

# National Insulator Association, Inc.

## Scholarship Application Guidelines and Instructions

### Purpose:

In order to encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors the National Insulator Association, Inc. (NIA) has established the NIA Scholarship Fund.

### Award:

The total amount of scholarships awarded each year by the NIA shall not exceed \$2000.00  
The minimum amount awarded each year for the academic scholarship is \$1000.00. This may be increased at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

The minimum amount awarded each year for the vocational scholarship is \$500.00. This may be increased at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Scholarships are not renewable. No single scholarship award shall exceed \$2000.00 .

### Qualifications for an Academic Scholarship:

Applicants must complete all elements of the Scholarship Application.

Applicants must be enrolled in an eligible educational institution<sup>[a]</sup>.

The student's undergraduate study may be in any academic area.

Applicants must be a candidate for a degree at an eligible educational institution<sup>[a]</sup> and the scholarship must be used to pay qualified education expenses<sup>[b]</sup>.

- You are a candidate for a degree if you attend a secondary school or are pursuing a degree at a college or university, or you attend an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide a program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's or higher degree.

Applications for academic scholarships must be completed and received by the NIA Scholarship Committee no later than **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>** to be considered for the following academic year.

Applications received that are incomplete or fail to comply with the application instructions will not be considered. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.

### Qualifications for a Vocational Scholarship:

Applicants must complete all applicable elements of the Scholarship Application.

Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a career related to the generation, distribution or application of electrical energy.

Applicants must be a candidate for a degree at an eligible educational institution<sup>[a]</sup> and the scholarship must be used to pay qualified education expenses<sup>[b]</sup>.

- You are a candidate for a degree if you attend an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide a program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

Applications for vocational scholarships must be completed and received by the NIA Scholarship Committee **no later than 15 days after enrollment at an eligible educational institution** to be considered. Applications received that are incomplete or fail to comply with the application instructions will not be considered. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.

<sup>[a]</sup> *An eligible educational institution is one that maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.*

<sup>[b]</sup> *Qualified education expenses are for tuition and fees required to enroll at or attend an eligible educational institution. They also include course-related expenses, such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment that are required of all students in your course of instruction.*

**Additional instructions:**

Applicants must be related to a National Insulator Association (NIA) member or be an insulator collector.

Applicant is not required to be a member of the NIA.

Attach all verifications to the scholarship application.

All applications and verifications are to be submitted on-line.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Essay requirements:**

Applicants are to submit an essay of no more than 300 words which exhibits a knowledge of insulators and their use.

The applicants will also describe his/her experiences with collecting insulators.

Applicants should describe ways to encourage young people and the public to become aware of the insulator hobby and how that can be done through collecting.

Applicants will describe the fellowship of collectors and their knowledge of the history of insulators and their use.

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### **Support Material:**

Be sure to include a copy of at least one (1) proof of enrollment at an eligible educational institution.

### **General Information:**

Once a scholarship recipient has been determined that person will be required to submit a professional quality photograph.

All applications for Vocational Scholarships are due no later than 15 days after enrollment at an eligible educational institution. All applications for Academic Scholarships are due by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

The NIA reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete as of the deadline date. An application received after the deadline date is void. Please contact the NIA Scholarship Committee Chairperson at [scholarship@nia.org](mailto:scholarship@nia.org) if you have any questions. For more information visit: [www.nia.org/scholarship](http://www.nia.org/scholarship)

Note: Checks will be mailed to the recipient of the award upon the Scholarship Committee's receipt of the recipient's proof of enrollment. The check will be made payable to the recipient and the educational institution.

**Disclaimer: Financial Aid recipients please note: awards and scholarships are considered a "resource" and must be included in a student's financial aid budget. If you are awarded a scholarship that exceeds your unmet needs, a reduction or payment of financial aid may occur.**

The Scholarship Application is available on line at:

[http://www.nia.org/scholarship/Scholarship\\_Application\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.nia.org/scholarship/Scholarship_Application_Guidelines.pdf)