



NICOLET COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Please carefully read and complete all sections.
- You are responsible for obtaining and submitting the documents required. This application, your transcript, Accuplacer or GED/HSED test scores, recommendation forms and essays must be submitted to the Foundation Office or postmarked by 4:00 p.m. on **April 2, 2012**.
- Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Return to: Nicolet College Foundation, UTC Room 103, P.O. Box 518, Rhinelander, WI 54501

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Last Name _____

Mailing address _____
Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing address while attending college _____
(if different) Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email address _____

Nicolet College student identification # _____ (Leave blank if you are a new student and do not have ID #)

High School attended _____ Year of graduation _____ or GED/HSED _____

Nicolet start date: Fall 2012 _____ or Spring 2012 _____ Date of birth _____

Program _____ Is this a Shared Program? _____

Expected Nicolet completion date _____

Check the appropriate box for each semester to indicate whether you will be enrolled full or part-time.

Fall 2012:

3 - 8 credits
Part-time Scholarships
are \$400

or

9 or more credits
Standard Scholarships
range from \$500-\$3,000

Spring 2013:

3 - 8 credits
Part-time Scholarships
are \$400

or

9 or more credits
Standard Scholarships
range from \$500-\$3,000

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Scholarship(s) Awarded _____ Year of Award _____

Amount Fall 2012 _____

Amount Spring 2013 Semester _____

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Academic Standing Requirement: Applicants must meet specific academic requirements. See Section I for details.
- Students in shared programs must verify their enrollment by providing transcripts from both colleges. You must also provide your grades at the end of the Fall semester. Students in shared programs must be enrolled at Nicolet College for a minimum of three credits in the semester that the award is paid.
- A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA is required for all scholarships and any “Incomplete” grades will disqualify you for any further scholarships.
- No award money is available for the Summer Session.
- All areas of the application must be completed. Applications are evaluated on a point system and applicants with the highest points are awarded larger scholarships. Failure to follow directions exactly will result in lower point totals. If you have questions call 715-365-4518.
- Some scholarships have a financial need component (see scholarship listing). If you wish to be considered for a scholarship based on financial need, please select the appropriate box in Section VI of the application and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Not filling out the financial need portion has no effect on your eligibility for other scholarships.

Required materials from Section I must be attached to this application. The Section II Recommendation Form may be sent separately. Answers to Sections III and IV must be typed and attached to this application. Section V and VI must be filled out on this application. If you have any questions, stop by the Foundation Office, Room 103, University Transfer Center or call 715-365-4518. You will be considered for all scholarships you are eligible for, but if you would like to specify certain scholarships, please list the names here: _____

If you have a family member (including extended family) who has served in the US Armed Services, please write his/her name here, your relationship, and the branch in which he/she served. _____

SECTION I ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIREMENT - 15 points

Check the appropriate box and attach required document(s).

- NEW STUDENT WHO ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL OR ANOTHER COLLEGE WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS**
 - Transcript is required from the last school attended.
 - A minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required.
- NEW STUDENT WHO ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE BEFORE 2008**
 - If cumulative GPA is 2.5 or higher, submit most recent transcript.
 - If cumulative GPA is below 2.5, submit admissions test (i.e. Accuplacer test).
- NEW STUDENT WHO EARNED A GED OR HSED**
 - Students may qualify if the total average score is 500 or above.
 - Submit a copy of your GED or HSED test scores.
- CURRENT STUDENT**
 - Students who received “for credit” grades for at least one semester (this includes Youth Options students) must submit an unofficial, current Nicolet transcript showing a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.

SECTION II RECOMMENDATION - 10 points

One recommendation form is included with this application and must be submitted by the deadline. Follow the directions on the recommendation form. By signing this application, you understand and agree that any recommendation form marked “confidential” will not be shown to you. The recommendation form must be current. Using one obtained previously and copied is not acceptable and your application will be disqualified.

SECTION III GOALS - 15 points

Answer **all** of these questions in detail. The response to this section must be typed and at least 300 words in length, but no more than 400 words in length. Type your name at the top of a separate page, then type each question, followed by each answer.

1. What are your short and long term career goals? What is your plan of action to achieve these goals? What role will your educational experience at Nicolet College play in reaching these goals?
2. What factors influenced your decision to attend Nicolet College and select your chosen field of study?
3. What do you hope your career will be in five years? What will your job title and responsibilities be?

SECTION IV PERSONAL STATEMENT - 15 points

Answer **one** of the following questions. The response to this section must be typed and at least 300 words in length, but not more than 400 words in length. Type your name at the top of the page and your selected question, then type your essay.

