



National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology

Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship RULES

Application period opens on March 15, 2025, and ends June 15, 2025

Application Requirements:

1. Applicants must submit **all** of the following:
 - Completed and **signed** application form.
 - **Signed** copy of the scholarship rules document.
 - Personal essay **signed** by the applicant.
 - Three (3) **signed** letters of personal reference (one letter from three different individuals).
2. All documents must be:
 - **Signed** and written in **English**.
 - **Received by June 15, 2025**.
 - **Emailed to:** Angie Printz at aprintz@nictesting.org.
3. Applications that are illegible or incomplete will **not** be considered.

Selection Process:

1. Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the NIC President.
2. Four (4) applicants will be selected as scholarship candidates.
3. Candidates will receive a notice of eligibility through email by **August 15, 2025**.
4. All scholarship awards are:
 - Final.
 - Funded and administered by NIC.
5. NIC will not provide confirmation of receipt or denial letters due to the expected high volume of applications.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must currently be:
 - Enrolled or eligible to enroll as a **full-time student**, under the laws and regulations of the state where the candidate resides, in a program leading to licensure as a:
 - Cosmetologist
 - Esthetician
 - Nail technologist
 - Barber
 - Full-time status requirements:
 - **30+ hours per week**, or
 - **18+ hours per week** under the Veterans Administration definition of full-time.
2. If the applicant is not currently enrolled:
 - They must register as a full-time student within **6 months** from the date of the eligibility notice.
 - Failure to enroll will void the scholarship.

Scholarship Award and Payment:

1. The scholarship will:
 - Not exceed the cost of tuition for the training program.
 - Be paid directly to the school chosen by the candidate.
 - Be disbursed upon completion of **50% of the training program**.
2. Recipients who fail to complete the program must:
 - Pay back the scholarship to NIC.

I certify that I have read, understand, and will comply with the above-stated rules.

Applicant Signature

Date



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Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

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Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship Application Guidelines:

Each year, four scholarships of \$1,250 are awarded for study and training in the cosmetology field. To apply, email your completed application package to Angie Printz at aprintz@nictesting.org.

Include the following:

1. **Three Signed Letters of Personal Reference**
2. **Personal Essay:** A minimum of 250 words, typed and **signed**, explaining:
 - Why you want to be a licensee in the cosmetology field (barber, cosmetologist, esthetician, or nail technician).
 - How long you've been considering a career in the Cosmetology Industry and what influences brought you to this conclusion.
 - Why you deserve a scholarship and how being in the Cosmetology Industry gives back to your community.
 - Your future career goals.
3. **Signed Copy of the Scholarship Rules** (attached).
4. **Complete Application Package:** Must include the application form, scholarship rules, personal essay, and reference letters.

Submission Requirements:

- All documents must be **signed** and written in **English**.
- Submit your completed application package by email to Angie Printz at aprintz@nictesting.org.
- Applications must be received by email no later than **June 15, 2025**. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Illegible or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted)					
First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Home Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Email:					
Phone Number:					
Are you currently enrolled in a training program? (Yes or No)					
What training program are you enrolled in or plan to enroll in? (Cosmetology, Barber, Esthetics, Nail Technology):					
What school do you attend or plan to attend?			Anticipated Graduation Date:		
School Address:					

I declare the statements made in this application and all accompanying materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand in the event any information found to be intentionally falsified by me or other contributors I will be immediately disqualified from consideration for the scholarship. I certify I have read and understand the attached eligibility requirements and rules for administration of this scholarship.

Applicant Signature Date