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Grants and Scholarship Programs

# **Helping make dreams happen**

## **Scholarships and Grants**

NEFCU is committed to supporting our local communities. That's why we have awarded over one million dollars in scholarship and grant programs to support educational endeavors. We offer programs targeted at high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate college students, as well as educators and school administrators.

# **Scholarship Programs including**

**High School Seniors**

**Undergraduate Students**

**Graduate Students**

## Making a Difference Family Scholarship

Application Period: December 28th, 2017 – May 1st, 2018

The Making a Difference Family Scholarship provides up to twelve (12) \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties here on Long Island.

Application Requirements:

- Completed essay on assigned topic (the essay topic is available on the website application page)
- Unofficial school transcript
- Documented proof of fifty (50) hours of community service (single events such as community/charitable walks do not count)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must have a four year overall high school GPA of 90 or above
- Student must complete fifty (50) hours of community service

Deadline: May 1st, 2018

### **Additional Notes:**

Only one scholarship type awarded per student. Scholarship winners are eligible for the Making a Difference Premier Scholarship. Winners will be announced 6–8 weeks following the application deadline. If chosen as a winner, the winner will require an account to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit.

## Making a Difference Premier Scholarship

Application Period: May 1st, 2018 – July 15th, 2018

The Making a Difference Premier Scholarship awards one (1) \$20,000 scholarship paid out over four years.

Application Requirements:

- Completed essay on assigned topic (the essay topic is available on the online application page)
- Unofficial school transcript
- Documented proof of fifty (50) hours of community service

Eligibility Requirements:

- This scholarship is only offered to winners of our Making a Difference Family Scholarship and Making a Difference High School Scholarship
- The student applicant must be a member and/or have a parent/guardian who is a NEFCU member to be an eligible candidate. (if chosen as winner, the winner will require an account to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit)
- Student must have a four year overall high school GPA of 90 or above

Deadline: July 15th, 2018

### **Additional Notes:**

Only one scholarship type awarded per student. Winning student is required to maintain a GPA of 3.5 each year to receive scholarship. Winners will be announced 6–8 weeks following the application deadline.

## Making a Difference College Scholarship

Application Period: October 1st, 2017 – March 31st, 2018

The Making a Difference College Scholarship provides five (5) \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in an accredited 4-year college or university for a Bachelor's Degree or a Graduate Program for a Master's Degree.

Application Requirements:

- Completed online application form
- Completed essay on assigned topic (the essay topic is available on the application page)
- Unofficial school transcript (student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5)
- Resume

Eligibility Requirements:

- The student applicant must be a member or the applicant must have a parent/guardian who is a NEFCU member to be an eligible candidate (An account can be opened with a simple \$5 deposit. If chosen as a winner, the winner will require an account to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit)

Deadline: March 31st, 2018

**Additional Notes:**

Only one scholarship type awarded per student. Winners will be announced 6–8 weeks following the application deadline.

## Making a Difference Community College Scholarship

Application Period: October 1st, 2017 – March 31st, 2018

The Making a Difference Community College Scholarship provides five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to undergraduate students who are enrolled in an accredited community college.

Application Requirements:

- Completed online application form
- Completed essay on assigned topic (the essay topic is available on the application page)
- Unofficial school transcript (student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0)
- Resume

Eligibility Requirements:

- The student applicant must be a member or the applicant must have a parent/guardian who is a NEFCU member to be an eligible candidate (An account can be opened with a simple \$5 deposit. If chosen as a winner, the winner will require an account to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit)

Deadline: March 31st, 2018

### **Additional Notes:**

Only one scholarship type awarded per student. Winners will be announced 6–8 weeks following the application deadline.



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**Opportunities for Educators & High School Administrators**



## Funding Your Ideas (FYI) Teacher Grants

Application Period: January 1st, 2018 – October 31st, 2018

The Funding Your Ideas (FYI) Teacher Grants offer teachers and educators a grant award up to \$250 to develop innovative classroom projects.

Application Requirements:

- Complete online application
- Submit an anonymous written proposal
- Review the detailed proposal guidelines prior to submitting your application located on our website

Eligibility Requirements:

- Open to teachers instructing from pre-K through 12th grade in Nassau or Suffolk County (includes private, public, or parochial schools)
- Teacher applicants must be a NEFCU member to be an eligible candidate. (An account can be opened with a simple \$5 deposit. If chosen as a winner, the winner will require an account to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit)

Deadline: October 31st, 2018

**Additional Notes:**

Winners will be announced 6–8 weeks following the application deadline.

# Make a Difference High School Scholarship

Application Period: December 28th, 2017 – May 1st, 2018

The Making a Difference High School Scholarship provides High School Administrators throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island the opportunity to nominate one student from their high school for a \$500 scholarship.

Interested students may contact his/her Guidance Counselor regarding their High School's participation.

Nomination Requirements:

- Nominations must be made by the Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, or Director of Guidance
- One nomination per school
- Nominee must be a graduating High School Senior with intentions of attending a two-year or four-year college/university
- Nominee must have a minimum four-year overall average of 90% with a demonstration of strong community service

Additional Criteria:

- Students and parents are not eligible to apply
- Open to all Long Island High Schools, except the townships of Shelter Island, East Hampton, and South Hampton
- If chosen as a winner, the winner will require NEFCU membership to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit (NEFCU membership can be attained with a simple \$5 deposit. If chosen as a winner, the winner will require an account to receive the awarded money in the form of a direct deposit)

Deadline: May 1st, 2018

**Additional Notes:**

Only one student per school should be nominated. Scholarship winners are eligible for the Making a Difference Premier Scholarship. Winners will be announced 6–8 weeks following the application deadline.