THE NSLS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS PROGRAM

FALL 2019 – SPRING 2020
OVERVIEW

The NSLS Foundation receives funds from a variety of donors and funders. The total monetary value of the program changes each year based on the growth of our campaign funds.

The NSLS Foundation receives a large volume of scholarship applications each term and winners are chosen by The NSLS Foundation Review Board through a highly selective process. Due to this competitive environment, applicants are encouraged to submit their best work in order to increase the chances of receiving a scholarship, grant, or award.

All Scholarships and Awards applications must be submitted through The NSLS Foundation application portal. The application window closes at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date.

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Application inquiries can be directed to awards@nsls.org.
LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The NSLS Foundation wants to provide everyone the opportunity to discover their leadership potential. We are proud to say that our scholarship program has awarded over $2,000,000 in scholarships since 2001 to NSLS members and our chapters. We encourage all those who qualify as an Advisor or Member to apply.

Submission & Announcement Dates

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Spring Deadline: March 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET
STEPHEN COVEY TRIBUTE AWARDS

Chapter of the Year

Advisor of the Year
CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Each year, the NSLS recognizes one chapter for the impact it has had upon both its members and the community. This prestigious award is received by the chapter that continuously demonstrates excellent leadership to its members, campus, and community.

Five additional chapters will be recognized with the Distinguished Chapter Award, receiving $700 toward chapter dues and each active Executive Board member (up to 12) receiving $50. If the winning chapter has more than 12 E-Board members, the $600 will be split evenly amongst all E-Board members.

Award
- Chapter of the Year receives $1,400 toward chapter dues
- $100 for up to 12 Executive Board members. If the winning chapter has more than 12 E-Board members, the $1,200 will be split evenly amongst all E-Board members.
- Certificate of Recognition

Eligibility
- Demonstrates dedication to the NSLS mission, building leaders who make a better world
- Exemplifies outstanding chapter development, membership support, and leadership training
- Actively engages in campus and community volunteerism

Requirements
- Completed online application.
- Maximum four (4) page essay (12pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) from the Student President or Executive Board member answering the question:
  1. How has your chapter demonstrated outstanding dedication to the NSLS mission, chapter development and member growth, and leadership training?
  2. Provide examples or anecdotes of how your chapter has had a significant impact on your campus and community.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff at the school detailing the impact the chapter has had upon the campus community.
- At least 5 high-resolution color photographs from chapter events, each 300KB or higher.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc..

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
**ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

NSLS Chapter Advisors are vital in the development, perpetuation, and strength of the NSLS mission. Not only are they mentors and leaders to the Executive Board and local chapter members, but also serve as a liaison with the campus administration. Each year the NSLS recognizes one Advisor that truly exemplifies the NSLS mission and goes above and beyond expectations.

We will also recognize 5 additional Advisors with the Distinguished Advisor Award, each receiving $150 and the nominator receiving $25.

**Award**
- $500 to winner / $100 to nominator of winning Advisor
- Number of Recipients: 1
- Certificate of Recognition

**Eligibility**
- Exemplifies the qualities of a leader by successfully running a chapter
- Provides an inclusive environment for all members
- Supplies a consistently high level of support to the Executive Board and members
- Maintains consistent communication with the National Office

**Requirements**
- Completed online application.
- Maximum four (4) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) from the nominator answering the questions:
  1. How does this Chapter Advisor exemplify true leadership, and how does he/she go above and beyond supporting their chapter?
  2. What are some characteristics that make this Advisor an exceptional role model? Provide examples or situations that may help support your answer.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from the Student President or an Executive Board Member.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc..

**To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.**
MISSION-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Academic Excellence Scholarship
Entrepreneur Award
Dream Support Grant
Practicing Leadership Scholarship
Living Leadership Scholarship
A Force for Good Award
Healthy Living Award
Alumni Award
Online Member Scholarship
New Member Scholarship
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Higher education is one of the most valuable investments any individual can make. It requires commitment to education and discipline to persevere through the academic rigors of undergraduate or graduate studies. The NSLS recognizes inducted members that exemplify leadership accomplishments, as well as high academic standing.

