



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS
Building leaders who make a better world

Scholarship & Award Program

Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

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Overview

The National Society of Leadership and Success allocates two dollars from each membership fee to the Scholarship and Award Program. The total monetary value of the program changes each year based on the growth of our national membership.

The Society receives a large volume of submissions each term and winners are chosen by the National Review Board through a highly selective process. Due to this competitive environment, members are encouraged to submit their best work in order to increase the chances of receiving a scholarship, grant, or award. In addition to the Scholarships and Awards listed below, the Society also distributes prizes and awards throughout the year exclusively to its members.

All scholarship and award applications must be submitted through the online form located in the Members Area to be considered. To access the Members Area, members must log in with their member ID and password. Submission closes **at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the deadline date.**

Term	Fall: September 1 - October 31	Spring: February 10 - April 10
Deadline	October 31st, 2016	April 10th, 2017
Announcement	December 8th, 2016	May 11th, 2017

Application inquiries can be directed to awards@societyleadership.org.



List of Scholarships and Awards

Submission & Announcement Dates

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Stephen Covey Tribute Awards

Title	Amount	Number Awarded	Membership Requirement	Term
Chapter of the Year	\$1,400 to chapter + \$100 each to 12 executive board members*	1	Chapter Award	Spring: Feb 10-April 10
Advisor of the Year	\$300 to Advisor + \$50 to nominator	1	Advisor Only	Spring: Feb 10-April 10

*If the chapter has more than 12 E-Board members, the \$1,200 will be distributed evenly to all members.



Mission-Based Scholarships and Awards

Title	Amount	Number Awarded Each Term	Membership Requirement	Term
Society State of Mind Award	\$1,000	50	All	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
Healthy Living Grant	\$1,000	5	All	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
Academic Excellence Scholarship	\$3,000	12	Inducted	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
Entrepreneur Award	Upon request: maximum of \$7,500	Varies	Inducted	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
Dream Support Grant	Upon request: maximum of \$5,000	Varies	Inducted	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
Post Induction: Learning Leadership to Living Leadership	\$500	10	Post-Induction	Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
A Force For Good Award	\$1,400 to chapter	5	Chapter Award	Spring: Feb. 10-April 10

Need-Based Scholarships and Grants

Title	Amount	Number Awarded Each Term	Membership Requirement	Term
Financial Aid Materials Grant	\$1,000	5	All	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10



Society Little Leaders Award	\$1,200	5	All	Fall: Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Feb. 10-April 10
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Fall Deadline: October 31, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Spring Deadline: April 10, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. EST



Stephen Covey Tribute Awards

Chapter of the Year

Advisor of the Year



Chapter of the Year

Each year, the Society recognizes one chapter for the impact it has had upon both its members and the community. This prestigious award is received by the chapter that continuously demonstrates excellent leadership to its members, campus, and community.

Five additional chapters will be recognized with the Distinguished Chapter Award, receiving \$700 toward chapter funds and each active Executive Board member (up to 12) receiving a \$50 VISA gift card. If the winning chapter has more than 12 E-Board members, the \$600 will be split evenly amongst all E-Board members.

Award

- Chapter of the Year receives \$1,400 toward chapter funds
- \$100 Visa gift card for up to 12 Executive Board members. If the winning chapter has more than 12 E-Board members, the \$1,200 will be split evenly amongst all E-Board members.
- Certificate of Recognition

Eligibility

- Demonstrates dedication to the Society mission, building leaders who make a better world
- Exemplifies outstanding chapter development, membership support, and leadership training
- Actively engages in campus and community volunteerism

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Maximum four (4) page essay (12pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** from the Student President or Executive Board member answering the question:
 - a. How has your chapter demonstrated outstanding dedication to the Society mission, chapter development and member growth, and leadership training?
 - b. Provide examples or anecdotes of how your chapter has had a significant impact on your campus and community.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff at the school detailing the impact the chapter has had upon the campus community.
- At least 5 high-resolution color photographs from chapter events, each 300KB or higher.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc..

