



## **2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES**

NineStar Connect and its subsidiary companies shall make its scholarship award in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. **TITLE OF AWARD:** The scholarship award shall be titled and designated for all purposes as the “NineStar Scholarship Award.”
2. **AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Awards Committee shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. Preparation of the application
  - b. Administration of awards program
  - c. Annual review of awards program
3. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** NineStar shall make available the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for its scholarship award and the sum shall be given to fifteen (15) students in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) each pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in these procedures. Any awards not used, in whole or in part, shall become the property of NineStar.
4. **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:** In order for a student to be eligible for selection of the award, each of the following criteria must be met:
  - a. As of February 1, 2024, the student’s principal residence must be with said student’s parent or legal guardian who is a member of NineStar Connect or a customer of NineStar Communications in good standing.
  - b. The student must be a 2023/2024 school year graduating high school student.
  - c. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale or its equivalent, at the time of the application.
5. **APPLICATION:** The application for this award must be:
  - a. Submitted on a form furnished by NineStar (online or paper copy)
  - b. Accompanied by an official transcript clearly substantiating the student’s having maintained, at time of application, a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average, verified in writing by said student’s high school principal or guidance counselor as to authenticity.
  - c. The application must be legible and complete.

6. **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:**

- a. Said application shall be submitted to NineStar Connect at its principal place of business located at 2243 E. Main Street, Greenfield, Indiana 46140 or online at [ninestarconnect.com](http://ninestarconnect.com)
- b. Applications must be submitted after November 27, 2023, but not later than February 9, 2024. Any applications received after 3:00 pm February 9, 2024, will not be considered in the application process.
- c. Incomplete or illegible applications shall be discarded at the sole discretion of NineStar.
- d. NineStar shall have the right, but not the obligation, to investigate any information provided by an applicant and, should NineStar determine in its sole discretion that incorrect or misleading information has been provided by the applicant, such application may be discarded, or, if an award has been made, the same may be terminated and forfeited at its discretion.
- e. NineStar will make reasonable efforts to publish scholarship award information, and scholarship award deadlines in the quarterly information newsletters, letters to area schools known to be attended by NineStar member and customer students, as defined above, and by news releases.
- f. NineStar will make reasonable efforts to provide application forms to the aforementioned high schools, but the obligation of obtaining and completing said application shall be that of the student. Application forms will be available to the public at all NineStar offices and at [ninestarconnect.com](http://ninestarconnect.com) beginning November 27, 2023.

7. **SELECTION PROCESS:** Those applicants meeting the above criteria and submitting complete and proper application forms pursuant to the deadline shall be included in a random draw conducted by NineStar prior to the Annual Meeting on March 22, 2024. Such random selection process shall be established to provide every proper applicant with an equal chance of being selected as one of the fifteen (15) awardees. Winners will be contacted after the drawing and filmed for a video which will air at the Annual Meeting. The recipients of such awards, along with their parent or guardian, shall be required to execute a contract furnished by NineStar, guaranteeing the proper use of such award.

**USE OF AWARD**

The aforementioned fifteen (15) awards shall be utilized by the selected applicants to further their education at any institution that is accredited by the “Commission on Institutions of Higher Education at the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools”.

Such award shall be paid directly to said student or institution for tuition, if possible. If paid directly to said student, proof of payment of tuition, room and board, student fees, books or supplies will be required.

Any recipient who has received such scholastic award but fails to attend an accredited institution or otherwise fails to complete the term or terms for which the scholastic award was granted, shall immediately upon termination refund any unused portion of such award to NineStar Connect. Should such scholarship award not be used within twelve (12) months from such student’s date of selection, the same shall be forfeited.



## 2024 Scholarship Application

*Please type or print*

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Student plans to attend:                      College \_\_\_\_\_      Trade School \_\_\_\_\_      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Planned course of study \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail \_\_\_\_\_                      Parent/Guardian E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student Contact # \_\_\_\_\_                      Parent/Guardian Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Customer # (Found on Monthly Billing Statement) \_\_\_\_\_

In submitting this application, I understand that I must meet the following criteria:

1. Current minimum grade point average must be 2.75 on a 4.00 scale or its equivalent.
2. Submission of an official transcript showing this grade point average and all high school grades with this application. The official transcript must be signed by either high school principal or guidance counselor.
3. Must reside with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who is a member of NineStar Connect or a customer of NineStar Communications in good standing as of February 1, 2024.
4. Must be a 2023/2024 school year graduating high school student.
5. Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will execute a contract to properly use said award, pursuant to the standards and procedures set forth by the NineStar Connect Board of Directors which includes the use of said award at any institution that is accredited by the "Commission of Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools".

**This application and the official transcript must be received by NineStar Connect via online submission or at 2243 E. Main Street, Greenfield, IN 46140 on or before 3:00 pm on Friday, February 9, 2024.**