



NIACC Dream Scholar Award Application

Do not submit your application to the NIACC Dream Scholar Award Committee unless it is complete and includes all required information. Applications postmarked after the August 1 deadline will not be accepted. No extensions will be given.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

DOB _____ Cum GPA _____ High School _____

High School Graduation Date _____

Degree/Diploma Program _____

Required Essay Question for Dream Scholar Award

Choose TWO prompts to write an essay response of a minimum of 250 words or more:

1. Provide an autobiography that includes your dreams, hopes, and aspirations.
2. How would you describe your high school experience and what do you expect to gain by enrolling in college?
3. What is your greatest motivation for attending college next year?
4. Tell us what this quote means to you.

A quote from author Michelle M. Serros' poem, *Mi Problema*: *"My sincerity isn't good enough. Eyebrows raise when I request: 'Hable más despacio, por favor.' My skin is brown just like theirs, but now I'm unworthy of the color 'cause I don't speak (the language) the way I should. Then they laugh and talk about mi problema in the language I stumbled over."*

Please answer 2 essay questions on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your completed application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Questions? Please contact: Valeria Gonzalez, Bilingual Enrollment Advisor

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NIACC's DREAM SCHOLAR AWARD

Empowering and supporting Undocumented and DACAmented Youth to gain the education they need to walk through the door of opportunity when it is opened.

Qualifications:

Be an Undocumented or DACAmented student residing in the state of Iowa

Must have graduated from a High School within the state of Iowa with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher or completed HSED (formerly GED)

To be eligible to apply for subsequent years as a current NIACC student, you must:

Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0

Remain continuously enrolled at NIACC

Remain current on all your college accounts and charges; and

Enrolled full time in a diploma or degree seeking program at North Iowa Area Community College (Fall/Spring)

******If a student withdraws or enrolls in less than full time credits (12 credits = Full time student) resulting in part time status, their award may be forfeited or the amount of the award reduced as determined appropriate by the Financial Aid Office.***

Requirements:

1. Submit a Dream Scholar Award Application by August 1.
2. Complete the NIACC Foundation Scholarship application
(we must have proof that you have completed this online application as well, click here to access the login page: https://niacc.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=388)
3. Provide a copy of your current high school transcript or HSED (formerly GED) diploma.
4. Submit a letter of reference from a teacher, community member, clergy, or non-relative that speaks to your qualifications and character.
5. Submit 2 responses to the essay questions as outlined in the application above.
6. If chosen as a finalist for the Dream Scholar Award, the applicant will be required to interview with a team of NIACC staff and will be contacted the second week of August to set up a time/date.

Awards:

Awards of \$3,500 will be granted

**This award cannot be used to cover past expenses*

Mail completed application to:

NIACC Dream Scholar Award
c/o Valeria Gonzalez, Bilingual Enrollment Advisor
500 College Drive
Mason City, IA 50401
or

Email: valeria.gonzalez@niacc.edu along with supporting documentation as requested/required

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Individuals having questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy should contact Shelly Schmit, EEO/AA Officer, 500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401 or via telephone at 641-422-4211. Inquires may also be directed to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661, phone number 312/730-1560, fax 312/730-1576.