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Advisor of the Year Award

Society Chapter Advisors are vital in the development, perpetuation, and strength of the Society mission. Not only are they mentors and leaders to the Executive Board and local chapter members, but also serve as a liaison with the campus administration. Each year the Society recognizes one Advisor that truly exemplifies the Society mission and goes above and beyond expectations.

We will also recognize **20 additional Advisors** with the Distinguished Advisor Award, each receiving a \$150 VISA gift card and the nominator receiving a \$25 VISA gift card.

Award

- \$300 Visa gift card to winner / \$50 Visa gift card to nominator of winning Advisor
- Number of Recipients: 1
- Certificate of Recognition

Eligibility

- Exemplifies the qualities of a leader by successfully running a chapter
- Provides an inclusive environment for all members
- Supplies a consistently high level of support to the Executive Board and members
- Maintains consistent communication with the National Office

Requirements

- Completed online application.
 - Maximum four (4) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** from the nominator answering the questions:
 - a. How does this Chapter Advisor exemplify true leadership, and how does he/she go above and beyond supporting their chapter?
 - b. What are some characteristics that make this Advisor an exceptional role model? Provide examples or situations that may help support your answer.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from the Student President or an Executive Board Member.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc..

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Mission-Based Scholarships and Grants

Society State of Mind Award

Academic Excellence Scholarship

Entrepreneur Award*

Dream Support Grant*

Post Induction: Learning Leadership to Living Leadership Award

A Force for Good Award

Healthy Living Award*

*Winners will be contacted to submit the required project summary



Society State of Mind Award

The National Society of Leadership and Success recognizes members that truly embody and live by the Society mission: Building leaders who make a better world. The Society State of Mind Award is bestowed upon one member from each state who, within the previous academic year, had initiated a program or event, or was a significant participant in a project or campaign which impacted their local community in a positive manner.

Award

- \$1,000
- Number of Recipients: 50
- Certificate of Accomplishment

Eligibility

- Attendance or credit from at least one Society event/meeting from Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017
- Letters of recommendation (see below)

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Maximum three (3) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that includes the following:
 - a. What is the motivation behind your desire to give back to the community?
 - b. How did your program, project, event or campaign positively impact others?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Minimum of 5 photos of your service, 1.7 MB each.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution photo of yourself, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

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Academic Excellence Scholarship

Higher education is one of the most valuable investments any individual can make. It requires commitment to education and discipline to persevere through the academic rigors of undergraduate or graduate studies. The Society recognizes inducted members that exemplify leadership accomplishments, as well as high academic standing.

Award

- \$3,000 toward undergraduate or graduate tuition
- Number of Recipients: 12
- Certificate of Accomplishment

Eligibility

- Inducted Member of the Society
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7
- Attendance or credit from at least one Society event/meeting from Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017
- Must be an enrolled student in the following semester after Scholarship Term
- Award is ONLY payable to the school toward school tuition

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Copy of current transcript.
- Maximum five (5) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) or **VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that includes the following:
 - a. What has been your most significant accomplishment as a leader?
 - b. What do you intend to do with the degree you are currently working towards (if known)?
 - c. Provide two or more examples of how your membership in the Society has positively contributed to or influenced those around you.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the "YouTube" section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

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Entrepreneur Award

Many of today's most successful businesses such as Facebook, Google, Microsoft and SnapChat were created by students in their college dorm rooms. Many Society members have ideas that could become the next Google, which is why we created the Entrepreneur Award. Develop and submit your business plan, and perhaps the Society will provide you with seed money to help get your idea off the ground.

Award

- Up to \$7,500 to be awarded for each scholarship term. Applicants must specify the amount they are requesting
- Release of award money (TBD)
- Number of Recipients: Due to the various amounts requested, there may be multiple winners
- Winners will be decided in a national Facebook social media poll
- Certificate of Accomplishment
- Featured in our newsletter and press release upon launch of business

Eligibility

- Inducted member of the Society
- Attendance or credit from at least one Society event/meeting from Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017
- Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references

Requirements

- The idea must be for a mission-based business, one that will positively impact society or will have a portion of the proceeds going to charity.
- Completed online application.
- Complete structure of business plan, including but not limited to:
 - a. Explanation of the business.
 - b. Budget, personnel, target audience, location, projected future growth.
 - c. Request for specific amount of funding and substantial justification for request.
- Maximum six (6) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that includes the following:
 - a. Background information on why this business is necessary and how it will positively impact the world (i.e.: identify what pain points you are solving).
 - b. How will you use the knowledge and skills you've learned from your Society membership to successfully execute this business?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the "YouTube" section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- ***Project Summary** (See page 26 for details).
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.

