

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 total amount of scholarships awarded each year by the NIA shall not exceed \$2000.00. 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 .

Qualifications for an Academic Scholarship:

Applicants must complete all elements of the Scholarship Application.

Applicants must be enrolled in an eligible educational institution^[a].

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 **April 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 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 15 days after enrollment at an eligible educational institution** 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 application form must be submitted on line. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Essay:

Applicants are to complete an essay which will show the relationship of the applicant's career and educational goals to the mission statement and goals of the National Insulator Association.

The NIA Mission Statement:

- The National Insulator Association, Inc. will perpetuate tie insulator collecting hobby.

The goals of the NIA:

- Encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors.
- Protect the interests of the insulator collectors and dealers.
- Establish standards and ethics that govern fair dealing between collectors and dealers.

Explain 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.

Essay Format:

The essay must be submitted via digital media. **Limit the essay to a maximum of 300 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.)

Judging Criteria:

The winning entry will be determined solely on the following criteria. Each essay may receive a maximum of 200 points. Points are distributed as follows (the number in parentheses is the maximum number of points awarded for that category):

FORM (30 points)

This is the structural part of the essay--the "bones" upon which the rest hangs. Though it is essential to support the essay, form is only worth 30 **points** as good form is expected.

GRAMMAR (10 points)

(Spelling, punctuation, etc.) Applicants are urged to proofread their essays and to ask for additional proofreading assistance. There is no reason for mistakes.

ORGANIZATION (10 points)

Organization of an essay means the pattern of ideas expressed by the applicant, most usually top to bottom in an essay of limited length. A disorganized essay should earn no points.

CRAFTSMANSHIP (10 points)

(Use of proper words, sentence structure, paragraphing, etc.) This includes reasonable paragraphing and creative word use of any sort.

CONTENT (40 points)

This is the essential part of the essay. It must include the main and supporting ideas of the writer on the theme of the essay. This part is worth **40 points** because the two components cover the substance of the essay. The essay writer must have demonstrated preparation toward the goal stated.

MAIN IDEA(S) (25 points)

It is essential that the theme of the essay is clearly addressed.

SUPPORTING IDEAS (25 points)

The main ideas presented must be thoroughly discussed. The applicant can cite examples, observations, studies, experience, and activities in support of the main ideas of the essay.

IMPRESSION (30 points)

This part is for the judge's reaction. It is worth **30 points** and gives latitude to the variety of opinions held by the judges.

PROGNOSIS (10 points)

The judges must have the impression that the essay highlights the essence of the theme and captures the essence of the mission statement and goals of the National Insulator Association.

PERSONAL REACTION (10 points)

This is the place for the judge's personal opinion. Also, the pathos/egotism abhorrence reaction can be reflected here. This is the only category in which a judge may show his/her subjective feelings about the essay.

Support Material:

Be sure to include a copy of at least one (1) proof of enrollment at an eligible educational institution.

General Information:

Once a scholarship recipient has been determined that person will be required to submit a professional quality photograph.

All applications for Vocational Scholarships are due no later than 15 days after enrollment at an eligible educational institution. All applications for Academic Scholarships are due by April 1st 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 if you have any questions. For more information visit: www.nia.org/scholarship

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.

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 on line at:

http://www.nia.org/scholarship/Scholarship_Application_Guidelines.pdf