

NPELRA Foundation 2009 Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in the NPELRA Foundation Scholarship Program. Here are some important points to keep in mind as you complete the application.

1. **Type or neatly print** all the information requested on the forms. **Do not leave sections blank** in the leadership section (eg. If you have not participated in community organizations or employment, etc., **provide a brief explanation**).

2. Include a resume with your application. PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES.

2. Obtain recommendations from at least **two faculty members** who know you. Applications with fewer than two recommendations will not be considered.

3. Submit your **final undergraduate transcript** and your **most recent graduate school transcript**.

Who may apply? Any U.S. citizen who is a graduate student currently **enrolled and seeking a graduate degree in** human resources, labor and industrial relations, public administration or political science with a strong and documented interest in the public sector are encouraged to apply. Students currently working for state, local, or special district governments will receive preference. Applications from NPELRA members are encouraged.

What is the amount of a scholarship? Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded.

What is the deadline? Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, September 25, 2009**.

Announcement of Awards: Scholarship winners contacted by late November, and their names announced on the NPELRA website (<http://npelra.org>)

Where do I send the application? Completed applications including grade transcripts and letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) [**No Staples**] should be sent to:

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Scholarship Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ SSN # _____ - _____ - _____
Address, Apt #, P.O. Box _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____, Email: _____
University Attending: _____
Number of credits enrolled this semester: _____
Cumulative Grade point average: _____
Degree Sought: _____
Semester enrolled: 1 2 3 4 (*please circle*)

LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Education: (*List high school, other colleges/universities attended*)
School, City, & Diploma/Degree

School and/or Community Involvement (List organizations, clubs, etc. in which you have been active. List offices held or awards received. Include name of organization, dates of participation, hours per week. **If unable to participate, provide a brief explanation**):

Name of Organization	Activity Dates from – to	Hours per week
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Employment: (*Begin with current or most recent position*)

Name of Employer	Dates from – to	Hours per week
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SHORT ESSAYS - COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS

Below is space for essay of about 150 words. (*This is about the number of words that can be read in 50 seconds of a television show*).

1. Describe your career plans in the public sector. Be specific about the type of government career you are considering and why you chose it.

2. Describe the problems or needs of society you want to address when you enter your career in public service.

3. Please note: This questions is only for applicants who are currently working in the public sector.

How can the image of government be improved?

**I certify that the statements contained in this application are true.
I understand that fraudulent information will result in disqualification.**

Signature

Date