



Port of Nehalem Scholarship Package

The Port of Nehalem is proud to support the educational goals of graduating seniors from Neah-Kah-Nie High School through two annual scholarships of \$2,500 each. These scholarships aim to provide financial assistance for students pursuing further education in either a traditional college setting or a trade school. We believe in fostering both academic and vocational excellence and are committed to helping students achieve their dreams.

The goal of these scholarships is to provide educational opportunities that could lead to career fields relevant to industries associated with the Port of Nehalem or businesses within its Special District boundary. While recipients may not necessarily work in the Port's area or even within the state, our aim is to invest in the future workforce, supporting industries that contribute to the overall economic and community prosperity of the Nehalem Bay region.

Scholarship Overview:

1. **Scholarship 1: Traditional College (Science Degree)**

Amount: \$2,500 – onetime benefit

This scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to pursue a degree in maritime, agriculture, forestry, or marine sciences from a two-year or four-year college or university.

2. **Scholarship 2: Trade School**

Amount: \$2,500 – onetime benefit

This scholarship is intended for a student seeking vocational education or certification through a trade school or apprenticeship program.

Application Criteria:

To apply for either scholarship, students must submit a complete application package that includes the following five components:

1. **Resume**

Applicants must submit a resume detailing their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, and any community service or volunteer work. The resume should reflect the student's skills, leadership experiences, and commitment to personal and professional growth. **Resumes must include full name, address, phone number, and email address**

2. **Two Letters of Recommendation**

Applicants for both scholarships must submit **two letters of recommendation** from teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, or community leaders. The letters should highlight the applicant's character, work

ethic, leadership abilities, and readiness for post-secondary education or vocational training. **Letters of recommendation should be limited to one page each**

3. Personal Statement or Essay

Applicants must write a 500-word maximum essay discussing their educational and career goals, how this scholarship will help them achieve those goals, and why they have chosen their specific field of study (science degree for Traditional College or vocational training for Trade School). The essay should reflect the applicant's passion, determination, and long-term vision.

4. Academic History

A copy of the applicant's high school transcript must be provided. The transcript should reflect the student's academic performance throughout high school, including GPA, and any honors or AP classes. For the Trade School Scholarship, academic achievement will be considered along with technical coursework or hands-on experience relevant to the student's chosen trade. **A certification from the guidance officer that the student is on track for graduation must be included.**

5. Panel Interview (Top Three Candidates Only)

After a formal review of all application material by the Port of Nehalem selection committee (Three Port Commissioners), the top three candidates will be notified of a follow on 30 minute in-person panel interview. This panel interview will be conducted at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be graduating seniors from Neah-Kah-Nie High School.
- Applicants for the Traditional College Scholarship must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year college/university with the intention of pursuing a degree in maritime, agriculture, forestry, or marine sciences.
- Applicants for the Trade School Scholarship must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited trade school or apprenticeship program for the upcoming academic year.
- Applicants must submit a completed application package by **March 15th 5PM.**
- **Please note that direct family members of currently serving Commissioners or staff for the Port of Nehalem are ineligible to receive Port of Nehalem scholarships, this includes children, parents, grandchildren, grandparents, caregivers, in-laws, and stepchildren**

How to Apply:

Application packages must be submitted to the Neah-Kah-Nie High School guidance office by **March 15th**. Late applications will not be considered.

For questions or additional information about the Port of Nehalem Scholarship Program, please contact the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Guidance Office.



Selection Process:

The Port of Nehalem scholarship selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the completeness and quality of their application package, alignment with the Port of Nehalem's values, and demonstration of potential for success in their chosen field. The selection committee will consist of **three Port of Nehalem Board Members**, who will conduct a formal review of the provided application materials. The Top Three Candidates will participate in a 30 minute in-person interview panel conducted at Neah-Kah-Nie High School with the Port of Nehalem selection committee. this committee will rate the candidate's interview

Each of the Three Port of Nehalem Commissioners will formally review application material and provide the following ratings:

- **Resume**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner on resume strength
 - 3-15 total points from the selection committee on resume strength
- **Letters of Recommendation**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner on letters of recommendations strength
 - 3-15 total points from the selection committee on letter of recommendations strength
- **Personal Statement or Essay**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner on Personal Statement or Essay strength
 - 3-15 total points from the selection committee on Personal Statement or Essay strength
- **Academic History**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner on Academic History strength
 - 3-15 total points from the selection committee on Academic History
- **Total Possible Points for Top 3 Selection**
 - 12-60 points from the selection committee

The Top Three Candidates will participate in a 30 minute in-person interview panel conducted at Neah-Kah-Nie High School with the Port of Nehalem selection committee this committee will rate the candidates interview based on four interview (as determined by the selection committee) questions and the following criteria:

- **Communication Skills and Confidence**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner

- 3-15 total points from the selection committee
 - **Passion and Alignment with Scholarship Goals**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner
 - 3-15 total points from the selection committee
 - **Community Involvement and Leadership:**
 - 1-5 points from each Commissioner
 - 3-15 total points from the selection committee
 - **Total Possible Points for Interview Panel:**
 - 9-45 total points from the selection committee
 - Applicant with highest point count will be nominated for scholarship award
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This full selection process will be followed for the Traditional College and Trade School Port of Nehalem Scholarships.

The Selection Committee will notify Neah-Kah-Nie Guidance Office formally through email of the scholarship nominees within 3 business days from the final panel interview.

Copies of all applicant ratings will be provided to the Neah-Kah-Nie Guidance Office for support of selection activities.



Port of Nehalem - Scholarship Checklist

DEADLINE: Applications must be **RECEIVED** at the Neah-Kah-Nie District Office by 5:00 p.m. March 15th

To avoid submitting an incomplete application, please use the checklist below as a tool for successful scholarship application. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY IMPACT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION!

	Applicant must submit a professional style resume, must include full name, address, and phone number, and email address.
	Applicants must submit TWO letters of recommendation with the application. Letters of recommendation should be no more than one page each.
	Applicant must submit a 500-word maximum personal statement or essay. The essay should reflect their passion, determination, and long-term vision and how the scholarship will support that vision.
	Applicant must submit a high school transcript with the application, validation of graduation status and GPA must be provided by the Guidance Office.