**2014 – 2015**

**The Professor R.S. Nigam & NPRI Freedom Scholarship**

**Who May Apply**

Any graduating high school student from Clark County, Nev., who will be pursuing a four-year degree program in Business, Economics, Political Science, Public Administration or a related field, at any accredited college or university may apply. Full-time and part-time employees of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, as well as children and dependents of NPRI employees, are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

**Requirements**

Applicants will be evaluated on the following:

* GPA: Applicants must have a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA
* Level of volunteer, community involvement and extra-curricular activities
* Content of a two-page essay addressing the following question:

**Downtown sports arena: public or private funding?**

The Las Vegas City Council is considering a proposal to give government handouts to a private company to build a downtown sports arena. Should Las Vegas subsidize a sports arena? What pitfalls could come from the government picking winners and losers in the economy? Provide examples of similar projects from around the country, and how those projects turned out.

* Income proof will be required if you are selected for this scholarship. Parents’ combined Annual Gross Income, as shown in 2013 IRS Form 1040 line 22, should not exceed $125,000.

**Award**

For year 2014, one scholarship in the amount of $2,500 will be awarded with a check payable directly to the student.

**Deadline**

Applications must be received at the NPRI office, or postmarked, by April 5, 2014. Mail to the address below:

Scholarship Committee

Nevada Policy Research Institute

7130 Placid St.

Las Vegas, NV 89119

The scholarship winner will be announced no later than May16, 2014.

If you are awarded this scholarship, you and one guest will be invited to attend the NPRI Annual Dinner. The dinner will be held in September 2014 in Las Vegas. **NAME OF APPLICANT (Please Print)**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M.I.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of your SS# XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High school currently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT’S ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Please Print)**

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_out of \_\_\_\_\_\_

Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Un-weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_

SAT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide copies of the latest documents showing the above information.

Awards, Extra-Curricular Activities and Community Service: Please attach an additional page/s reflecting your volunteer activities.

Essay topic:

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University/College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my parents’ combined income does not exceed $100,000 and understand that I must provide proof of income, should I be awarded the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

All of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the Nevada Policy Research Institute to utilize information about my application and my likeness for publicity and public relations purposes.

Student/Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Parent or Guardian signature is required if applicant is under 18 years of age)*

I understand that if I do not graduate from high school I will forfeit this scholarship should it be awarded to me. I also agree that all parts of the application are retained as property of the Nevada Policy Research Institute.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the school records and other requested information for consideration in the NPRI Scholarship Program.

Student/Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Parent or Guardian signature is required if applicant is under 18 years of age)*

**Your application will not be reviewed without these authorizations.**