



# National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology

## Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship RULES

Application period opens on March 1, 2026, and ends May 31, 2026

### 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 May 31, 2026**.
  - **Emailed to:** Angie Printz at [aprintz@nictesting.org](mailto: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 **July 31, 2026**.
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.

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Applicant Signature

Date

