

## NAEHCY Scholarship Fund 2015 Scholarship Application



**Applications Accepted from January 1, 2015 - June 19, 2015**

Children and youth in homeless situations face numerous barriers to educational success. Deep poverty, high mobility, and school requirements often make attending and succeeding in school a challenge. Despite these challenges, many students who experience homelessness not only graduate from high school, but wish to pursue a college education.

**What is the NAEHCY Scholarship Fund?** The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth provides scholarship assistance to students who are homeless or have experienced homelessness through the NAEHCY Scholarship Fund. The Fund was established in 1998 in memory of André E. LeTendre, husband of Mary Jean LeTendre, former Director of Compensatory Education for the U.S. Department of Education. In the spirit of André's desire to help children in homeless situations, the NAEHCY Scholarship supports their efforts to pursue higher education.

**Who selects the recipients?** A national advisory board including local, state, and national educators reviews the applications and makes the selection.

**How many scholarships are awarded?** There will be a minimum of two \$2,000 scholarships awarded annually. The scholarship is a one-time award. Additional financial support may be available for scholars in subsequent years.

**How may the NAEHCY Scholarship be used?** Upon submission of evidence that a Scholar has enrolled in a post secondary program, the scholarship will be provided and may be used to help defray the costs of college tuition, fees, books, prep courses, or other educational expenses.

**How many scholarships have been awarded in the past?** To date, NAEHCY has awarded scholarships to more than 265 recipients.

**When will the 2015 scholarships be awarded?** The scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth conference Phoenix, Arizona. Scholarship winners receive an all-expenses paid trip to the conference to receive their awards. While attendance at the conference is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged.



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**Who is eligible for the scholarship?** The scholarship funds are available to students who are homeless or who have been homeless during their school attendance, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average achievement.

According to federal law, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation, as well as children and youth who are living temporarily with friends, relatives, or other people because they lack permanent housing.

Students who will not reach their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by September 1, 2015, and who have completed no more than two years of college by September 1, 2015 are eligible to apply. Applicants may be high school seniors, students enrolled in a GED or other alternative education program, or recent graduates/GED recipients. If you are in high school and not yet enrolled in a post secondary program, the committee will hold your scholarship for you pending your enrollment.

Additional application forms may be downloaded from the NAEHCY web site at <http://www.naehcy.org/letendre-scholarship-fund/scholarship-application>

To receive applications via email please contact Patricia Popp, NAEHCY Scholarship Committee, at: [pxpopp@wm.edu](mailto:pxpopp@wm.edu).

**How do students apply?** Applicants must submit:

- 1) A completed application form;
- 2) An essay about the impact of homelessness on the their lives and their desire to attend college (500-1,000 words; **please see essay evaluation criteria listed below**);
- 3) An official or unofficial school transcript, include class ranking if available; and
- 4) A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications and experiences.

This packet must be emailed to [pxpopp@wm.edu](mailto:pxpopp@wm.edu) or mailed to:

Patricia A. Popp, Ph.D.  
NAEHCY Scholarship Fund  
8250 Skirmish Lane  
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111

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**What are the criteria for reviewing the applications?** Students' applications will be evaluated on:

- 1) Demonstrated commitment to education during the experience of homelessness;
- 2) Academic achievement and accomplishments;
- 3) Potential impact of the scholarship for the student's educational career;
- 4) Discussion of how the scholarship money would be used;
- 5) Statement of goals and career interests; and
- 6) Grammar and use of language.

Applicants should write essays with these criteria in mind. The essay is the most important component of the application; letters of recommendation are also very important.

**When is the deadline for the 2015 applications?** Submissions will be received by email or mail from January 1, 2015 – June 19, 2015. Applications must be received by **5:00 pm EST on Friday, June 19, 2015.**

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### **QUESTIONS?**

The NAEHCY Scholarship Fund is dependent on donations for its existence. For more information about the Fund, please contact the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth:

NAEHCY Scholarship Fund Chair: Barb Dexter

phone: 907.742.3834

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Date application submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent school(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name, title, and organization of a contact person** (A contact person is someone who is in regular communication with the applicant and is able to reach him or her; for example: an employee at the most recent school attended, such as a counselor, teacher, social worker, coach, or an employee of a community agency, such as a counselor, case manager, or shelter director.):

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Phone number of contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of contact person, if available: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already applied to college? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

If yes, which college(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Materials may be mailed to:

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For Office Use Only: Application complete: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT: \_\_\_\_\_

Transcript: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Assess: \_\_\_\_\_