Award
• $3,000 toward undergraduate or graduate tuition
• Number of Recipients: 12
• Certificate of Accomplishment
• One (1) recipient will have the opportunity to be recognized at an upcoming NSLS Leadership Summit or Live Speaker Broadcast. The NSLS Foundation will cover the recipient’s travel and hotel costs.

Eligibility
• Inducted Member of the NSLS (steps to induction completed—it is not necessary for you to have attended an induction ceremony to be eligible)
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7
• Must be an enrolled student in the following semester after Scholarship Term
• Award is ONLY payable to the school toward school tuition

Requirements
• Completed online application (include screenshot of Inducted Member Status from Members Area).
• Copy of current transcript.
• Maximum five (5) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  1. What has been your most significant accomplishment as a leader?
  2. What do you intend to do with the degree you are currently working towards (if known)?
  3. Provide two or more examples of how your membership in the NSLS has positively contributed to or influenced those around you.
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references.
• A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
• Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Many of today’s most successful businesses such as Facebook, Google, Microsoft and SnapChat were created by students in their college dorm rooms. Many NSLS members have ideas that could become the next Google, which is why we created the Entrepreneur Award. Develop and submit your business plan, and perhaps the NSLS will provide you with seed money to help get your idea off the ground.

Award

• Up to $7,500 to be awarded for each scholarship term. Applicants must specify the amount they are requesting. Amount awarded to each recipient may vary.

• Number of Recipients: Due to the various amounts requested, there may be multiple winners

• Certificate of Accomplishment

• One (1) recipient will have the opportunity to be recognized at an upcoming NSLS Leadership Summit or Live Speaker Broadcast. The NSLS Foundation will cover the recipient’s travel and hotel costs.

Eligibility

• Inducted member of the NSLS (steps to induction completed—it is not necessary for you to have attended an induction ceremony to be eligible)

• Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references

Requirements

• The idea must be for a mission-based business, one that will positively impact society or will have a portion of the proceeds going to charity.

• Completed online application (include screenshot of Inducted Member Status from Members Area).

• Complete structure of business plan, including but not limited to:
  1. Explanation of the business.
  2. Budget, personnel, target audience, location, projected future growth.
  3. Request for specific amount of funding and substantial justification for request.

• Maximum six (6) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  1. Background information on why this business is necessary and how it will positively impact the world (i.e.: identify what pain points you are solving).
  2. How will you use the knowledge and skills you’ve learned from your NSLS membership to successfully execute this business?

• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.

• A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
DREAM SUPPORT GRANT

The NSLS Foundation aims to empower and engage individuals in embarking upon their dreams and aspirations. We recognize that working towards a personal goal takes unlimited hard work, unyielding determination, and unbreakable courage that must defy all odds. The purpose of this grant is to support individuals in achieving their dream. Please note: This is not a need-based award. Those seeking scholarships for tuition or books/materials should apply for the Academic Excellence or Financial Aid Materials Award. This award is to help students achieve their personal goals and dreams not related to starting a business. Those seeking funds to start a business should apply for the Entrepreneur Award.

Award
• $7,500 is available to be awarded for each scholarship term. Applicants must specify the amount they are requesting.
• Number of Recipients: Due to the various amounts requested, there may be multiple winners
• Certificate of Accomplishment
• One (1) recipient will have the opportunity to be recognized at an upcoming NSLS Leadership Summit or Live Speaker Broadcast. The NSLS Foundation will cover the recipient’s travel and hotel costs.

Eligibility
• Inducted Member of the NSLS (steps to induction completed—it is not necessary for you to have attended an induction ceremony to be eligible)
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Requirements
• Completed online application (include screenshot of Inducted Member Status from Members Area).
• Copy of most current transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
• Maximum three (3) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  1. Amount you are requesting and where the money is specifically needed (outline of costs).
  2. Your dream: how this dream came to be, what are your action steps to achieve it, and what obstacles or challenges have you had or are expecting to have in achieving it?
  3. How will this grant directly contribute to you accomplishing your dream?
  4. Provide two or more examples of how your membership in the NSLS has positively contributed to or influenced those around you.
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• Copies of receipts and/or invoices that have been spent towards your dream.
• Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references.
• A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
PRACTICING LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available exclusively to members who are registered for the Advanced Leadership Certification. The Advanced Leadership Certification allows members to continue their leadership journey, shifting their focus from one of self-growth to service of others, from learning leadership to practicing leadership, from being the motivated to being the motivator and empowering those around them. The Advanced Leadership Certification explores topics like Diversity of Styles, Emotional Intelligence, and Leveraging Your Strengths while also outlining how to identify and secure a mentor. Further, students acquire the skills needed to navigate the challenging situations that emerge in groups through experiential, in-the-moment problem solving.

