



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION  
OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## 2020 Scholarship Application

### Dates and Deadlines

Application Open: April 13, 2020  
 Application Deadline: May 22, 2020 (email and postmarked date)  
 Notification of Award(s): July 2020  
 Announcement of Award(s): August 2020 (NAEH CY website)

### How to Apply

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

1. Completed application form (application forms are available online at [www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org)).
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 official school transcript, include class ranking if available. If there are any barriers to obtaining an official school transcript, please contact us at [scholarship@naehcy.org](mailto:scholarship@naehcy.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.

\*letters may be included in application packet or mailed/emailed separately to [scholarship@naehcy.org](mailto:scholarship@naehcy.org)

**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.**

Submit completed scholarship applications to NAEHCY by Friday, May 22, 2020, either by email at [scholarship@naehcy.org](mailto:scholarship@naehcy.org) or by mail at:

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth  
 Attn: NAEHCY Scholarship Fund  
 PO Box 26274  
 Minneapolis, MN 55426

### Eligibility

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

- Applicant must be under the age of 21 prior to the application due date;
- Applicant must be actively pursuing post-secondary education;
- Applicant must be homeless or have been homeless at any time during their school attendance. Parameters on homeless status are defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act (see below).

*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*



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## 2020 Application Form –

Contact Information			
Last Name	First Name	DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)	Gender
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Email*	
High School or Recently Attended School			
High School Name		School Counselor or Trusted Teacher	
School Address			
Contact Person			
A contact person is someone who is in regular communication with the applicant and is able to reach him or her; for example: an employee at the most recent school attended, such as a counselor, teacher, social worker, coach, or an employee of a community agency, such as a counselor, case manager, or shelter director.			
Name		Title	
Contact Number		Email	
Postsecondary Education			
SAT/ACT Score (most recent)			
Anticipated Field(s) of Study			
Anticipated Colleges/ Universities (so state if you have been accepted)			
Anticipated Financial Aid (loans, scholarships, grants, money from family, etc.)			
Anticipated Support (family, friends, counselor, mentor, pastor, etc.)			
NAEHCY			
How did you hear about this scholarship?			
If awarded, are you interested in attending an award ceremony?			
If awarded, would you be interested in participating in a forum to tell educators and policy professional what worked well with your education and what could be improved?			
If awarded, you would be interested in joining the NAEHCY alumni network and potentially mentoring other future scholars?			
Signature			Date

\* Please provide an email address; we would like to send you confirmation that your application was received and being considered for an award. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship award.