

Student Instructions & Application:

Niagara Orleans Counselors Association (NOCA) Scholarship Application Information for Seniors

Selection Criteria:	1) Academic Excellence	25%
	2) Extracurricular Activities	20%
	3) Essay of Approximately 300 words typed And addendum specific to scholarship	40%
	4) Letters of Recommendation	15%
	5) Preparation of application (bonus for typed)	5%

- Application Procedures:
- 1) Completed applications will be screened by your own School Counselors who will forward copies of one candidate's applications (for each scholarship) to the NOCA Scholarship Committee Chairperson.
 - 2) Applications must include **ONLY** the following:
 - a. Completed Scholarship Application Form
 - b. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - c. Student Essay – 1 page only
 - d. Addendum specific to scholarship you are applying for
 - e. Transcript and Current Report Card
 - f. Counselor Signature of Current NOCA Member

Deadline: Submit to your Home School Guidance/Counseling Office by March 3, 2017.

Announcement: The winners will receive recognition (scholarships) at the **May NOCA Awards Luncheon**. Winners and 2 family members/guests are invited.

Scholarships

(Scholarship criteria on following page)

NOCA Merit Scholarship – \$1,000 scholarship given to two (2) graduating seniors

NOCA Phoenix Scholarship - \$500 scholarship given to one (1) graduating senior who has “risen up” in some way while in high school

NOCA - Niagara University Scholarship - \$3,000 renewable scholarship to a student attending NU

NOCA - Genesee Community College Scholarship - \$500 scholarship to student attending GCC

NOCA – Niagara County Community College - \$1,000 scholarship to student attending NCCC

NOCA - Bryant & Stratton Academic Excellence Scholarship - \$1,000 renewable scholarship to a student attending Bryant & Stratton – Amherst Campus

NOCA- Career and Technical Education Scholarship - \$500 scholarship given to one (1) graduating senior who has completed a two year CTE program at the Niagara or Orleans CTE Center.

NOCA Merit Scholarship

Award 1,000 scholarship awarded directly to the student.

There will be **TWO Merit Scholars**

- Eligibility**
- 1) Each candidate must be a Senior, graduating in June, at a participating member school of the Niagara-Orleans Counselors Association
 - 2) The student must plan on enrolling full-time next year at an accredited two or four-year college.

NOCA Phoenix Scholarship

Award \$500 scholarship awarded directly to the student.

There will be **One Phoenix Scholarship**

- Eligibility**
- 1) Each candidate must be a Senior, graduating in June, at a participating member school of the Niagara-Orleans Counselors Association
 - 2) The student must plan on enrolling full-time next year at an accredited two or four-year college.
 - 3) The student has achieved in the face of a pervasive and overwhelming obstacle or crisis. It may be personal adversity or school difficulties over which they have experienced success. The student's obstacles and triumphs should be addressed in an addendum in addition to the one page essay.

NOCA – Niagara University Scholarship

Award \$3,000 scholarship per year – four years.

Maximum Total \$12,000

- Eligibility**
- 1) Each candidate must be a Senior graduating in June at a participating member school of the NOCA
 - 2) The student must plan on enrolling full-time next year at Niagara University
 - 3) Maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 at Niagara University to remain eligible for this scholarship.

NOCA - Genesee Community College Scholarship

Award \$500 tuition scholarship for the first year at Genesee Community College (GCC).

- Eligibility**
- 1) Each candidate must be a Senior graduating in June at a participating member school of the NOCA
 - 2) The student must plan on enrolling full-time next year at Genesee Community College
 - 3) The student must maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 at GCC for the second semester payment.

NOCA – Niagara Community College Scholarship

Award \$500 tuition scholarship for the Fall following graduation and \$500 for the following Spring semester totaling \$1000 for first year at Niagara County Community College (NCCC).

- Eligibility**
- 1) Each candidate must be a Senior graduating in June at a participating member school of the NOCA
 - 2) The student must plan on enrolling full-time next year at Niagara County Community College
 - 3) The student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 at NCCC for the 2nd semester payment.

NOCA - Bryant & Stratton – Amherst Campus Academic Excellence Scholarship

Award \$1,000 scholarship per semester paid to Bryant and Stratton. Maximum total \$4,000.

- Eligibility**
- 1) Each candidate must be a Senior graduating in June at a participating member school of the NOCA
 - 2) The student must plan on enrolling full-time next fall at Bryant & Stratton – Amherst Campus.

NOCA – Career and Technical Education Scholarship

Award \$500 scholarship awarded directly to student

- Eligibility**
- 1) Student must be a graduating senior who will be completing a two-year career and technical education program at the Niagara or Orleans CTE Center.
 - 2) Student must be pursuing additional education or training in their career field over the next year.
 - 3) Student must provide one of their two letters of recommendation from an instructor or staff member at their Orleans or Niagara CTE center.
 - 4) Essay must include the value of your CTE education as it relates to your career goal as well as the other essay points.

Honors and Awards:

**Year(s)
Received**

Community/Volunteer Activities

**Yrs Volunteered
(9, 10, 11, 12)**

**Hrs/Wk or Total
Hrs**

Employment/Internships

Position

Years Employed

**Hrs/Wk or Total
Hrs**

C) Student Essay

On One Page Only: write an essay that addresses all of the following points:

- Explain your educational objective as it relates to your career goal.
- How has an activity or experience that you were involved in contributed to your career and life goals.
- Tell us why you deserve this scholarship (explain what sets you apart from other deserving students).
- NOCA-CTE Scholarship Only: Also explain the value of your CTE education as it relates to your career goal.
- NOCA-Phoenix Scholarship Applicants Only: Also address your obstacles and triumphs in achieving your success.

D) Addendums Specific to Scholarship:

Additional to 1 page essay, Addendum should be no more than 1 page.

- Merit – What has been your motivation and action plan to be a merit scholar and where do you want to be in 5 years?
- Phoenix – Name the obstacle you faced and how you overcame it.
- Niagara University or Genesee Community College or Niagara County Community College or Bryant and Stratton College: write an additional explanation of your college choice and why attending this specific college is important to you.
- CTE – What are your future plans and how would this scholarship help you?

E) Attach Transcript and Report Card

F) NOCA Member Signature: _____