Award
- $500
- Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility
- Enrolled in Advanced Leadership Certification
- Letter of recommendation (see below)

Requirements
- Completed online application.
- Maximum three (3) page essay or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) which answers the following:
  1. Why did you choose to enroll in the Advanced Leadership Certification?
  2. Why did you choose your community service initiative?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution photo of yourself, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
LIVING LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available exclusively to members who are registered for the Executive Leadership Certification. The Executive Leadership Certification allows members to continue their leadership journey. Through the completion of an NSLS Better World project—the focus moves from Practicing Leadership to Living Leadership, from being the mentee to being the mentor. The Executive Leadership Certification explores topics like Inclusive Leadership, Unconventional Solutions, and Perspective. Further, students are tasked with organizing and completing their own NSLS Better World Project.

Award
• $1,000
• Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility
• Enrolled in Executive Leadership Certification
• Letter of recommendation (see below)

Requirements
• Completed online application.
• Maximum three (3) page essay or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) which answers the following:
  1. Why did you choose to enroll in the Executive Leadership Certification?
  2. Why did you choose your NSLS Better World Project?
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
• A high resolution photo of yourself, 300KB or larger.
• Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
A FORCE FOR GOOD AWARD

Since our inception, NSLS members have been “a force for good,” dedicating over a quarter-million hours to community service. The A Force for Good Award rewards our chapters for the community service work they have done over the course of one year.

Award
- $1,400 toward chapter dues
- Number of Recipients: 1

Eligibility
- Chapter must be in good standing having been given credit for at least six pillars
- Letter of recommendation from Chapter Advisor

Requirements
- Completed online application.
- Maximum three (3) page project summary (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that answers the following:
  1. What is the motivation behind your desire to give back to the community?
  2. What community service projects did your chapter work on this year?
  3. How did your community service positively impact others?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Minimum of 5 photos of your service, 1.7 MB each
- Minimum of 5 videos of your service, (maximum 90 seconds for each video). Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- High resolution photos of your E-Board AND chapter, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
HEALTHY LIVING GRANT

The NSLS encourages our members to strive to be the healthiest versions of themselves. Whether that means eating correctly, taking fitness classes or receiving your certification (e.g., yoga instructor, personal trainer, etc.), the NSLS wants to help you get there. The Healthy Living Grant provides financial assistance to aid in achieving your goals.

Award

• $1,000
• Number of Recipients: 5
• Certificate of Accomplishment

Eligibility

• Letters of recommendation (see below)

Requirements

• Completed online application.
• Maximum three (3) page essay or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) which answers the following:
  1. What does healthy living mean to you and what is your motivation to live a healthy life?
  2. What are your health goals, how are you going to achieve them, and how will this grant make that possible?
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
• A high resolution photo of yourself, 300KB or larger.
• Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
ALUMNI AWARD

NSLS members excel as leaders long after they have achieved induction and graduated from college. The NSLS Foundation encourages these alumni members to continue to develop as leaders long after they leave campus, and the Alumni Award recognizes those who are living the values of NSLS in their careers.

Award

- $1,000
- Number of Recipients: 5
- Certificate of Accomplishment

Eligibility

- Inducted Member of the NSLS (steps to induction completed—it is not necessary for you to have attended an induction ceremony to be eligible)
- Completed undergraduate degree (Bachelor’s or Associate’s Degree) currently in the workforce or working toward a graduate degree.

Requirements

- Completed online application (include screenshot of Inducted Member Status from Members Area).
- Maximum three (3) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  - How are you living the values of the NSLS in your career/graduate work?
  - How did your experience in the NSLS shape your career?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
ONLINE MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

The NSLS Foundation recognizes the increasing importance of online education for today’s students, whether they are pursuing their undergraduate or graduate degree, or simply taking classes to learn and better their futures. The Online Member Scholarship awards students who are enrolled in an online chapter of the NSLS or are enrolled in online education classes.

