 2023 High School transcript. *To be determined by the Scholarship Committee, if not provided in the transcript.	20 points
3. School, community, service, leadership and/or work activities and experiences in which the applicant participated during grades 9-12, including leadership positions held.	15 points
4. 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.	9 points
5. The application, taken as a whole, tells a compelling story that aligns to the purpose of the scholarship program.	6 points

Scholarship Payments

All scholarship payments are made **directly to the institution of the recipient's choice**. The first payment will be made in the 2024-25 academic year, and the second in 2025-26. To be eligible for the second award, candidates must be in good academic standing. Each scholarship recipient is expected to forward verification of enrollment and a tuition invoice from the institution to the NAFEPA Treasurer. For 2025-26, documentation that the recipient is in good academic standing must also be provided.