

NAFEPA Scholarship Program

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support post-secondary education for qualifying seniors or high school graduates who are attending their first year of college.

Eligibility

Candidates for the NAFEPA scholarship will be selected by the NAFEPA affiliate state or representative. Each state may select one candidate to represent their state for the national scholarship program. States with 100 or more members are permitted to nominate two candidates.

Selection Process

Scholarship winners will be selected based upon the following areas of equal point value:

- High school or college transcript from fall 2011 (20 points)
- Extracurricular activities/leadership activities within the community or church (20 points)
- Three letters of recommendation, including letters from a principal, faculty member/staff and a non family member (20 points)
- Financial need (20 points)
- A 300 word (maximum) essay outlining his/her leadership activities and future goals (20 points)

The student's application and companion forms must be received by the state's representative on or before the date the state representative indicates.

Note: Members of the scholarship selection committee may interview finalists.

Scholarship Payment

The full amount of each scholarship will be made payable to the institution of choice. It is the responsibility of each scholarship recipient to forward enrollment verification and tuition invoice from the institution to the Scholarship Chairman. Please note that the scholarship is paid directly to the institution.

About The Scholarships

NAFEPA offers three different scholarships: (1) Stanley J. McFarland, (2) John A. Pfaff, and (3) Iva McCants. The NAFEPA Board of Directors established these awards in honor of these individuals to recognize outstanding contributions to the goals of the NAFEPA Organization and the students the organization represents. Each individual has shown and provided exemplary leadership and dedication to NAFEPA.

- Each of the three scholarship awards is \$2,500.

Stanley J. McFarland (deceased) served as the executive director of NAFEPA from 1985 to 2000. Prior to his association with NAFEPA, he was with the National Education Association where he participated in the development of the cabinet position of the Department of Education. Mr. McFarland led NAFEPA towards the establishment of an association designed to assist federal program administrators in their quest to implement federal education programs. His leadership created a strong working relationship with the U.S. Department of Education that continues to this day. Procedures were also developed for local practitioners to communicate with members of Congress as they worked to reauthorize existing laws or establish new federal legislation.

John A. Pfaff has served NAFEPA as secretary, vice president and two terms as president. Under his leadership, NAFEPA underwent a restructuring that enabled the organization to function independently under the direct authority of elected officers. Mr. Pfaff is a retired local practitioner, principal, and coordinator of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the Sheboygan Area School District in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He represented his state for more than 23 years on the NAFEPA Board of Directors. His vision created this scholarship program and organized the first fund-raisers to support scholarships. Mr. Pfaff continues to serve NAFEPA on the Board, and provides assistance to local school districts as they implement federal education programs.

Iva McCants served as the first treasurer of NAFEPA and established the redesigned fiscal procedures as well as the original scholarship fund. She had a career span that included 30 years in the schools of Jackson, Mississippi where she served as a high school and elementary teacher, elementary supervisor, and director of state and federal programs. Ms. McCants became associated with NAFEPA as a member of the Mississippi affiliate (MAFEPD), where she served as president and then represented her state on the NAFEPA Board of Directors. She was appointed by the Board to serve as the NAFEPA treasurer and was elected to that position for two terms. Ms. McCants continues to serve under-privileged children by working with school reform in seven Mississippi Delta districts, where her commitment helps children realize their dreams for the future.

NAFEPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Part I: To be Completed by Scholarship Applicant

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Institutional Preference(s)

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Tuition and Educational Expenses

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

A Completed NAFEPA Scholarship Application Form with all signatures must have the following attachments:

- A one-page personal typed narrative (300 words maximum) from the applicant explaining why he/she is applying for the scholarship; including all awards, interests, leadership activities within the community, and future goals.
- A Fall 2011 High School Transcript; and if applicable, a Fall 2011 College Transcript;
- Three letters of recommendation;
 - One from a principal or administrative designee on school letterhead;
 - One from a faculty member on school letterhead; and
 - One from a non-family member.
- Complete Part II A or B: Demonstration of Financial Need.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part II: Demonstration of Financial Need

High School Seniors who apply for the *NAFEPA Scholarship* must submit Part II A. After completing and signing the top section, the applicant must provide the return date requested at the bottom of the form. The applicant should forward Part II A to the High School Principal.
College Freshmen who apply for the *NAFEPA Scholarship* should submit Part II B of this form to each institution being considered. After completing and signing the top section, the applicant must provide the return date requested at the bottom of the form. The applicant should forward Part II B to the college's Financial Aid Office in conjunction with the applicant's regular submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Part II A: To be Completed ONLY by High School Seniors

Institutional Preference: _____ Have you been accepted? Yes No

I, _____ hereby authorize _____
(Name of Student) (Name of Principal)
to advise the NAFEPA Board as to my demonstrated financial need for the purpose of my application for the *NAFEPA Scholarship Program*.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Student)

To be Completed by High School Principal

I certify that this student is eligible under current USDA guidelines for either **(please check)** **Free** or **Reduced** or **Paid** lunch participation and that this student will meet the established criteria for obtaining a(n) _____ High School Diploma at the conclusion of this current school year. (State)

Principal's Signature Date Name of High School

School Phone Number School's Percentage of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch

Please return this completed form to the applicant on or before: _____
Return Date Supplied By Applicant

Part II B: To be Completed ONLY by College Freshmen

I, _____ hereby authorize _____
(Name of Student) (Name of College)
to advise the NAFEPA Board as to my demonstrated financial need for the purposes of my application for the *NAFEPA Scholarship Program*.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Student)

To be Completed by Financial Aid Office

I have reviewed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the above named student and have verified financial need as listed:

Estimated Cost of Attendance (tuition and books)	\$ _____
Expected Family Contribution	\$ _____
Anticipated Aid from Other Sources	\$ _____
Estimated Need	\$ _____

Comments (list other helpful information): _____

Printed Name of Financial Aid Officer

Signature

Name of College or University

Address

Phone Number of Financial Aid Officer

City, State, Zip

Please return this completed form to the applicant on or before: _____
Return Date Supplied By Applicant