Your high school senior could win $2,500 for college!

Nationwide/NACo 2022 College Scholarship
To enter and for full details, go to nrsforu.com/scholarship
Submission period: April 1 – May 31, 2022

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2022 NACo/Nationwide Scholarship Opportunity

Are you the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a high school senior? If you have an active account funded by employee dollars to a 457(b) Plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program, your student is eligible to apply for one of four $2,500 college scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2022.

In its 19th year of existence, the NACo/Nationwide scholarship essay contest is an educational opportunity for high school students transitioning into a new stage of their lives. Engaging young people in civic life and responsibilities is a great way to show high school students the valuable roles that counties play in the lives of their residents. The 2022 scholarship program's goal is to help ensure that young people get involved and stay involved in local government -- and understand the importance of being good stewards of their future finances.

To help students consider the importance of saving early and consistently, students are asked to write an essay that answers the following question:

The recent COVID pandemic has impacted the way we approach and plan for many of life's decisions. As we turn the corner on the challenges that we have faced over the past two years, what lessons can we learn as it relates to Retirement Readiness? As you formulate your response, please consider lessons learned and how you would approach the following when you graduate college and start planning for your Financial Security: Use of Employer Sponsored Retirement Plans, Budgeting, Asset Diversification, Emergency Funds and Financial Literacy. As you consider your response, you may also want to consider the following economic levers that may impact Retirement Security: Healthcare Costs, Social Security, Market Risk and Increasing Life Expectancy.

Eligibility requirements

Graduating high school seniors who are legal U.S. residents are eligible to apply. Please keep the following criteria in mind:

- The applicant's parent, grandparent or legal guardian must be enrolled in and have a current employee funded 457(b) Plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program.
- Applicants must enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study no later than the autumn term of the 2022-2023 school year at an accredited Trade School or two or four-year college.
- Immediate family members of NACo employees, members of the NACo Defined Contribution and Retirement Advisory Committee or its governing board of directors, staff of individual state Association of Counties that are members of the LLC and Nationwide employees are not eligible to apply; this program is not offered outside the United States.
- The application and entry must be submitted online at nrsforu.com/scholarship between April 1 and May 31, 2022.

Application process

Parents, grandparents or legal guardians should talk to their eligible high school seniors about applying right away. Applications can be completed online at nrsforu.com/scholarship beginning April 1.
42 years of partnership — and still going strong

The NACo-Nationwide Scholarship is one of the many benefits available as a result of four decades of partnership between Nationwide and the National Association of Counties (NACo) and its member counties. For additional information about the NACo Deferred Compensation Program, please contact David Belnick at belnid1@nationwide.com or 410-790-5440, or contact your Nationwide representative at 1-877-677-3678.

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