Award
• $1,000
• Number of Recipients: 5
• Certificate of Accomplishment

Eligibility
• Member of an online chapter of the NSLS or enrolled in online education classes

Requirements
• Completed online application
• If not enrolled in an online chapter of the NSLS, you must provide proof of your enrollment in online education classes (via unofficial transcript, etc.)
• Maximum three (3) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  • Why did you choose to pursue your education online?
  • How has that decision helped to shape your life?
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
• A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
• Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
NEW MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

New members are joining the NSLS every day, and the NSLS Foundation recognizes that many of these members will make an impact on their chapters, communities, and their own lives almost immediately. The New Member Scholarship recognizes excellent students in their first semester as NSLS members.

Award

- $1,000
- Number of Recipients: 5
- Certificate of Accomplishment

Eligibility

- New member of NSLS who joined during the current semester
- Attended at least one event toward induction (Orientation, Leadership Training Day, Speaker Broadcast, or Success Networking Team meeting)

Requirements

- Completed online application
- Maximum three (3) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  - Why did you decide to join NSLS?
  - What impact has your membership already had on your life?
  - What are your future goals as an NSLS member?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Financial Aid Materials Grant

NSLS Little Leaders Award
FINANCIAL AID MATERIALS GRANT

The NSLS Foundation designates a certain amount of scholarship funds to those who are in need of financial assistance towards their undergraduate or graduate degrees. The purpose for this grant is to support endeavors for higher education and assist in extraneous academic expenses such as textbooks.

Award
• $1,000
• Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility
• All Members of the NSLS
• Must demonstrate financial need towards academic expenses

Requirements
• Completed online application.
• Provide a 3 page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  1. What are the financial circumstances that make you eligible for a need-based grant?
  2. Provide two or more examples of how your membership in the NSLS has positively contributed to or influenced those around you.
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• Documentation that verifies financial need:
  1. FAFSA summary (if you have one).
  2. Current and up-to-date tuition balance from your school’s Registrar’s Office.
• One letter of recommendation from an academic or professional reference.
• A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
• Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
NSLS LITTLE LEADERS AWARD

The NSLS Foundation recognizes that we all have a “Little Leader” in our lives, be it your child, cousin, sibling or even a family friend, who could benefit from a program which fosters and supports their interests (e.g., academic tutoring, sports classes, foreign language classes, etc.). The Little Leaders Award pays for these programs that will help our Little Leaders grow to be well-rounded individuals who make a better world.

Award
• Up to $1,200
• Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility
• All Members of the NSLS
• Little Leader must be between the ages of 5 – 14.

Requirements
• Completed online application.
• Provide a short essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes) that includes the following:
  1. The extracurricular activity your Little Leader (ages 5-14) is interested in and why you believe their participation will help build them into a leader who makes a better world.
  2. The monthly/yearly cost of the activity
• If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
• A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant (not the child), 300KB or larger.

To Apply - Complete the online application form during the Fall or Spring Term. See deadlines on page 2.
ELIGIBILITY AND DISTRIBUTION

The NSLS Foundation Review Board checks submissions for proper eligibility and truthfulness. Due to various scholarships and awards, eligibility requirements are specified accordingly. Inaccurate and incomplete applications will result in disqualification. The NSLS Foundation retains the right to not award a scholarship or grant at any given time, with the funds rolling over to the next award period. Should the NSLS Foundation learn of a winner’s fraudulent application, the NSLS Foundation will exercise the right to rescind the award and revoke the applicant’s NSLS membership.

Member Status
All applicants must be registered members of the NSLS. Registered members include both pre-inducted and inducted members. Inducted members are members who have completed the steps to induction.

International Students & Non-U.S. Citizen Members
The NSLS Foundation welcomes international students and non-U.S. citizen members (with a valid Social Security number) to apply for any award, scholarship, and/or grant. Award recipients with this status must provide additional documentation before receiving the award.

Award Distribution
The NSLS Foundation distributes awards in the form of a check or gift, which is specified in each award description. Due to the various scholarships, awards, and grants, the monetary award check may be payable to either the applicant or the applicant’s college/university and applied towards any outstanding tuition balance.

