

# **NACHES VALLEY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS POLICY**

- 1.) The scholarship program for Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars will close on March 15<sup>th</sup> of the awards year. Students will complete the Student Profile in ChapterNet accessible via the website ([NachesValley.dollarsforscholars.org](http://NachesValley.dollarsforscholars.org)). Students can start building their profile after completing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 2.) All award selections are based exclusively on merit.
- 3.) The awards will be open to any graduate of Naches Valley High School in the year of the award.
- 4.) Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars will present scholarships for the following education/trainings for Naches Valley High School graduates:
  - a. Any accredited institution of higher education (university, college, community college) that may lead toward an educational diploma: i.e., Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts, Master's Degree.
  - b. Any accredited vocational/technical trade school leading to licensing or certification for a profession: i.e., electrician, technician, legal assistant, etc.
  - c. Any accredited program that leads to qualification for a State or Federal license or certification: i.e., beauty school, dental hygienist, etc.
- 5.) The Awards Selection Committee will score all applications as directed by the Awards Selection Community chair, using the point system outlined by Scholarship America's Dollars for Scholars office. All awards will be determined on an anonymous and non-discriminatory basis.
- 6.) All gifts to Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars will carry the name of the donor or the organization unless the donor specifies it as an anonymous donation. Gifts may result in annual or one-time awards as determined by a written agreement with the donor.
- 7.) Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars' minimum award will be \$200.
- 8.) Awards will be presented to recipients at the Naches Valley High School Graduation ceremony. Upon receiving the Scholarship Acknowledgement Form (SAF) from the recipient, a check will be sent to their school of choice so as to be there when the student registers. SAF should be completed either by ChapterNet or mailed to Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current calendar year. A recipient award letter indicating who to thank will be sent to each recipient with a reminder of the June 30 deadline.
- 9.) Award deferral process: Any student postponing postsecondary attendance due to personal circumstances will have up to one year to use their award if the student notifies Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars. Request to wait more than one calendar year may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If funds are not used within the year, they will be placed back in the scholarship rotation and made available to another student.
- 10.) This Scholarship Awards Policy will be reviewed annually by the Awards Selection Committee prior to the start of Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars scholarship cycle. The committee chair shall submit any changes, or updates, to the Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars Board Directors for approval and shall notify Scholarship America within ten (10) days of any approved changes. All changes, or updates to the document, along with the vote of the Board of Directors, will be documented in the Naches Valley Dollars for Scholars meeting minutes.