



NWEA Family Scholarship Program



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ's

What criteria must applicants meet in order to be eligible?

- Be dependent* children, age 25 and under, of full-time staff in good standing who have a minimum of one year of employment with the organization as of the application deadline date.
- Be high school seniors, graduates or current postsecondary students.
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

**Dependent children are defined as biological, step or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or primarily supported by the staff member.*

Can someone applying to, or attending, graduate or post graduate school apply?

- No. The NWEA Family Scholarship Award is only open to undergraduate study in an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

What is the program's selections criteria?

- The selection criteria includes the consideration of academic performance, demonstration of leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, and a statement of career and educational goals and objectives.

When can an applicant apply?

- The application period begins in January, and ends on February 26, 2021 . All applications must be received on or be postmarked by the February 26, 2021 deadline to be considered.

Why is NWEA partnering with a 3rd party vendor?

- As a best practice, and in order to ensure impartiality and neutrality during the application review process, NWEA has selected to partner with Scholarship America. Scholarship America is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals.

Who will select the recipients for this award?

- Scholarship America, the administrator for the NWEA Family Scholarship Fund, will do an initial review and analysis of all applications. Finalist will then be passed on to the NWEA selection committee, comprised of NWEA staff, for review. The NWEA selection committee will make the final selection of award recipients. To ensure impartiality, the names of applicants will be removed from all of the finalist applications being reviewed.

Can I reach out to the NWEA Selection committee members to get more information about their selection criteria?

- No. We ask that you not, as this might compromised confidentiality/neutrality.

Are awards renewable or are they one-time only?

- Awards are renewable up to three years or until an associates, bachelors, or certification of completion is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of academic performance and continued parental employment.

When will applicants be informed of their status?

- All applicants will be notified of their status in early May.

If I have more questions, who can I reach out to at NWEA?

- If you have any additional questions on this program, please email FamilyScholarshipProgram@nwea.org
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