Documents to Receive Award
The NSLS Foundation Scholarships and Awards Department will contact the recipient directly via the email address provided in the application on the announcement date. The email will include necessary documents that need to be completed and returned.

For award checks that are made payable to the college/university/program, a form will be attached in the email for the student to complete, requesting the school’s Bursar or Cashier Office information in order for the NSLS to mail the check directly to the school to be applied toward outstanding tuition.

For award checks that are made payable to the recipient directly, a W-9 form will be attached in the email for the student to complete. International students will be required to provide additional documentation:

1. Proof of matriculation at the US-based college or university
2. Copy of Valid Student Visa
3. Completed W-8BEN form (will be attached in the email)

Questions or concerns can be directed to awards@nsls.org.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

When are the deadline dates?
The Fall Term submission period is September 9 – November 1, and the deadline date is November 1 at 11:59 p.m. ET. The Spring Term submissions period is February 3 – March 27 and the deadline date is March 27 at 11:59 p.m. ET. There are no exceptions to these deadline dates. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

I don’t know how to resize my photo to 300KB or 1.7 MB. Can you please help?
You can resize any photo by using Paint, which is an installed program on your computer. As we cannot assist individual applicants with resizing photographs, we can suggest consulting with your local school’s IT department.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

I am not a U.S. citizen. Can I still apply?
Non-U.S. citizens that reside in the United States may apply only if he or she has a Social Security Number. This is needed to complete the W-9 form to receive the monetary award. International students may apply as well. International student winners must provide proof of matriculation at the US-based college or university, valid student visa, and completed W-8BEN form. The W-9 and W-8BEN form will be provided to the winner to be completed and returned to the Scholarships and Awards Department via e-mail.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship, grant, or award?
Yes. The NSLS Foundation Review Board evaluates each submission individually based on the criteria of the specific scholarship, grant, or award. However, members may only win a maximum of one scholarship, grant, or award.

If I have won a scholarship, grant, or award in the past, can I still apply?
Yes. The NSLS Foundation Review Board evaluates each submission individually based on the criteria of the specific scholarship, grant, or award.

I am not yet inducted, but I expect to be inducted by the end of the semester. Would I qualify for the “inducted member” requirement?
As long as all of your induction steps are completed by the time you submit your application (before the submission deadline date), you will qualify and fulfill the requirement as an “inducted member.”

I do not have a FAFSA Summary. What other documents can I send to verify my financial need?
If you do not have a FAFSA Summary, you may send any other form of documentation that demonstrates your financial need at your discretion.
APPLICATION

Who should write my letters of recommendation?
It is strongly recommended you acquire letters from references that can speak highly of your academic, professional, and/or leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities. Letters may be written to “The NSLS Foundation Review Board.”

Can my professors send their letters of recommendation separately?
The standard process of submission for letters of recommendation is to have them attached to your online application. You will be able to request a letter of recommendation from your professor through the application portal. Your professor/reference can then submit their letter, which will be automatically attached to your application.

Can I make corrections on a submitted application?
No. All submissions are final. Please do not submit your application more than once, as it will not be reviewed. If you have any questions regarding your submitted application, you may email awards@nsls.org.

What do you look for in a strong application?
The NSLS Foundation receives hundreds of applications each submission term and evaluates applications based on the specific purpose and description. Historically, the strongest applications include the following characteristics:
1. Required questions are answered with complex responses that are well thought-out. The provided details and examples fully support the purpose and goal of the scholarship, grant, or award.
2. Structure of the essay is organized, cohesive, void of grammatical errors and makes proper use of vocabulary. Do not include extraneous words or content.
3. Information presented conveys that the member understands the NSLS mission, “building leaders who make a better world.”
4. Creativity and uniqueness of submission.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

How do I know if I won?
The Fall Term Announcement Date is December 16, 2019. The Spring Term Announcement date is May 11, 2020. Winners are emailed individually through the email address they have provided in their application.

When can I expect to receive my check?
Checks are mailed up to one week after the necessary forms are completed accurately and returned to the Scholarships and Awards Department via email at awards@nsls.org. Depending on the award, the form may be a W-9/W-8BEN or Tuition Form. The checks are shipped via First Class Mail.

Additional inquiries can be directed to awards@nsls.org.