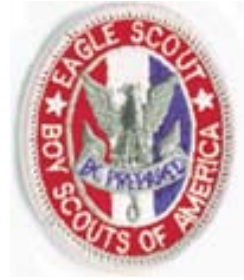


NESA SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS



The Southern Region NESA Committee invites you to submit an application for a NESA Scholarship. You must submit your application, to NESA, during your high school senior year. Full qualification information and applications can be found on The NESA web site by clicking on www.nesa.org and then on NESA Scholarships. The following suggestions are offered to help improve the quality of your application and thereby enhance your chance of success.

1. Please type your application. You may apply for a merit scholarship or an academic scholarship. **2008 applications are due after October 1, 2007 but no later than January 31, 2008.**
2. Your statement of financial need should address the points requested in the instructions and should clearly identify any special circumstances that may apply to you and your family.
3. Fully report your record of savings for your education. If you have been employed but have been unable to establish a college fund, explain why you were unable to save. This is particularly important if you have provided significant financial support to your family.
4. Clearly describe family matters that may impact their ability to assist with financial support of your education. The size of your family, parental employment status and factors impacting your parents' income, medical problems that drain family resources or make employment either difficult or impossible and the educational expenses of other children in the family are all relevant. This information is very important on the NESA Scholarship. It does not weigh as heavily on the Merit Scholarship.
5. Fully and clearly identify in the appropriate section of the application all of your Scouting activities, positions and achievements. For example: If you have attended an activity multiple times (summer camp, jamboree, OA conclave, etc.), indicate on the application the number of times you attended each event.
6. All school activities and outside school activities should also be fully and clearly identified, including any special honors or achievements. If you are a home-school student, please give special attention to your schooling and other activities and achievements so that you may be compared favorably.
7. Describe your current college plans including the schools you are considering, your proposed course of study if you have identified one, and why you wish to pursue that course of study.
8. Consider carefully the person who will write your Scouting letter of recommendation and work with them. Share with them your credentials, plans, etc. The Scouting letter of recommendation provides very important information in helping the NESA committee to understand the kind of candidate that you are.
9. For those of you submitting application for the Merit Scholarships, please indicate all of your community service projects, especially those above and beyond your Eagle Scout Project. Although your Eagle project was meaningful, and provided an important community service, in most cases, it will not be enough singularly to compete with others submitting applications and receiving scholarships. In addition, you will want to take great care in submitting your own personal letter.

We are very proud of all of the Eagle Scouts in the Southern Region. You have proven yourselves in leadership and have all made significant contributions to your communities. Your application should be submitted according to the instructions on the application form. We wish you the very best.