



NH Coalition to End Homelessness

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HOPE STARTS HERE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

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

1. Applicant must be under the age of 21 prior to the application due date;
2. Applicant must be residing in New Hampshire at the time of applying for the scholarship;
3. Applicant must be actively pursuing post-secondary education;
4. Applicant must have experienced homelessness at some point during their school career. Parameters on homeless status are defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

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.

How to Apply

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

1. Complete application form (application forms are available online at www.nhceh.org/scholarship).
2. A personal essay (500-1,000 words, double spaced) that address the following questions:
 - How did homelessness impact your educational aspirations? How did you maintain your commitment to education while homeless?
 - How many times have you been homeless and for how long?
 - 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?
 - 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@nhceh.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.

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.

Dates and Deadlines

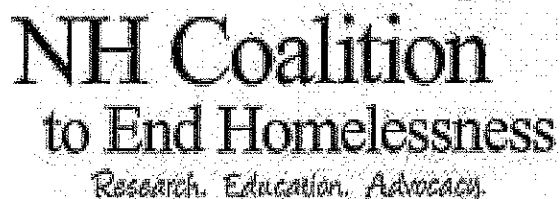
Application deadline: May 1, 2020 (postmarked date)

Notification of Award(s): August 2020

Announcement of Award(s): September 2020

Submit completed applications to the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness either by email at scholarship@nhceh.org or by mail at:

New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness
Attn: Hope Starts Here Scholarship
122 Market Street
Manchester, NH 03101



Student Information

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Zip Code

Email

Email

School Information

☐ Other (please specify) _____

Signature of Applicant

Date:

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