



# Scholarship Application

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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) Program. 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 February 28/29 (*This date is very strict*) of the applicant's graduating year to:

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- *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.

# **The Nicol Foundation Scholarship Application**

(Please print legibly.)

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CEO Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What college/university do you plan to attend, and have you been accepted by that institution?**

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**What degree(s) do you plan to pursue?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**What do you plan to do after attending college?**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**List your school activities/organizations in which you have participated.**

**Circle Years of Participation**

_____	<b>Fr</b>	<b>So</b>	<b>Jr</b>	<b>Sr</b>
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**List your activities, organizations and/or experiences outside High School (include any work and volunteer experiences) in which you have participated.**

**Circle Years of Participation**

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**List academic honors and achievements (Inside and Outside High School). in which you have earned.**

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**I certify that all the information above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the provided attached essay was completed solely by me; are my thoughts; and are not plagiarized in any manner. I understand that any false or incomplete information could result in my not being considered for this scholarship. I also understand that my rights of privacy will be respected, and that this scholarship is not based on sex, race or national origin.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**The Nicol Foundation Affidavit of Educational Purpose**

I hereby affirm that any funds received from The Nicol Foundation will be used for expenses related to continued education at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School

Applicant (must sign in presence of Notary Public):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires

(Seal)

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