

## NAEHCY Scholarship Program

About	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
Eligibility	<p>The scholarship funds are available to students who are homeless or who have been homeless during their K-12 school attendance, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average achievement.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Students less than 21 years of age as of September 1, 2016, and who have completed no more than two years of college by September 1, 2016, 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.</p>
How To Enter	<p>How do students apply?</p> <p>Applicants must submit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A completed application form;</li> <li>2. An essay about the impact of homelessness on their lives and their desire to attend college (up to 1,500 words; <u>please see essay evaluation criteria listed below</u>);</li> <li>3. An official or unofficial school transcript, include class ranking if available; and</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
Award Amount	\$2000
Deadline	<p>June 17, 2016</p> <p><a href="http://www.naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/about-the-fund">http://www.naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/about-the-fund</a></p>