



NORHLAND
POTATOES

March 15, 2026

Northland Potato Growers Research & Education Foundation

Dear NPGA Grower/Members and Potato Associates:

Each year, the Northland Potato Growers Association (NPGA) offers five college scholarships to the sons, daughters, grandsons, or granddaughters of NPGA grower members and Potato Associates.

There are three \$2,500 NPGA Research & Education Foundation Scholarships and two \$1,000 Potato Bowl USA Ambassador Scholarships.

We offer these college scholarship opportunities to individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Parent or grandparent must be either an NPGA member grower or an NPGA Potato Associate member.
2. Applicant must be graduating from high school this spring or already attending college.
3. Applicant must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
4. **There is an additional requirement for the Potato Bowl USA Ambassador Scholarship.** The selected scholarship applicants MUST be available to participate in the Potato Bowl parade on Sept. 5, 2026. Do not apply for this scholarship if you cannot meet this requirement.

If the above criteria can be met, please complete the application (on the back) when applying for one or both scholarships. A committee will be selected to review and evaluate applications and make the final selections.

Applications must be received in our office no later than **May 15, 2026**.

Please contact our office at 218-773-3633 if you have any questions. We look forward to helping you meet your education goals.

Sincerely,

Jacey Kuersteiner
Office Manager
Northland Potato Growers Association

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**2026 NPGA Research & Education Foundation and
Potato Bowl USA
Scholarship Application**

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARENTS: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

Please type/print responses to the following questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper and attach to this page along with your reference letter(s). Please keep each response to 200 words or less.
(Maximum point values used by the evaluators to score each response.)

1. What are your education and career goals? (10 pts.)
2. What are the factors that have influenced your future career interests? (10 pts.)
3. Please list your scholastic achievements – GPA, Academic Awards, etc. (15 pts.)
4. Demonstrated Leadership – Offices held in school, projects directed, athletic involvement, band, choir, FHA, student council, boys/girls state, etc. (15 pts.)
5. Service to Community – Volunteer work, theater groups, coaching, and any other activities that have contributed to the betterment of your community. (15 pts.)
6. In your own words, define Leadership – Then state how your leadership has made a difference in some way – in school, in your community, or within your family. (15 pts.)
7. Why do you feel that you are deserving of this scholarship? (10 pts.)
8. At least one reference must be attached. (10 pts.)
9. Please check the scholarships you are applying for. _____ NPGA _____ ******Potato Bowl**

****** Potato Bowl scholarship winners will serve as Potato Bowl Ambassadors and MUST be available to attend the Potato Bowl USA Parade on September 5, 2026**