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Dream Support Grant

The Society aims to empower and engage individuals in embarking upon their dreams and aspirations. We recognize that working towards a personal goal takes unlimited hard work, unyielding determination, and unbreakable courage that must defy all odds. The purpose of this grant is to support individuals in achieving their dream. Please note: This **is not** a need based award. Those seeking scholarships for tuition or books/materials should apply for the Academic Excellence or Financial Aid Materials Award.

Award

- \$5,000 is available to be awarded for each scholarship term. Applicants must specify the amount they are requesting.
- Number of Recipients: Due to the various amounts requested, there may be multiple winners
- Certificate of Accomplishment
- Featured in our newsletter

Eligibility

- Inducted Member of the Society
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Attendance or credit from at least one Society event/meeting from Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Copy of most current transcript.
- Maximum three (3) page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that includes the following:
 - a. Amount you are requesting and where the money is specifically needed (outline of costs).
 - b. Your dream: how this dream came to be, what are your action steps to achieve it, and what obstacles or challenges have you had or are expecting to have in achieving it?
 - c. How will this grant directly contribute to you accomplishing your dream?
 - d. Provide two or more examples of how your membership in the Society has positively contributed to or influenced those around you.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the "YouTube" section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Copies of receipts and/or invoices that have been spent towards your dream.
- ***Project Summary** (See page 26 for details).
- Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.

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Post Induction: Learning Leadership to Living Leadership Award

The Society's Post Induction Programs allow our members to continue their leadership journey. The programs support a shift in mindset for students. Their focus moves from one of self-growth to service of others, from learning leadership to living leadership, from being the motivated to being the motivator and empowering those around them. The programs provide extensive experience in leadership fundamentals, leveraging strengths, recognizing and complementing diverse communication styles and building emotional intelligence. Further, students acquire the skills needed to navigate the challenging situations that emerge in groups through experiential, in-the-moment problem solving.

Award

- \$500
- Number of Recipients: 10

Eligibility

- Must be an Advanced Leadership Certification or Executive Leadership Certification member to apply
- Letter of recommendation (see below)

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Maximum three (3) page essay or **VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** which answers the following:
 - a. Why did you choose to enroll in the Post Induction Program?
 - b. Why did you choose your community service project?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the "YouTube" section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution photo of yourself, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

To Apply

Complete the online application form during the *Spring Term*:

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A Force for Good Award

Since our inception, Society members have been “a force for good,” dedicating over a quarter-million hours to community service. The A Force for Good Award rewards our chapters for the community service work they have done over the course of one year.

Award

- \$1,400 toward chapter funds
- Number of Recipients: 5
- Winners are determined by the highest percentage of member engagement versus number of community service hours completed

Eligibility

- Chapter must be in good standing having been given credit for at least six pillars
- Letter of recommendation from Chapter Advisor

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Maximum three (3) page project summary (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that answers the following:
 - a. What is the motivation behind your desire to give back to the community?
 - b. What community service projects did your chapter work on this year?
 - c. How did your community service positively impact others?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Minimum of 5 photos of your service, 1.7 MB each
- Minimum of 5 videos of your service, (maximum 90 seconds for each video). Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- High resolution photos of your E-Board **AND** chapter, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

To Apply

Complete the online application form during the *Spring Term*:

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Healthy Living Grant

The Society encourages our members to strive to be the healthiest versions of themselves. Whether that means eating correctly, taking fitness classes or receiving your certification (e.g., yoga instructor, personal trainer, etc.), the Society wants to help you get there. The Healthy Living Grant provides financial assistance to aid in achieving your goals.

