



Scholarship Fund Program Guidelines, Selection Criteria & Application Process

Guidelines & Selection Criteria

Award – \$5,000 per scholarship; payable directly to the academic institution for the approaching academic year.

Number of scholarships – maximum of two scholarships are available in an academic year.

Eligibility restrictions – recipient must be the son/daughter to an individual who is employed by a dues-paying NIOP member in good standing.

Criteria for scholarship – academic achievement, field of study and essay:

Academic achievement – minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Field of study – applicants must be entering a program in one of the following fields of study at their college or university: bioengineering, agriculture, land management, agri-business, food science, risk management, nutrition or supply chain/transportation.

Essay – All applicants must submit a 500-word essay (typed, double-spaced). Any essay significantly longer than two double-spaced pages will not be accepted. **Essay topic:** *Explain why you want to pursue your chosen degree.*

How to Apply

- The *NIOP Scholarship Application Form* is posted on the website and can be accessed and downloaded here: www.niop.org
- **Complete** applications with all supporting documentation should be submitted via email: niop@kellencompany.com. If email is not an option, please submit by mailing to NIOP Headquarters at 529 14th Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20045. Mailed applications must be submitted with no staples, page protectors, tabs, binders, brochures, books, notebooks, etc. Each page of the application should be an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper (one-sided). Please keep a copy of the complete application for your records.
- Each application packet **must** include the following:
 - Completed application form
 - Copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript
 - 500-word essay (typed, double spaced)
 - Documentation from college, university or trade school program indicating specific field of study

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