

## National Insulator Association, Inc.

### Scholarship Application Guidelines and Instructions

#### **Purpose:**

In order to encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors, the National Insulator Association, Inc. (NIA) has established the NIA Scholarship Fund.

#### **Award:**

The minimum amount awarded each year for the academic scholarship is \$1000.00. This may be increased at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

The minimum amount awarded each year for the vocational scholarship is \$500.00. This may be increased at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Scholarships are not renewable. No single scholarship award shall exceed \$2000.00.

#### **Additional instructions:**

Applicants must be related to a National Insulator Association (NIA) member **or** be an insulator collector **or** have a personal knowledge of the insulator collecting hobby.

**Applicants must have a written recommendation from a member of the NIA. This recommendation should be sent directly from the NIA member to the scholarship committee chair.**

Applicant is not required to be a member of the NIA.

Submit essay and scholarship application as one pdf to [scholarship@nia.org](mailto:scholarship@nia.org)

#### **Essay requirements:**

Applicants are to submit an essay of 300-500 words describing their experiences with collecting insulators and the fellowship of collectors. Applicants may also include how they would benefit from receiving this scholarship.

#### **General Information:**

Once a scholarship recipient has been determined, that person will be required to submit a professional quality photograph. Proof of enrollment at an eligible educational institution will be required from all recipients before scholarship can be awarded.

All applications for Academic and Vocational Scholarships are due by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The NIA reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete as of the deadline date. An application received after the deadline date is void. Please contact the NIA Scholarship Committee Chairperson at [scholarship@nia.org](mailto:scholarship@nia.org) if you have any questions.

Note: The scholarship check will be made payable to the recipient and the educational institution.

Disclaimer: Financial Aid recipients please note: awards and scholarships are considered a “resource” and must be included in a student’s financial aid budget. If you are awarded a scholarship that exceeds your unmet needs, a reduction or payment of financial aid may occur.

The Scholarship Application is available online at:  
[National Insulator Association, Inc \(nia.org\)](http://NationalInsulatorAssociation.com)

**Qualifications for an Academic Scholarship:**

Applicants must complete all elements of the scholarship application.

The student’s undergraduate study may be in any academic area.

Applicants must be enrolled full time and be a candidate for a bachelor's or an associate's degree at an eligible accredited educational institution, and the scholarship must be used to pay qualified education expenses.

You are a candidate for a degree if you attend a junior college or online program through an accredited institution, are pursuing a degree at a college or university, or you attend an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide a program that is acceptable for full credit toward a degree.

**Qualifications for a Vocational Scholarship:**

Applicants must complete all applicable elements of the Scholarship Application.

Eligible candidates must be enrolled full time in a course of instruction in any vocational field of study.

Applicants must be a candidate for a degree at an eligible educational institution, and the scholarship must be used to pay qualified education expenses.

You are a candidate for a degree if you attend an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide a program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

**All Applicants:**

An eligible educational institution is one that maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.

Qualified education expenses are for tuition and fees required to enroll at or attend an eligible educational institution. They also include course related expenses, such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment that are required of all students in your course of instruction.

**All applications must be completed and received by the NIA Scholarship Committee no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications received that are incomplete or fail to comply with the application instructions will not be considered.**

Applicants will NOT be notified of incomplete applications. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Winners will be notified by June 1.

**National Insulator Association Scholarship Application**  
**DEADLINE: March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Indicate the type of scholarship for which you are applying:

Vocational \_\_\_\_\_ Academic \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our scholarship?

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Brochure/show \_\_\_\_\_ Drip Points/All Insulators \_\_\_\_\_ Online scholarship search  
\_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Designation you will be in the fall: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Intended major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended career/occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you will pursue: (circle one) Associate's Bachelor's Technical/Vocational

**Note: Proof of enrollment will be required from all recipients before scholarship can be awarded.**

**Note: Attach a copy of your essay as specified in the scholarship guidelines.**

Application Certification:

I (we) affirm the information reported is true, correct, and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge.

I (we) agree that to verify the information reported on this form, I (we) will, on request, provide documentation necessary to verify information reported. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

I (we) also give permission to release applicant's name and photograph to the sponsors, newspapers, trade publications and other media sources should he/she be awarded a scholarship.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicant is under 18)

Name of and Relationship to NIA member and name (optional)

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