Award

- \$1,000
- Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility

- Attendance or credit from at least one Society event/meeting from Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017
- Letters of recommendation (see below)

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Maximum three (3) page essay or **VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** which answers the following:
 - e. What does healthy living mean to you and what is your motivation to live a healthy life?
 - f. What are your health goals, how are you going to achieve them, and how will this grant make that possible?
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Recipients must send a minimum of 5 photos while on your healthful journey, 1.7 MB each.
- Must submit one VLOG (video blog) per month for six months outlining their progress. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- One letter of recommendation from academic or professional references.
- A high resolution photo of yourself, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

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Need-Based Scholarships and Grants

Financial Aid Materials Grant

Society Little Leaders Award



Financial Aid Materials Grant

The National Society of Leadership and Success designates a certain amount of scholarship funds to those who are in need of financial assistance towards their undergraduate or graduate degrees. The purpose for this grant is to support endeavors for higher education and assist in extraneous academic expenses such as textbooks.

Award

- \$1,000 grant
- Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility

- All Members of the Society
- Pre-Inducted members must currently and actively be attending Society events and meetings towards Induction
- Inducted members must have attendance or credit for at least one Society event in the current semester
- Must demonstrate financial need towards academic expenses

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Provide a 3 page essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that includes the following:
 - a. What are the financial circumstances that make you eligible for a need-based grant?
 - b. Provide two or more examples of how your membership in the Society has positively contributed to or influenced those around you.
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Documentation that verifies financial need:
 - a. FAFSA summary (if you have one).
 - b. Current and up-to-date tuition balance from your school’s Registrar’s Office.
- One letter of recommendation from an academic or professional reference.
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant, 300KB or larger.
- Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

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Society Little Leaders Award

The National Society of Leadership and Success recognizes that we all have a “Little Leader” in our lives, be it your child, cousin, sibling or even a family friend, who could benefit from a program which fosters and supports their interests (e.g., academic tutoring, sports classes, foreign language classes, etc.). The Society Little Leaders Award pays for these programs that will help our Little Leaders grow to be well-rounded individuals who make a better world.

Award

- Up to \$1,200
- Number of Recipients: 5

Eligibility

- All Members of the Society
- Pre-Inducted members must currently and actively be attending Society events and meetings towards Induction
- Inducted members must have attendance or credit for at least one Society event in the current semester

Requirements

- Completed online application.
- Little Leader must be between the ages of 5 – 14.
- Provide a short essay (12 pt. font, double-spaced) **or VIDEO (no longer than three minutes)** that includes the following:
 - a. The extracurricular activity your Little Leader (**ages 5-14**) is interested in and why you believe their participation will help build them into a leader who makes a better world.
 - b. The monthly/yearly cost of the activity
- If submitting a video, you must provide a YouTube link (public or unlisted) in the “YouTube” section of the online application. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
- Letter from the Little Leader (with help from an adult if necessary) providing us with a **RECAP** of their experience. **Our mailing address and contact name can be found on the next page.**
- A high resolution, forward-facing color headshot of the applicant (**not the child**), 300KB or larger.

To Apply

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Project Summary

The Project Summary is only required for the **Dream Support Grant, Entrepreneur Award** and the **Healthy Living Award**. Submissions may be sent prior to the deadline.

Fall 2016 Winners		Spring 2017 Winners	
Halfway Progress Submission Due Date	February 10th, 2017 11:59 P.M. EST	Halfway Progress Submission Due Date	September 5th, 2017 11:59 P.M. EST
Project Summary Submission Due Date	May 10th, 2017 11:59 P.M. EST	Project Summary Submission Due Date	December 5th, 2017 11:59 P.M. EST

Project Summary Requirements

1. Provide a 1-2 page (12 pt. font, double-spaced) summary of the progress and achievement of your project/dream/program, based on the grant you have received. How have the skills and knowledge you have learned from the Society helped in this endeavor?
2. Submit a minimum of 5 photos (1.7MB or larger) of your project, team, or other events related to your project/dream/program.
3. *Submit a minimum of 2 videos of your project. Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.
4. Provide us with all social media outlets: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

