

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:

- An Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. The Academic Scholarship is renewable for one additional academic year based on the student's maintaining a "B" (3.0) average, or better, as documented through transcripts. **The student must reapply.**
- A Vocational Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. The scholarship is **not** renewable.

Qualifications for an Academic Scholarship:

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

Applicants must be in their senior year of high school or have graduated from high school.

Applicants must have applied for admission to, or be enrolled in, an eligible educational institution^[a].

Applicants must complete all elements of the Scholarship Application.

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

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

- You are a candidate for a degree if you attend a secondary school or 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 bachelor's or higher degree.

Applications for academic scholarships must be completed and received by the NIA Scholarship Committee no later than February 1st to be considered for the following academic year. Applications received that are incomplete or fail to comply with the application instructions will not be considered. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Qualifications for a Vocational Scholarship:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

Applicants must have graduated from high school.

Applicants must complete all applicable elements of the Scholarship Application.

Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a career related to the generation, distribution or application of electrical energy.

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

- 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.

Applications for vocational scholarships must be completed and received by the NIA Scholarship Committee no later than February 1st to be considered. Applications received that are incomplete or fail to comply with the application instructions will not be considered. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.

^[a] *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.*

^[b] *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.*

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Application Instructions

Instructions:

Complete the Scholarship Application. You must identify the specific Scholarship for which you are applying. Include all the required attachments.

The completed application form must be typed. Handwritten documents will not be accepted.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Essay:

Write an ESSAY about why you deserve to receive an Award and/or Scholarship. Indicate your objectives. You may want to include information about your educational, career, and personal goals. Demonstrate your talent by writing about any special interests or special circumstances that you may wish the selection committee to consider. If you are applying for a Scholarship that requires a demonstrated financial need, employment, family responsibilities, evidence of leadership, community service or other requirements, please address that specifically in your essay.

Essay Format:

Use 8 ½" x 11" white paper; type or use a computer. Limit the essay to one or two pages (**Text not to exceed 250 words**). Use your NAME and ESSAY as the title. **Triple-space** after the title and **Double-space** the body of your essay and use 1" margins all around. (No extra documents such as pictures, resume, etc. are allowed.)

Support Material:

Be sure to include at least one (1) completed application for admission to an eligible educational institution. Be sure to include at least two (2), but no more than three (3), current (less than 6 months old) letters of recommendation from teacher, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with your skills and abilities. Applicants must receive all requested recommendations in a **sealed** envelope with the recommender's signature across the envelope flap.

All applications for Vocational Scholarships are due by February 1st each year.

All applications Academic Scholarships are due by February 1st each year.

Send all material, application form, personal statements, two recommendations, official transcripts, and professional quality photograph in a single sealed package to:

**National Insulator Association
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
8061 S.E. Helen Terrace
Hobe Sound, FL 33455-4026**

No staples, folders or bound copies please. The NIA reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete as of the deadline date. An application postmarked after the deadline date is void. Please contact Kay Bryant at (772) 546-8783 or scholarship@nia.org if you have any questions. For more information visit: www.nia.org/scholarships

Note: Checks will be mailed to the recipient of the award upon the Scholarship Committee's receipt of the recipient's proof of enrollment. The check will be made payable to the educational institution.

Note: Some universities will not release an official transcript to the student. If the university mails your official transcript to us, make sure you give them the correct address and deadline date.

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.

National Insulator Association Scholarship Application

Academic Year _____ - _____
Deadline: February 1 each year

Indicate the type of scholarship you are applying for: _____ Vocational _____ Academic

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Social Security No.: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Sex: M / F

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Last high school: _____ Year of: _____
attended Name City/State graduation

Class Rank (if available): _____ Class Size _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Have you taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)? Yes _____ No _____

Have you taken the American College Assessment Test (ACT)? Yes _____ No _____

If so, give month/year: SAT: _____ ACT: _____

Scores: SAT Verbal _____ Math _____ Total _____

PSAT Verbal _____ Math _____ Total _____

Composite ACT _____

Class year you will enter in college: Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___

College, university or vocational school you plan to attend:

First Choice: _____
Name Address City/State/Zip

Cost of tuition for one year: _____ Cost of room and board for one year: _____

Second Choice: _____
Name Address City/State/Zip

Cost of tuition for one year: _____ Cost of room and board for one year: _____

Intended major/minor: _____

Intended career/occupation: _____

Degree you will pursue: AA ___ AS ___ BA ___ BS ___ MA ___ Ph.D. ___ Other _____

Month/Year you will graduate: _____/____ Will you be registered full-time? _____

Where do you plan to live? On campus _____ With parent _____ Other _____

Please list below the source and amount of any grants or scholarships awarded for the coming school year. Please be sure to list any HOPE Scholarship Funds you will receive.

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Extracurricular, Personal and Volunteer Activities (Including Summer)

Please list your principal extracurricular activities in the order of their interest to you. Include specific events and major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc.

Activity	Grade Level	Approx. Time Spent		Positions held, Honors won, or letters earned
	(Circle one)	Hrs/week	Wks/Year	
_____	9 10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
_____	9 10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
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If any unusual family or personal circumstances will affect your ability to pursue your educational goals, please describe them:

Have you served in the United States military? Yes ___ No ___ Honorably discharged? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, indicate branch _____ Years served: _____ to _____

Name two (2) people who will be writing letters of reference on your behalf.

#1 _____ #2 _____

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 they be awarded a scholarship.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Please see the next page for a list of attachments that must be included with this application.

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Please include the following attachments with the application

(No staples, folders or bound copies please)

- If you are applying for financial aid, include a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) information, which you will receive when you complete your Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Note:** The FAFSA is available at libraries, colleges and universities, and online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You should fill out the FAFSA and submit your information after January 1, but before mid-February. You will receive the SAR approximately four weeks after you file your FAFSA. **NOTE: This information will not be required if this is an application for a Vocational Scholarship.**
- Letter describing why applicant is applying for a scholarship and applicant's educational plans as they relate to career goals (please limit to one page).
- Copy of at least one (1) completed application for admission to an eligible educational institution.
- Copy of most recent high school/college transcript, which must indicate one of the following: cumulative grade point average or class rank.
- Copy of SAT and ACT scores, if available.
- Copy of military discharge when applicable.
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- Essay. Text not to exceed 250 words and **must be typed**.
- List of previous work experience including summer jobs, self-employment and employment by others. Indicate name of employer, length of employment and a short explanation what type work you performed.
- Include a recent, professional quality photograph to be used for publicity. (Snapshots, laser prints, photos of painted portraits and candid photos will not be accepted).

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