



2010 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

Online Application Instructions & Frequently Asked Questions

Tips for a Successful Scholarship Application:

START EARLY. Don't wait until the last minute to complete the application.

PROOFREAD your application.

DON'T PROCRASTINATE. Deadlines are final. Your application will not be considered if it is late.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for your application. Keep a copy of your application for your records.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL. We will communicate with you regarding your application through email. Please add info@applyists.com to your address book and do not 'opt out' of any communication sent from this address or you may not receive important information about your application, including notification if you are selected!

Online Application Process

Please note: If you begin your application online and find you need to stop before it is complete, you will be able to return to complete the process or make changes by logging back into the system. Information for each page is only saved once you select the 'Save and Continue' button on that page.

You will be asked to provide the information listed below:

Date of Birth	High School Graduation Date
First and Last Name	Class Rank
Mailing Address	Class Size
Phone Number	ACT-Composite (if available)
Permanent E-mail Address	SAT-Critical Reading (if available)
Gender	SAT-Math (if available)
Ethnicity	SAT-Written (if available)
Details regarding your entrepreneurial endeavors	Number of Honors, International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement classes (if applicable)
High School Name	College State
High School City	College Name
High School State	Local Newspaper Name
High School GPA	Local Newspaper Address

After completing the online application, print the Cover Page and keep it for your records.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- High school senior entering his or her freshman year at an accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year university, college or vocational/technical institute for the full 2010-2011 academic year
- should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as:
 - starting his or her own business;
 - participation in organizations such as DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Junior Achievement and The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, among others; or
 - through other initiatives

Note: You should consider any endeavors or work experience you have offered as a community service. For example: babysitting, lawn care, dog walking, tutoring, etc. An officially established business is not a requirement.

When can I apply?

- Between October 31 and December 31, 2009.

How do I get an application?

- Go to www.NFIB.com/YEA, click on “Apply Now” link.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered and will not be returned.

What are the details of the award?

- The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award is \$1,000.
- Four NFIB National Young Entrepreneur Awards will be issued for \$5,000.
- One NFIB Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award will be issued for \$10,000.
- All awards must be used in the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Some awards are renewable.
- The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, and supplies required for course load.
- Funds must be used for full-time enrollment at accredited, nonprofit two or four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
- A student may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.

What are the selection criteria?

- An impartial selection committee will be responsible for selecting the semi-finalists and recipients of the scholarships.
- In evaluating applicants as semi-finalist, each applicant’s extracurricular activities, leadership activities, and entrepreneurial endeavors will be evaluated.
- In selecting final winners, the Selection Committee will consider each applicant’s academic record, extracurricular activities, leadership activities, and essay content. Evidence of entrepreneurial spirit and initiative will be heavily weighted.
- **Decisions of the selection committees are final and are not subject to appeal.**

If I am a semifinalist, what process must I complete to be considered for a scholarship?

- All semi-finalists must:
 - be nominated by an NFIB member.
 - submit a high school transcript.
 - submit a typed 1,000 word essay describing their entrepreneurial experience, their involvement with small business, **or** their involvement with clubs that encourage entrepreneurial spirit.
- Failure to provide any of these items will result in disqualification from the competition.

Note: Information regarding how to contact an NFIB member and further details will be provided with semifinalist notification.

How do I check the status of my application?

- Return to www.aim.applyists.net.
- You will be able to check your status from your profile page after you log in with your username and password.

How do I make changes to my application?

- Return to www.aim.applyists.net.

- You will be able to make changes after logging into your profile page using your username and password.

Note: All changes are saved to your online application. It is not necessary to send notification of changes.

After the program deadline you will *only* be able to update your address and college name. To update this information:

- Return to www.aim.applyists.net.
- You can update your address and college name by logging into your profile page using your username and password.

What are my responsibilities as a recipient?

- Enroll as an undergraduate in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.
- Continue in school the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by scholarship sponsor.
- Deliver your scholarship check(s) to the proper office at your institution.

How and when are checks issued?

- Checks will be mailed to each recipient's mailing address.
- Checks will be made payable to the institution only.
- Checks will be issued in August of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to notify ISTS should the check not arrive within 30 days of the issue date.

How and when will I receive notification?

- Notifications are sent approximately two months past a deadline.
- Semi-finalist notifications will be sent by e-mail.
- Winner notifications will be sent by mail.
- Non-winner notifications will be sent by e-mail.

Note: Past experience indicates that e-mails are sometimes not received or successfully delivered. Be certain to provide us with your most current e-mail address.

Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition or textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against your scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax advisor for more guidance.

Program Administration

To assure complete impartiality in selection of winners and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship & Tuition Services, Inc., a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship programs.

Questions

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact:
International Scholarship & Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS)

Email: contactus@applyists.com