

2026 Scholarship Information Guide

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) 2026 Scholarship Applications!

The application is open to all eligible seniors in Northwest ISD who plan to enroll in an accredited institution in the summer or fall of 2026. Accredited institutions include private or community college, private or public universities, military academies, and vocational or trade school.

The deadline to submit an application is no later than 11:59 p.m. on **Monday, March 2, 2026**.

To apply, visit <https://northwest.eformsolutions.com>.

- Register as a New User to create an account and start your application.
 - *Please note:* This is a new account. It will not use your NISD login credentials.
- When all of the required sections are complete, as indicated by yellow or green status indicators, a Submit button will appear below the Status indicator to the left.
 - All reference evaluations must be complete before the deadline, too. Applicants are encouraged to enter their reference information early on in the process! **The Submit button will not appear without these completed evaluations.**
- Once you choose to Submit, your application will be locked.

Reference Evaluations

Consider carefully who you will ask to be a reference and ask them to be a part of the process *before* you enter their contact information into the reference section. Remember that it is your responsibility to verify the email addresses of your references.

****It is highly recommended for applicants to complete the reference section as soon as they start process, if possible. You cannot submit the application until all references have completed their evaluation!**

- Once you fill in the reference section and save the application, your references will be notified via email. Their evaluation should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.
- **Reminder emails will be sent to your reference contact(s) every three days** until the evaluation form is submitted or until the application window closes on February 27.
- You can check whether an evaluation has been completed by returning to your online application and checking the "References and Signature" section. Status indicators will appear next to the Email Address heading of each reference.

NOTE: Your application will not be considered complete until all references have submitted their evaluations. **You must have all reference evaluations submitted by the deadline for your application to be considered by the committee.**

Application Overview

1. General Information
2. Tell Us About Your Education
 - a. This section includes a signature acknowledgment to grant permission for the NISD counseling department to release your transcript information to NEF for the purpose of the scholarship application.
3. Tell Us About Your Education Plans
 - a. Are you a member of your high school PTSA?*
4. Financial Information
5. Extracurricular Activities
6. Employment History
7. Volunteer and Community Activity
8. Essay 1:
 - a. In 250 to 500 words, describe a specific time in your life that has shaped who you are as a person. Include any specific traits you possessed or discovered during that period that will help you be successful in your next level of education and career path.
9. Essay 2:
 - a. In 250 to 500 words, explain why you should be selected for this scholarship, including what sets you apart as a candidate, how you plan to use the funds, and what you hope to accomplish through your continued education.
10. References
 - a. You will need to provide first name, last name and email address for each person.
 - i. Academic Reference: Any current teacher in Northwest ISD.
 - ii. Community/Employer Reference: A community service supervisor or a supervisor at your current or most recent employer.
 1. If you are part of an NISD community service organization, you may use your NISD advisor as a reference for this section.

**Students who are members of their high school PTSA will be eligible for PTA and PTSA scholarships that have partnered with the foundation for the 2025-26 school year. A list of participating PTAs can be found on the NEF website. Membership must be confirmed to receive scholarship funds.*

If you have any additional questions, please contact Rhiannon Chaffee via email at nef@nisdtx.org or by phone at (817) 215-0084.