



Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship Application

Please complete the application on the back side of this sheet and submit to the Financial Aid Office, 330 Third Street NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

Application Deadline is February 15.

Purpose of the Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship:

The purpose of this scholarship is to help non-traditional students achieve their goals. It is especially intended for those individuals who may be changing their path in life or those pursuing a change in careers. A special emphasis of the scholarship is to promote the concept of volunteerism, leadership development and out of classroom experiences for the recipients of these awards. Scholarship recipients will work with Career Services to find volunteer or internship opportunities in an organization on campus or within the community that suit their future goals.

Initial Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be 25 years of age or older.
2. Initial academic qualifications include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. For the scholarship to be renewed, the student must achieve an average minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 per academic year (over 2 semesters).
3. Applicants must demonstrate financial need as evidenced by information submitted through their FAFSA.
4. Recipients must be full time students at Mayville State seeking their first associate's or bachelor's degree. Priority consideration will be given to those who are pursuing the majority of their courses in residence at the Mayville State campus. Online students are encouraged to apply as well.
5. Preference in awards will be given to female applicants, but both males and females will be considered.
6. Recipients will be expected to demonstrate their involvement in volunteer or service-learning experiences, as well as in internship or out of class experiences.
7. This application form and student essay must be submitted by February 15 in order to be considered for this scholarship. The short essay should demonstrate the applicant's need for financial assistance and their past and planned involvement in volunteer and service-learning experiences.
8. The amount of initial scholarship awards will vary depending upon the recipient's needs but generally would not exceed the annual cost of in-state tuition, fees, and books. This amount is currently set at \$9,000.00/year and will be reevaluated for inflationary and standard increases biannually.

Eligibility for Renewal:

1. Recipients of the scholarship who wish to be considered for a renewal must apply each year by February 15.
2. Academic performance of past recipients will be considered when making renewal decisions. For the scholarship to be renewed, the student must achieve an average minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 per academic year (over 2 semesters).
3. Past recipients must provide documentation of their involvement in campus or community-based volunteer or service-learning activities. Recipients are encouraged to enroll in structured service-learning courses, internships, leadership development or other formal methods of documenting these out of class accomplishments.
4. Amounts of renewal scholarships may vary from original awards depending upon the unique situation of the student that may vary from year to year. Renewals of scholarships may extend until the completion of a bachelor's degree, but generally would not be awarded for more than five to six years.

Student Data

Gender:

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address of Applicant: _____

Local Address of Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

_____ Date of Birth: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Planned Degree and Major: _____

Have you submitted a FAFSA for the next award year? Yes No

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Please describe below in essay format your past experiences, needs, and future plans that you feel make you a good candidate for this special scholarship. Include information about your previous college and work experiences, your financial needs, and your future career and life plans. If you are applying as a new recipient for this scholarship, provide information about your past or current involvement in volunteer or service-learning activities in your home community. If you are applying for a renewal of this scholarship, provide information about your involvement this past year in campus based and/or community-based service learning, volunteer activities, internships or other experience-based activities. Use additional pages as necessary.
