



GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

It is the goal of the North Suburban Youth Foundation to provide educational grants to worthy individuals who show promise of enriching themselves and benefiting others as a result of their educational experiences and to assist them in achieving their personal, professional, and educational goals.

This application will help us evaluate your special circumstances and determine your eligibility for the grant. Please keep this in mind as you complete the attached application.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. However, awards are determined each June-July for the coming school year, so it is highly recommended that your application be submitted to the North Suburban Youth Foundation no later than June 1.

Amount of scholarship: Typically \$1,000 - \$2,000

Type of scholarship: Community Service Scholarship (no more than one each year)
Educational Grant Scholarship (determined annually)

Requirements of applicant:

1. Must be enrolled in or be a graduate of a high school in Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Mundelein, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie, Vernon Hills, Wilmette or Winnetka.
2. Must plan to attend or be attending an undergraduate program or a two-year vocational school on a full-time basis.
3. Must be no more than 22 years of age in the year in which you apply.
4. Must be able to demonstrate financial need.*
5. Cannot have received more than two educational grants from the North Suburban Youth Foundation.
6. Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale).
7. May not be related to a current member of the North Suburban Youth Foundation.
*Does not apply to Community Service Scholarship

How to apply:

1. Complete the North Suburban Youth Foundation Educational Grant Application.

2. Complete the American College Testing Company’s “Financial Aid Need Estimator for Dependent or Independent Students,” which is available at the ACT website (www.act.org/fane/depend.html) or provide a current copy of your FAFSA application.
3. Provide proof of your residency such as a copy of your school ID, report card or driver’s license.
4. Copy of your high school/college transcript.

Deadline: June 1

Award notification: Applications are generally reviewed each June-July. Scholarship recipients will be notified promptly. Funds will be distributed directly to the college or university that the student will be attending.

NOTE: Unsuccessful applicants for the North Suburban Youth Foundation’s Community Service Scholarship will be considered for an Optimist Educational Grant Scholarship.

Questions may be directed to the Scholarships and Grants Committee Chair, Suzan George, at 773/598-4252 or by email at sgeorge@corbymortgage.com. She also can be reached via postal mail at the address in #5 above,

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Read all of the instructions and questions completely before starting to fill out the application.
2. Fill in all the blanks. If a particular question is not applicable to your situation, insert “N/A”. Failure to fill in all the blanks, or a material misstatement, may result in the application being automatically rejected.
3. If you need extra space to explain your special circumstances or to elaborate on any of the questions, please attach an additional sheet to the application. Make sure to put your name on any extra sheets.
4. Make sure that your answers to the questions describe your particular circumstances completely and accurately.
5. Remember that the Educational Grant Review Committee has only this application on which to base it’s decision. If there are special circumstances that you feel should be brought to our attention, please include these facts and circumstances on a separate sheet of paper in a clear, complete and concise manner.
6. For the Community Service Scholarship, please provide a complete list of your community service activities (including hours devoted to each) and the name and contact information of the individual who heads each organization.
7. Additional information, including copies of tax returns, may be requested for final determination.

We appreciate your interest in our North Suburban Scholars Program and thank you for your application.

Hours worked per week: _____

Salary: \$_____/hr or \$_____/month

Type of work: _____

10. Are there any factors that would prevent your employment at the present time? _____

Community Service

11. On a separate sheet, please provide a complete list of your community service activities during the last four years – what you did, where you did it and number of hours devoted to each project. Also list the name and contact information of the individual who supervised your work.

12. List your other activities and memberships in school, civic, religious or other organizations (maximum 4 years):

Education

13. High school from which you graduated or expect to graduate: _____

14. Date of graduation: _____

15. Your high school grade point averages for the following years:

Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Overall ____

16. What college, university, technical school or educational program are you most likely to attend (1st year students only)? _____

17. What college, university, technical school, etc. are you attending or have you attended: _____

18. Your college grade point averages for the following years:

Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Overall ____

Financial Support

While financial need is not a factor in our selection of recipients of the Community Service Scholarship, it is for other educational grants. Unsuccessful applicants for the Community Service Scholarship will be considered for other grants. For that reason, we ask all applicants to complete this section of the application.

19. Go to the ACT “Financial Aid Need Estimator”(www.act.org/fane) and complete the estimator for either dependent or independent students, whichever applies to you. Print off a copy of the results and attach it to this application **or** attach a copy of your FAFSA application.

20. Please provide an estimate of your expenditures for this college or program for one year for the following items (unless your college/school of choice was listed in Step 2 of the ACT “Financial Aid Need Estimator”):

Tuition: _____
Room & board: _____
Books & equipment: _____
Fraternity/sorority/other dues or fees: _____
Clothing: _____
Recreation & incidentals: _____
Transportation: _____
TOTAL: _____

21. Do you have any extraordinary expenses, outside of education, that we should be aware of (medical, etc.)? _____
If yes, please provide an explanation.

22. What percentage of their income do your parent(s)/guardian(s) contribute toward your education? _____ If that contribution is less than 10% of their income, please attach a separate sheet explaining why.

23. Please attach a brief statement telling us about your future plans for yourself and your community.

Release authorization

I certify that I meet the stated eligibility requirements for this program and that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application and I understand that any inaccurate information of significance provided as a part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my intended college/university permission to verify financial need and enrollment records to the North Suburban Youth Foundation to be used for the purpose of scholarship selection. **If selected as an educational grant recipient, I grant permission for my name, information, image or likeness to be used in press releases, websites, publications or other media outlets identifying me as a recipient of a scholarship from the North Suburban Youth Foundation.**

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your completed application, including attachments, to:

The Scholarship and Grants Committee
North Suburban Youth Foundation
P. O. Box 524
Wilmette, IL 60091