

2021 Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship Rules

The application, **which includes** the application form (completed & signed), a signed copy of the scholarship rules, a personal essay signed by the applicant and three signed letters of personal references must be **mailed** to the office of NIC at 7622 Briarwood Circle, Little Rock, AR 72205, and must be POSTMARKED on or before May 31, 2021. All documentation must be written in English. Illegible or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. **Due to the expected large number of applications, NIC is unable to send out a receipt confirmation or denial letters.**

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the President of NIC. Four applicants will be selected as candidates for the scholarships. Notice of eligibility for the Scholarships will be mailed to each candidate on or about July 31, 2021. All scholarships are funded and administered by NIC. All scholarship awards are final.

- Applicant must submit **one original and four copies** of the following:
 - (a) completed & signed application form;
 - (b) a signed copy of this document (Scholarship Rules)
 - (c) a personal essay signed by the applicant, and
 - (d) 3 personal references (a letter of personal reference, from 3 different individuals.) Each letter must be signed by the individual writing the letter. **DO NOT** send additional personal references as additional references WILL NOT be considered.

NOTE: The applicant is **required** to submit one (1) original & four (4) copies of **each** document noted above (items a through d) or your application will **not** be considered. The applicant is to assemble (collate) the application in the order noted above (items a through d) and staple the documents together in the upper-left hand corner. Once assembled (collated) the applicant must submit the original application & four (4) copies. **If the applicant does not explicitly follow these instructions then the applicant's application may not make it through the screening process which means the applicant's application will not be sent to the evaluation committee for consideration.**

- A scholarship will only be awarded to a candidate who is currently enrolled or eligible to enroll as a full-time student, under the laws and regulations of the state where the candidate resides, in a program leading to licensure as a cosmetologist, esthetician, barber or nail technologist. A minimum of 30 hours per week is required to qualify as a full-time student.
- If the candidate is not currently enrolled in school in a program leading to licensure as a cosmetologist, esthetician, barber or nail technologist, then the candidate's eligibility for the scholarship will be null and void unless the candidate registers as a full-time student in a school within 6 months from the date notice of eligibility is given to the candidate. A minimum of 30 hours per week is required to qualify as a full-time student.
- Awarded scholarship shall not exceed the cost of the tuition for the training program.
- Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the school chosen by the candidate upon completion of 50% of the training program.
- Any recipient of a scholarship who fails to complete the training program shall be required to pay back the scholarship to NIC.

I certify that I have read, understand and will comply with the above-stated rules.

Applicant Signature

Date