



# NSLF Scholarship Application

## Instructions & Deadlines

### Step #1: Apply to an NSLC program & make a tuition deposit.

Please submit an Enrollment Application, online at [www.nslcleaders.org](http://www.nslcleaders.org) or contact the NSLC Enrollment Office for a paper application at 800-994-NSLC (6752). The \$250 tuition deposit is refundable if a scholarship is not awarded or the amount awarded is insufficient. If you refuse an NSLF scholarship, you will have 30 days to request a refund of your deposit. **The standard NSLC refund policy, stated on the enrollment application, becomes effective once you have accepted a scholarship.**

### Step #2: Review the NSLF Guide to Community Fundraising.

Community fundraising is an important component of preparing for your conference. Many NSLC Alumni have raised significant portions of their program costs using the ideas in this guide. The first thing you must do is determine your exact fundraising goal. The amount you will be attempting to raise should include the total cost of attending the NSLC minus any amount you and your family can contribute prior to any fundraising efforts. This will help you and your family determine the amount of funding you wish to apply for through the National Student Leadership Foundation.

### Step #3: Complete a NSLF Scholarship Application

The Scholarship Application must be completed in its entirety. Please include with your scholarship application:

#### NSLF SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarship Application
- One Teacher/Counselor Recommendation
- High School Transcript
- List of extracurricular and community activities – signed by counselor or principal.
- Copy of the first two pages of the most recent 1040 tax return filed by parents/guardians (child must be claimed)
- 2 typed essay questions

\*The completed application and required forms must be **mailed in one envelope** to the address below:

NSLF, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 414 N. Orleans, Suite LL8, Chicago IL, 60654-1887.

### Step #4: Scholarship Deadlines, Consideration & Review

Students applying for a scholarship must submit their application and have met all the above listed requirements and be postmarked by **March 26, 2010**. The Scholarship Application and the necessary documentation must be **POSTMARKED by March 26, 2010**. Following this deadline, the NSLF Scholarship Committee will consider the application and award scholarships. Scholarship notification letters will be mailed to applicants on the below listed dates.

#### 2010 NSLF Summer Program Scholarship Deadline

March 26	All Scholarship Applications must be mailed (postmarked) <b>no exceptions</b> .
April 15	Scholarship Letters Emailed and Mailed
April 30	Summer Scholarship Acceptance Deadline

### Step #5: Scholarship Acceptance & Deadline

You **must** accept your scholarship by the above stated deadline by contacting the NSLC office at 1-800-994-NSLC (6752) or by e-mail ([scholarships@nslcleaders.org](mailto:scholarships@nslcleaders.org)). If you fail to accept a scholarship, your scholarship will be revoked.



STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

STUDENT ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Please submit first two pages of parent/guardian(s)' recent 1040 IRS form.

- 1) List your family's adjusted gross income for tax year 2009\* (**IRS Form 1040, Line 37**) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Add any income your family received for tax year 2009\* **not reflected** on 1040 form(s)  
(i.e. social security, child support, disability income, etc.): + \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Income = \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Since funding is limited, please only apply for the amount of assistance you actually **need**. NSLF attempts to assist as many students as possible, therefore the majority of scholarships granted are in the range of \$250-\$500. A select few will receive the maximum scholarship awarded of \$2,145. Many students have been very successful in raising additional funds. To help in those efforts, please refer to **The NSLF Guide to Community Fundraising**.

- 4) Please, calculate your estimated need below. **No scholarship will exceed the tuition minus the \$250.00 deposit.**
- NSLC Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal and Family Contributions: - \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Fundraising Goal: - \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Estimated Need:** = \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you have not completed your 2009 tax form, please submit the most recent IRS 1040 form.

**ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Please **type** your responses to the following questions on a separate sheet. Each essay should be **250-500 words**.
- Discuss how attending the National Student Leadership Conference will enhance your academic potential and increase your participation as a leader in your school/community.
  - Please write a letter of explanation of your current financial situation. (May be complete by Student or Parent/Guardian)

**PLEASE REVIEW AND SIGN:**

**CHECKLIST:** All items must be mailed together for consideration.

- Scholarship Application
- One Teacher/Counselor Recommendation
- High School Transcript
- List of extracurricular and community activities – signed by counselor or principal.
- Copy of the first two pages of the most recent 1040 tax return filed by parents/guardians (child must be claimed)
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The undersigned swear that the above information is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. I have included the necessary documents (tax returns, recommendation, academic transcript, extracurricular list and essay responses) with this form.

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

***Must be postmarked by Friday, March 26, 2010 to:***  
**National Student Leadership Foundation**  
**414 N. Orleans, Suite LL8**  
**Chicago, IL 60654-1887**



# Scholarship Application

## Teacher/ Counselor Recommendation

\*This form must be mailed with student's Scholarship Application.  
Please return to student in a sealed envelope with your signature across seal.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle Initial

PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

NSLC STUDENT ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC REFERENCE INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION/TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOW LONG AND IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

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2. DO THE STUDENT'S GRADES REFLECT THE HIS/HER ABILITY AND EFFORT?

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3. DESCRIBE ANY TALENTS OR ABILITIES THAT THE STUDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED OR ACTIVITIES THAT THE STUDENT HAS PARTICIPATED IN WHICH SET THEM APART FROM THEIR PEERS.

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4. WHY WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THE APPLICANT TO THE NSLC FOR THE PROGRAM?

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5. RELEVANT TO OTHER STUDENTS YOU HAVE KNOWN, PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

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|---------------------|---|---|--|
| MOTIVATION:         | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional (top 5%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Good (top 20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (Top 50%) |
| LEADERSHIP ABILITY: | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional (top 5%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Good (top 20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (Top 50%) |
| CREATIVITY:         | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional (top 5%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Good (top 20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (Top 50%) |
| WORK HABITS:        | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional (top 5%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Good (top 20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (Top 50%) |

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE BACK .....

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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