

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION
DECORAH, IA 52101

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED SINGLE WIDOWED DIVORCED

OCCUPATION: _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD: _____ AGES: _____

OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: _____

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME FOR HOUSEHOLD: \$ _____ (LIST ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FROM ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NEEDED.)

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT: HIGH SCHOOL RANK: _____ CLASS SIZE: _____

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (4.0 SCALE): HIGH SCHOOL _____ COLLEGE: _____

PREVIOUS POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Enrollment Dates</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Certificates or Diploma</u>

SPECIFY TYPE OF PROGRAM PRESENTLY ENROLLED IN: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Please list)

SCHOLASTIC HONORS _____

OTHER HONORS OR RECOGNITION: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: _____

OTHER: _____

ATTACH AN ESSAY WITH A MINIMUM OF 200 AND A MAXIMUM OF 350 WORDS IDENTIFYING YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND/OR FUTURE VOCATIONAL GOALS.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT DATE
(IF APPLICANT IS MINOR)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Applicant must be planning to enroll or be currently enrolled in an accredited program in Iowa. Such programs may be vocational, associate degree, or baccalaureate.
2. **Applicant must be a resident of the seven county area served by Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation, specifically the counties of Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek.**
3. Applicant's household income must be at or below 150% of poverty, as set by the Federal Government. (See attached guidelines).
4. Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED equivalency.
5. An application form must be completed (see attached form).
6. Applicant must submit a narrative of 200-350 words with an explanation of his/her educational and future vocational plan. This shall be attached to the application.
7. Applicant must submit with the application three reference letters. Reference must come from three of the five categories listed below:
 - a. NEICAC employee (former or current)
 - b. Educator
 - c. Clergy
 - d. Current or former employer
 - e. Personal reference (other than a relative)
8. If any college or vocational program has been completed prior to application, the applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 ("C" average) on a 4.0 scale.
9. Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following:
 - a. Financial need
 - b. Personal qualifications
 - c. Academic standing
10. Only applications received by the **deadline of 4:30 p.m. Monday April 2, 2012** will be considered by the Scholarship Review Committee.

Applications are to be returned to the following address:

Trisha Wilkins, Chairperson
NEICAC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 487
Decorah, IA 52101

2012 FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

This information is to help you determine whether or not you are eligible for the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation Scholarship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your local Family Service Office or you may contact the Administrative Office at 563-382-8436 Ext. 103 in Decorah, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Your income must be at or below the following guideline.

The 150% poverty guideline is as follows:

<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
1	\$16,755
2	\$22,695
3	\$28,635
4	\$34,575
5	\$40,515
6	\$46,455
7	\$52,395
8	\$58,335

For each additional member add: \$5,940

Household income includes:

- Receipts from self-employment or from the households own farm or business after deductions for farm or business expenses
- Regular payments from public assistance (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security
- Unemployment insurance
- Worker's compensation
- Strike benefits from union funds
- Veteran's benefits
- Training & educational stipends
- Alimony
- Child support
- Military family allotments, or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household
- Government employee pensions, private pensions, regular insurance or annuity payments and income from dividends, interest, rent, royalties, or income from estates and trusts.