1. Discuss any circumstances, experiences, plans or personal thoughts you would like the Scholarship Selection Committee to consider when evaluating your application.
2. If you had \$10,000 to give away to one or more charities, to which organization(s) would you award the funds? Why would you choose that organization and what would you expect to be accomplished with your gift?
3. When looking into the future, how do you want people to remember you? What accomplishments do you want to achieve to make yourself known?

SECTION V COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK - 10 points

Please fill out this chart in detail - do not attach a separate sheet

Service Clubs/Organizations - volunteer work (do not use abbreviations; for example - SNAEYC or FBLA)

This section is for community service/volunteer activities that occur weekly or monthly throughout the year. Indicate what your involvement is, any offices held, and how much time is spent (please be specific and do not write "as needed," etc.).

Service Club/Organization	What do you do? Be specific.	Office held	Hours per month

This section is for service/activities that occur less frequently (examples: coach fall soccer, serve food at annual event)

Service Club/Organization	What do you do? Be specific.	Hours per Year	Years involved

Employment History

List current and past job(s) held. Do not write "as needed" etc. for hours worked. Only the last three jobs need to be included. Do not include additional sheets.

Employer/ Business name	Dates of employment	Position held / employment duties	Hours worked per week

Please check the boxes to ensure that you have completed the requirements.

- I meet the academic requirements and have included my most recent transcript, Accuplacer, or GED / HSED test scores.
- I have included the recommendation form or will check with the Foundation Office to ensure it has arrived.
- I have included two typed essays of at least 300 words each.
- I have signed and dated my application.

All applicants will be notified by email whether they have received a scholarship by mid-June 2012.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

All of the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that if I receive a scholarship, I am required to write a thank you letter to the donor, send a copy to the Foundation, and sign a Scholarship Agreement form within one month of receiving my award letter. If these requirements are not met, the scholarship will not be awarded. I understand the Foundation staff writes a letter to the scholarship donor disclosing my name, community I live in, and my area of study. This letter may also include references to my goals, volunteer and work experience, and quotes from my application and/or recommendation forms. I understand that I can request to read what is written about me.

I understand that this application, the recommendation form, the transcript, and answers to the essay questions become the property of Nicolet College Foundation. I am responsible to make my own copies. My signature below means I understand that if my cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5 and/or if my credit load changes, I may lose part or all of my scholarship.

Signature _____

Date _____

SECTION VI FINANCIAL NEED - 10 points

A number of the standard scholarships consider financial need as one of the selection criteria. If you wish to be considered for one of these scholarships, you must submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online by 4/17/12. The application can be found at <http://www.fafsa.gov/>. Not providing financial information will not affect your consideration for other scholarships.

I want to be considered for scholarships with Financial Need as a requirement.

I do not want to be considered for scholarships with Financial Need as a requirement.

Signature _____

Date _____



NICOLET COLLEGE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: Fill in your name and ask an instructor, counselor, employer, co-worker, clergy or other reference (non-relative) to complete a form. Your scholarship application will not be considered unless a recommendation form is received. It is recommended that you provide your reference with an envelope to return the completed form to you. Please allow your reference adequate time to complete the form. It is your responsibility to make sure your reference completes the form in time. If a chosen reference does not complete the form in a timely manner, get another form and give it to someone else. If a reference gives you a form in a sealed envelope, marked “confidential,” you are not to open it. Some references will return the form to you; some prefer to send it in themselves. Be sure to check with them about what they plan to do.

Reference: Complete this form and, if possible, return it directly to the student. It is easier on the student to be able to turn their application and recommendation in together by the deadline of April 2, 2012. Recommendations are extremely important when awarding scholarships. The absence of the form will constitute an incomplete application and disqualify the candidate. Feel free to add any additional comments under each category if you wish. All information will be held in confidence if the recommendation is submitted in a sealed envelope and the “confidential” box is checked.

Applicant Name (please print) _____ **Program** _____

Please check the appropriate box	Outstanding 5	Very Good 4	Good 3	Average 2	Poor 1	Unknown 0
Academic Progress or Personal Activities (grades and/or quality of work)						
Comments						
Attendance/Reliability (class attendance and/or dependability)						
Comments						
Attitude/Cooperation (relationship with others)						
Comments						
Communication Skills (ability to express ideas)						
Comments						

Please check the appropriate box	Outstanding 5	Very Good 4	Good 3	Average 2	Poor 1	Unknown 0
Leadership and/or Critical Thinking Skills (ability to lead and influence and/or judgment/evaluation)						
Comments						
Motivation (initiative, resourcefulness, self-starter)						
Comments						
Potential for Success (ability to set and achieve goals)						
Comments						
Work Habits/Organizational Skills (ability to plan, manage, and execute)						
Comments						
Teamwork (respect diversity, opinions of others)						
Comments						

_____ **Total Points** (for office use)

Reference Name _____

Title/Relationship _____

Reference Signature _____

Date _____

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