**NAFEPA Scholarship Program - Michigan**

**2020**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support post-secondary education for qualifying high school seniors attending their first year of college. There are four scholarships, each worth $2,500, and they are non-renewable. Two scholarships are for students pursuing degrees in Education. The other two scholarships may be awarded to applicants pursuing degrees in Education or any other field.

**Eligibility**

High school students who are on track to graduate in the spring of 2020 are eligible to apply for the NAFEPA scholarship. Candidates will be nominated by the NAFEPA affiliate state organization or representative. Each state may select one candidate to nominate for the national scholarship program. States with more than 100 members may nominate two candidates.

**Selection Process**

Scholarship winners will be selected based upon the following criteria:

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| **Criteria** | **Point Value** |
| 1. A personal essay of 350 - 500 words that reflects proper conventions of writing and fully addresses the required discussion points (See Application Checklist for discussion points.) | 50 points |
| 1. GPA, based on the applicant’s Spring 2019 High School transcript. | 20 points |
| 1. School, community, service, leadership and/or work activities and experiences in which the applicant participated during grades 9-12, including leadership positions held. | 15 points |
| 1. Three letters of recommendation including a letter from the student’s high school principal or administrative designee, a faculty member/advisor, and a non-family member. | 15 points |

**Scholarship Payment**

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

**Application Process**

1. **Applicant:** 
   * Complete the application and attach all required information.
   * Submit **one (1) original and one (1) copy** of the completed packet to the State’s NAFEPA Representative by ***January 6, 2020,*** to the address noted below:

*Jan Callis, Scholarship Committee Chairperson*

*Michigan Association of State & Federal Program Specialists*

*P.O. Box 163*

*Tipton, MI 49287*

State Rep’s contact information: [***janet.callis@oakland.k12.mi.us***](mailto:janet.callis@oakland.k12.mi.us)or ***248-209-2596.***

1. **State NAFEPA Representative:** Forward the state’s selected nominee(s) to the NAFEPA Scholarship Committee by February 1, 2020. Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2020.
2. **Questions?** Contact the State NAFEPA Representative or Ann West at 205-921-3191 or by email at awest@mcbe.net.

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**Application Checklist**

A **completed** NAFEPA Scholarship Application form with **ALL signatures** must include the following documents. Place a checkmark or “X” to indicate each document is attached.

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|  | **Application Document**, including a list of School, Community, Service, Leadership and Work |
|  | Activities/Experiences **(Parts 1-3)** |
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|  | **Certification of Applicant’s HS Completion Status (Part 4)** |
|  | (Applicant –Please include the date you would like the principal to return this form to you.) |
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|  | **Personal Essay** (typed, about 350 - 500 words) in which the applicant: |
|  | 1. Explains the reasons for applying for the scholarship; 2. Describes a personal experience with adversity & the impact on self; 3. Describes an experience when applicant demonstrated leadership skills or qualities and the impact on self or others; 4. Describes an experience when the applicant demonstrated personal responsibility and the impact on self or others; and 5. Discusses future goals and why they are important. |
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|  | **Spring 2019 High School transcript** |
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|  | **Three letters of recommendation:** |
|  | 1. One from the applicant’s high school principal or administrative designee (on letterhead) 2. One from a faculty member or advisor (on letterhead) 3. One from a non-family member |
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|  | **Application Checklist with Applicant’s Signature (use as cover sheet)** |

**Applicant’s Signature:**

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| Applicant: |  | Date: |  |

**State NAFEPA Representative’s Signature, if applicant is selected as State’s nominee for NAFEPA scholarship:**

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| State NAFEPA Representative: |  | Date: |  |

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**Part 1: State NAFEPA Representative** (completed by the State Representative):

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| Name of Representative: |  | |
| State Organization, if applicable: | |  |

**Part 2: Applicant’s Information** (To be completed by the applicant.)

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| Last Name: |  | | | First Name: |  | | | MI: |  |
| Street Address: | | |  | | | | | | |
| City, State, Zip: | | |  | | | | | | |
| Email: | |  | | | | Phone: |  | | |
| High School: | |  | | | | District: |  | | |

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| I plan to pursue a degree in: |  |

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| **Institutional Preferences** | | **Estimated Tuition and**  **Educational Expenses** | **Date Accepted**  (if applicable) |
| 1st Choice |  |  |  |
| 2nd Choice |  |  |  |
| 3rd Choice |  |  |  |

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| **Part 3: School, Community, Service, Leadership, and Work Activities/Experiences**  Please list activities in which you have actively participated during high school (grades 9-12), either at school or outside of school. Include any leadership positions or roles you might have held with school or community groups or organizations. (Include as an attachment, if preferred.) |
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**Part 4: Certification of Applicant’s High School Completion Status**

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| Applicant’s Name: |  | Student ID Number: |  |

**To be completed by the High School Principal:**

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|  | I certify that this student is currently on track to meet the established criteria for obtaining a |
|  | high school diploma at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. |

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| **Principal’s Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Principal’s Name (Print):** |  |  |  |
| **Name of High School:** |  | **State:** |  |
| **School Phone Number:** |  |  |  |

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**Please return this completed form to the applicant by:**

(Applicant must include a Return Date.)