



## NWDA Scholarship Parameters

The goal of the NWDA College Scholarship Program is to serve as a benefit to NWDA member-company employees. One scholarship, in the amount of **\$1,500** per year, will be awarded to a student in their final two years of accredited college or university education. This scholarship will be awarded for one year.

### **Applications must be submitted no later than June 4, 2010.**

- Visit [www.NWDA.net](http://www.NWDA.net) to download an application
- Or, contact Jen Thayer at NWDA Headquarters  
Phone: 609-799-4900  
Email: [jthayer@nwda.net](mailto:jthayer@nwda.net)
- Recipients will be selected by July 9, 2010. Scholarship payments will be distributed to the recipient's college or university by August 31, 2010.

### **General Parameters:**

- Applicants must be a junior or senior attending a recognized/accredited college or university.
- Applicants must be either employed by an NWDA member company, or an immediate family member (spouse/child).
- Applicants must have an above average cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average), i.e. the equivalent of a 2.5 or greater average on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must intend to carry a full academic load during the scholarship period.
- Applicants and scholarship recipients may re-apply each year; however, the scholarship cannot be awarded to the same individual more than twice.

### **Awarding Guidelines:**

Applications are reviewed by NWDA's Scholarship Coordinator who will assign points based on the criteria rating scale outlined below. The coordinator will then identify the top three candidates. The top applicants are reviewed by the NWDA Scholarship Committee (consisting of NWDA Board members) on a "blind" basis. The Scholarship Committee makes the final selection.

### **Judging Criteria:**

Applicants will be reviewed on a point system, with 100 points being the maximum. The number of points will be assigned based on the following scale:

1. GPA: Total of 40 points possible
  - Applicants will be judged by their cumulative grade point average (GPA). A perfect 4.0 would receive 40 points. Applications with a GPA under the required average of 2.5 will be disqualified.
2. Achievements/Citizenship: Total of 30 points possible
  - School Sponsored Activities are judged on a 10-point scale
  - Community Service Activities are judged on a 10-point scale
  - Achievements are judged on a 10-point scale
3. Written Essay of 350 words or fewer: Total of 30 points possible
  - This essay must describe what the applicant's college education means to them and what their aspirations are for the future; to include career plans, community involvement, and other goals