



2010 Scholarship Program Qualifications/Criteria:

1. Applicants must reside within the New Hope Ministries' service area which includes the region covered by the Northern York County School District (Dillsburg Center), Dover School District (Dover Center), the borough of Mechanicsburg, Hampden Township, Lower Allen Township, Monroe Township, Silver Spring Township, Upper Allen Township, Shiremanstown, Camp Hill, Lemoyne, New Cumberland, Wormleysburg, Enola and East Pennsboro Township, or be closely affiliated with a New Hope supporting church. Residency and/or church affiliation may be subject to verification.
2. Applications for New Hope's scholarship program, especially the essays, must be completed by the individual requesting assistance. Applications and essays completed on behalf of another person will be disqualified.
3. Applicants must have received a high school diploma or G.E.D. diploma before the end of the 2009/2010 school year.
4. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Parent or guardians' income (or personal income for self-supporting adult) falls at or below 200% of the 2010 federal poverty guidelines. Below are the current guidelines. Applicants can also view the updated poverty guidelines on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Federal Register website: <http://aspe.hhs.gov>.

HHS Poverty Guidelines as of March 1, 2010 (same as in 2009)

Persons in Family or Household	200%
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020
For each additional	\$7,480

SOURCE: *Federal Poverty Guidelines*

5. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have participated in a New Hope Ministries' children and youth program and/or are New Hope crisis center clients.

6. All applicants planning to attend college must have completed the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) and supply a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). Information is available online at [http www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) as well as through your college financial aid office.
7. Applicants must have acceptance at a college, trade school, beauty school or other institution approved by the selection committee.
8. Applicants will submit a letter of reference with completed application. Current students should submit a letter, with academic and character references, from a teacher or guidance counselor of the applicant's school district (for adult students, a letter of reference from another responsible party is acceptable). If applicable, a letter from a New Hope Ministries' staff person, with whom you interact, should also be included.
9. Applicants will submit an essay, with a minimum word count of 250 words, explaining why postsecondary education is important to him/her and why he/she is deserving of the Scholarship Award. Please pay special attention to your financial need factors, as well as obstacles that are limiting your educational pursuits. If you are a previous recipient of a New Hope Scholarship award, please describe your progress toward your educational goals and how receiving a past scholarship award has made a difference for you. The Selection Committee will evaluate each letter/essay with consideration given to the content, form, grammar, neatness and presentation of the letter/essay.
10. Applicants will provide a detailed plan for securing educational funds beyond those awarded through this scholarship.
11. Applicants must complete the attached application in its entirety and submit it to the scholarship committee no later than May 14, 2010.
12. Applicants must be a legal resident of the United States of America.
13. Current college/secondary school students should supply a transcript/grade report from their most recent academic year in order to demonstrate commitment to academic excellence and their academic goals.

Additional Scholarship Information:

1. To request an electronic version of the scholarship application, email info@nhm-pa.net or visit the "Scholarship" tab at: www.nhm-pa.org.
2. Questions about the scholarship application process may be directed to the New Hope Executive Office at 717-432-2087 ext. 202.
3. Recipients will be notified by the end of May 2010 whether they have received an award.
4. Presentation of the awards will take place at the New Hope Ministries Appreciation Banquet in June (date to be determined). Recipients will receive an invitation for themselves and family members to this Banquet.
5. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the institution of higher learning. Institutions will be instructed to return the balance of the scholarship to New Hope if the student is unable to complete their academic plan.
6. We encourage previous recipients (upon satisfactory completion of their current academic year) to apply for additional assistance. **Re-applicants do not need to include the following information unless something has changed:**
 High School Transcript, Diploma/GED
 Letter of Acceptance (unless it has changed)

Mail to: New Hope Ministries,
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
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 P.O. Box 448
 Dillsburg, PA 17019