



Character Reference Questionnaire

Confidential

Thank you for your participation and objective analysis!

Please return this form to The Nicol Foundation at the address below by January 31 of student's graduating year.

(DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE APPLICANT)

Scholarship Applicant Name: _____

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Character					
Communication Skills					
Creativity					
First Impression					
Initiative					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Responsibility Level					
Demeanor					
Work Ethic					

How long have you known the Applicant? _____ Are you related in any way? _____

Explain your relationship to the Applicant (check box):

Clergy
 Teacher, Counselor
 Business Mentor
 Other: _____

Indicate your recommendation for the Applicant (check box):

Highly Recommend
 Recommend
 Recommend with reservations
 Not Recommend

On a separate sheet (stationery), please explain your evaluation of his/her skills and how he/she is emblematic of *The Nicol Foundation Mission*. Please sign this sheet.

Name (Print): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

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The Nicol Foundation Mission

The Nicol Foundation (TNF) is a “faith-based” 501c3 not-for-profit charity devoted to upholding traditional American Values by providing education, inspiration and scholarship assistance to support and encourage innovation, creativity, self-reliance and entrepreneurship.

Purpose

In honor of his family, ancestry, and business, founder Kevin G. Nicol’s dream is to establish a foundation that supports the fundamentals he believes are the most important to our country and future:

1. **Youth:** Our nation’s future depends on our youth.

*Freedom is never more than
one generation away from extinction.
We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.
It must be fought for, protected, and
handed on for them to do the same.*
President Ronald Reagan

2. **Education:** Ignorance can be eradicated through education. We must respect and study the successes and failures of the past.

*Those who don't know history
are destined to repeat it.*
Sir Edmund Burke

3. **Spiritual Faith:** Charity, love, compassion, integrity, honor, respect, and reverence are all part of Judeo-Christian principles that are worthy, noble causes. The USA must retain its spiritual faith.

*The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,
all the nations that forget God.*
Psalm 9:17 (NIV)

4. **Traditional American Values:** Self-reliance, entrepreneurship, hard-work, innovation, creativity, rugged-individualism, capitalism, and exercising financial stewardship are all fundamental to American Exceptionalism.

*America will never be destroyed from the outside.
If we falter and lose our freedoms,
it will be because we destroyed ourselves.*
President Abraham Lincoln

The Program

The Nicol Foundation will be awarding at least one \$1,000 Scholarship to a graduating senior who is enrolled in a qualified CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Programs. The check will be made payable to the student and presented at the Senior Recognition Ceremony of each recipient's respective school at the end of the academic year.

Requirements-Qualifications

- I. The Applicant must be a United States citizen and enrolled in the CEO class.
- II. Complete and return the following by January 31 of the applicant's graduating year to:

**The Nicol Foundation
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Granite City, IL 62040-0907**

- *The Nicol Foundation (TNF)* Scholarship Application.
 - Affidavit of Educational Purpose (must be notarized).
 - A type-written essay signed by the applicant on the topic of *American Exceptionalism* (must not exceed 500 words).
 - Four Letters of Recommendations: one by each of the following:
 1. Clergy: Priest, Minister or Rabbi
 2. Teacher or Counselor
 3. Business Mentor
 4. Elective individual. Must not be a relative/family member.
- III. Applications will be reviewed by the TNF Scholarship Committee and evaluated as follows:
- 25% = Quality of Application and Letters of Recommendation.
- 35% = Quality of Essay and Presentation.
- 40% = Quality of the CEO Trade Show project scheduled toward the end of the academic year.

All exhibits and overall assignments will be evaluated by anonymous judges selected by TNF Scholarship Committee members.