

2015 – 2016

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:

Improving education: raise taxes or allow school choice?

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- Income proof will be required if you are selected for this scholarship. Parents' combined Annual Gross Income, as shown in 2014 IRS Form 1040 line 22, should not exceed \$125,000.

Award

For year 2015, 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 May 1, 2015. 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 May 22, 2015.

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 2015 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 \$125,000 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.