



I. Scholarship Background

NYA's scholarship program began in 1984 when \$500 scholarships were presented to four NYA program participants at the first annual NYA Scholarship and Community Services Awards Dinner. Every year since then, NYA has provided college scholarships to a growing number of NYA Alumni, presenting scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$6000 to graduating seniors and continuing college students to cover education expenses while attending a four year university, a community college, or a trade/vocational school.

NYA Scholarship Application Information is subject to change any moment. If selected, all correspondence and award agreements will be generated from the personal information submitted. Please use proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

II. Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a past participant of any grade or current Youth Leader of NYA.
2. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
3. Applicant must have a high school diploma/GED by next June.
4. Applicant must be entering or continuing post-secondary education for an undergraduate degree or certification at a vocational/trade school.
5. Applicant has not applied more than 4 times
 - A. Exceptions can be made based on a case by case
 - B. Contact the **Site Director**

III. Applying

1. Complete the online application
 - A. All upload forms/photos **MUST** be in PDF format
 - B. **EARLY SUBMISSION IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE IF THE WEBSITE IS UNRESPONSIVE**
 - C. Only completed applications submitted by the deadline will be considered
2. A letter of recommendation must be submitted by your named recommender (due date on application)
3. Applicant will have to attend an interview in March/April.
 - A. Interviews are conducted via Zoom and in person when possible
 - B. All recipients will be scored on the following areas:
 - 1) **Overall Scholastic Achievement:** Cumulative GPA
 - 2) **Growth and Accomplishments:** Awards received, upward trajectory in school work, projects, work, etc., seeking challenging opportunities, etc., general Academic Profile- APs, challenging courses)
 - 3) **Citizenship and Leadership:** Community service projects/activities; distinction in leadership activities- projects led, organized, assisted; leadership roles)
 - 4) **Educational Plans:** Clarity of goals or path, vision, passion for interests
 - 5) **Written Application:** Essay, letters of support, achievements & extracurricular activities
 - 6) **Ability to articulate:** Tying past experience and achievement to future success; goal-oriented
 - 7) **Composure:** Poise, self-confidence & maturity, perseverance, commitment/reliability
 - 8) **Interview Communication:** Ability to organize & express ideas and thoughts clearly and coherently
 - 9) **Interview Presentation:** Appropriate clothing and grooming, relaxed, pleasant manner, good eye contact
 - 10) **NYA Participation:** How much you volunteered at NYA, participated as youth leader and/or participated in any NYA requested projects
 - 11) **Financial Worksheet:** Total aid divided by total expenses
 - 12) **Financial Responsibility:** Actively pursuing other scholarship/resources; Clear plan for scholarship use & need

4. For assistance in completing the application or questions regarding the application process, please contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarships@nyayouth.org

IV. Scholarship Recipients

1. All recipients are required to attend an orientation with the **Site Director**, in June.
2. Keep award amount confidential and not share with other scholarship recipients
3. All recipients must Volunteer a minimum of ten (10) hours within the twelve (12) month period from July to June.
 - A. Volunteer service hours **MUST** be arranged ahead of time via the **Site Director or Youth Coordinator**
 - 1) Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Mentoring a student
 - b. Tutoring a student
 - c. Teach a class/workshop
(school year and/or summer)
 - d. Classroom Assistance
 - e. NYA Special Projects
 - f. In-house Festivals
 - g. Admin Work
 - h. Chaperone field trips
4. Provide NYA with a current e-mail, mailing address and phone number at all times
 - A. The **Site Director** must be notified of changes in address and/or phone numbers to ensure proper disbursement of funds
5. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
6. Funds must be claimed by June 30th of said year period or forfeit entire claim and rights to said funds
7. Request for funds may begin in January of said year period
8. Award amount is contingent on information provided on current application and fulfillment of guidelines. Change in any way, will change the award amount.
9. Provide Scholarship Check Request form, tuition invoice, and transcripts at the time of request