



**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation**  
*Education, Employment & Training Program*  
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## **Application Guidelines for Higher Education and Vocational Scholarships**

The **Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's (NSEDCC)** *Employment, Education, and Training (EET) Program* offers scholarships to students enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. These scholarships provide supplemental funds for higher education or vocational training with the understanding that 100% of a student's educational expenses will not be met with other scholarships. The maximum amount of the scholarship award for both higher education and vocational training is \$2000.00 per semester or training session.

Upon completion of this application, please mail it in its entirety to:

**NSEDCC EET Program**  
**Jerry Ivanoff, NSEDCC EET Coordinator**  
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### **DEADLINES**

Applications will be accepted with the postmark dates below:

Vocational Education: **No Deadline**

Post Secondary Education:

Spring Semester Deadline: **December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Fall Semester Deadline: **June 30<sup>th</sup>**

For graduating seniors of the Bering Straits School District and Nome Public Schools, the deadline is **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Thank you for your attention to filling out this application. Good Luck with your educational endeavors.*

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. **High School Diploma or GED Certificate:** must be a high school graduate or have successfully attained a GED Certificate.
2. **Norton Sound Region Residency:** must be a Norton Sound Region resident, a requirement effective since Fall 1996.
3. **Enrollment:** must be enrolled in an accredited two-year associate program, four-year college or university, masters program, PhD program, or vocational institution.
4. **Credit Load:** must carry a minimum credit load of 12 hours per semester or 10 credit hours per quarter.
5. **Grade Point Average (GPA):** must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. If the student's GPA falls below 2.0 or his/her credits fall below the minimum required 12 credits per semester or 10 credits per quarter, the student will be placed on probationary status.
6. **Financial Need:** must be able to show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will not be considered unless the application packet is complete and includes the following:

1. **NSEDC Scholarship Application:** fully complete the application and submit with all the requirements.
2. **Personal Statement:** submit a personal statement outlining the applicant's education/professional development and goals (why you wish to attend school and what you plan to do after receiving your degree).
3. **Official Transcripts:** include a copy of the applicant's official transcripts from each accredited institution that he/she has attended (or high school transcripts if this is his/her first year attending college).
4. **Letter of Acceptance:** include a letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university, or vocational school.
5. **Two Letters of Recommendations:** include two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or others with knowledge of applicant's experience or potential to succeed. (Please do not submit letters of recommendation from immediate family members).
6. **Current Photograph:** submit a current photograph of self with this application.

## CONTINUING STUDENTS

1. **Continuing Student Application and Official Transcripts:** students that are continuing at the same accredited college/university/vocational institution must submit, by the appropriate deadline, a continuing student application, and official transcripts, **as soon as available**, to be eligible for the annual scholarship.
2. **Grade:** unless there is a change of schools, for the second semester or new school year, please submit your grades of your last completed semester. Grades must be received by the *NSEDC EET Program* as **soon as made available**. It is your responsibility to ensure that this is completed. Failure to do so will jeopardize your funding.
3. **Transfer Students:** students who transfer during the academic year will not receive their scholarship award for that year and will not be considered for funding until the next scholarship deadline, with the requirement that they resubmit an application with an acceptance letter from that accredited institution. If there are extenuating circumstances, the students may be considered for further funding on a case-by-case basis, decided upon by the full Scholarship Committee.

## NSEDC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The NSEDC Scholarship Committee will review the post-secondary education scholarship applications and make selections based on the following criteria:

1. Need
2. Grades
3. Commitment to education
4. Full-time student status
5. Acceptance into an accredited college or university
6. Availability of funds

The NSEDC Scholarship Committee will review the vocational education scholarship applications and make decisions based on the following criteria:

1. Need
2. Availability of employment opportunities
3. Training availability in the State of Alaska
4. Commitment to complete training
5. Acceptance into an accredited vocational program
6. Performance and attendance of training classes

**Note:** send a copy of your training certificate to the *EET Program Coordinator*, Jerry Ivanoff, upon completion.