**2024**

**Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors Club**

**$2,000 Scholarship**

The Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors Club (NNNC) is a local non-profit 501c3 social organization whose mission is to help others within Naperville and the surrounding area through social, educational, and charitable opportunities.With the support of our sponsors, members, donors, and our fundraising activities, we are offering three (3) post-secondary scholarships in 2024 to outstanding local graduates that share our community values.

Each of our $2,000 scholarships will be awarded to three qualifying high school seniors who will graduate in spring 2024 from either District 203 or 204. Any District 203 or 204 graduating student may qualify and does not need to be a member, nor know a member, of NNNC. The student will have demonstrated the values of volunteerism within the community to “pay it forward” to the greater Naperville area.

Each student will receive a one-time scholarship of $2,000 toward their post-secondary education at an **ILLINOIS** **two-year, four-year, or vocational institution**. Scholarship money will be deposited with the Illinois post-secondary institution (school) of his/her choice for tuition, fees, books, and/or computer purchased through his/her school during the 2024/2025 academic year.

**DUE DATE: MARCH 15, 2024**

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 Number and Street Address (include Apartment Number)

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 City, State, and Zip Code

Other Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

Phone numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List any NNNC Member(s) with whom you have a relationship:

NNNC Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NNNC Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) Attended with address(es): Include the years you attended each high school

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4.0 scale**\***

\***Please attach a transcript from your counselor**

**List the Illinois post-secondary institutions (two-year, four-year, or vocational schools) where you are applying in choice order. Please include their addresses.**

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**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:**

1. **Helping others in the community:** Community can be defined in many ways, such as the town in which you live, your school, your church, and/or your family members. Your community service could be a singular volunteer opportunity where you stepped up to make a difference in the life of someone in need. It could be your involvement as a part of an organization that helps to make a difference in the lives of others. Or it could be a community service project that you developed and completed on your own. ***Your volunteerism demonstrates a passion or commitment to serving your community****.*

 2. **Desiring to further your education:** You will be continuing your post-secondary education in the

2024/2025 academic year at an **Illinois** **two-year, four-year, or vocational school**. The scholarship must be used by May 2025 toward tuition, fees, books, and/or a computer that is purchased through your school.

 **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Essay:**  An essay **between 500-750 words** explaining the reasons you feel you meet the NNNC Scholarship criteria and should be awarded this scholarship. We realize that your community group and/or the way you have helped may have changed during and/or after the pandemic. Include how you have helped your community (or communities), before, during, and/or after *t*he pandemic. Have you taken any coursework, had an experience, developed an expertise, or chosen a major or career helpful to your community? How do you plan to continue your service to a community in the future? Include any other information you feel is relevant or demonstrating how you “pay it forward”.
2. **Volunteerism:** On this application or a separate sheet of paper, please list each volunteer activity in which you participated during high school, the name and email address of a leader for each volunteer activity, and approximately how much time (i.e. hours, weekly, monthly) you volunteered in the activity. (**see below**)
3. **Letter of recommendation:** A **sealed** letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or leader, with contact information, from your volunteer activity explaining why you qualify for this scholarship. Please **attach** your **sealed** letter to this application, or recommender may be send the letter directly to NNNC Scholarship Chair via email or mail.
4. **High School transcript:** A transcript from your counselor. Please **attach** your transcript to this application.

**List of your volunteer organizations with name & email address of a leader for each: Include the year(s) & time you volunteered at each and any leadership role you assumed.**

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Any questions, please contact Julie Gilbert at NNNCScholarships2024@gmail.com.

**Completion:**

Please **attach** **together** your **completed application packet contents (application, essay, transcript & sealed letter of recommendation) and mail to**:

Ms. Julie Gilbert

NNNC Scholarship Chair

600 Pawnee Ln.

Naperville, IL 60563

**DUE DATE: MARCH 15, 2024**

**All application requirements must be post-marked or delivered to Scholarship Chair by due date to be considered for scholarship eligibility.**