***Healthy Living Award** winners must submit one VLOG each month (6 total). Cell phone video is perfectly acceptable.

Project Summaries are to be emailed to:
Kiarra Elliott, Scholarships and Awards Coordinator
awards@societyleadership.org

***Society Little Leaders** letters are to be mailed to:
Kiarra Elliott
c/o The National Society of Leadership and Success
50 Harrison Street, Suite 308
Hoboken, NJ 07030



Eligibility and Distribution

The National Review Board checks submissions for proper eligibility and truthfulness. Due to various scholarships and awards, eligibility requirements are specified accordingly. Inaccurate and incomplete applications will result in disqualification. The Society retains the right to not award a scholarship or grant at any given time, with the funds rolling over to the next award period. Should the Society learn of a winner's fraudulent application, the Society will exercise the right to rescind the award and revoke the applicant's Society membership.

Member Status

All applicants must be registered members of the Society. Registered members include both pre-inducted and inducted members. Inducted members are members who have completed the steps to induction.

International Students & Non-U.S. Citizen Members

The National Society of Leadership and Success welcomes international students and non-U.S. citizen members (with a valid Social Security number) to apply for any award, scholarship, and/or grant. Award recipients with this status must provide additional documentation before receiving the award.

Award Distribution

The Society distributes awards in the form of a check or gift, which is specified in each award description. Due to the various scholarships, awards, and grants, the monetary award check may be payable to either the applicant or the applicant's college/university and applied towards any outstanding tuition balance.

Documents to Receive Award

The Scholarships and Awards Department will contact the recipient directly via the e-mail address provided in the application on the announcement date. The email will include necessary documents that need to be completed and returned.

For award checks that are made payable to the college/university/program, a form will be attached in the e-mail for the student to complete, requesting the school's **Bursar or Cashier Office** information in order for the Society to mail the check directly to the school to be applied toward outstanding tuition.

For award checks that are made payable to the recipient directly, a **W-9** form will be attached in the email for the student to complete. International students will be required to provide additional documentation:



1. Proof of matriculation at the US-based college or university
2. Copy of Valid Student Visa
3. Completed W-8BEN form (will be attached in the e-mail)

Questions or concerns can be directed to awards@societyleadership.org.



Frequently Asked Questions

General

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Application

Award Recipients



Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL

When are the deadline dates?

The Fall Term submission period is September 1- October 31, and the deadline date is October 31 at 11:59 p.m. EST. The Spring Term submissions period is February 10 - April 10 and the deadline date is April 10 at 11:59 p.m. EST. There are no exceptions to these deadline dates.

I don't know how to resize my photo to 300KB or 1.7 MB. Can you please help?

You can resize any photo by using Paint, which is an installed program on your computer. As we cannot assist individual applicants with resizing photographs, we can suggest consulting with your local school's IT department.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

I am not a U.S. citizen. Can I still apply?

Non-U.S. citizens that reside in the United States may apply only if he or she has a Social Security Number. This is needed to complete the W-9 form to receive the monetary award. International students may apply as well. International student winners must provide proof of matriculation at the US-based college or university, valid student visa, and completed W-8BEN form. The W-9 and W-8BEN form will be provided to the winner to be completed and returned to the Scholarships and Awards Department via e-mail.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship, grant, or award?

Yes. The National Review Board evaluates each submission individually based on the criteria of the specific scholarship, grant, or award. However, members may only win a maximum of one scholarship, grant, or award.

If I have won a scholarship, grant, or award in the past, can I still apply?

Yes. The National Review Board evaluates each submission individually based on the criteria of the specific scholarship, grant, or award.

I am not yet inducted, but I expect to be inducted by the end of the semester. Would I qualify for the "inducted member" requirement?

As long as all of your induction steps are completed by the time you submit your application (before the submission deadline date), you will qualify and fulfill the requirement as an "inducted member."

I do not have a FAFSA Summary. What other documents can I send to verify my financial need?

If you do not have a FAFSA Summary, you may send any other form of documentation that demonstrates your financial need at your discretion.



APPLICATION

Who should write my letters of recommendation?

It is strongly recommended you acquire letters from references that can speak highly of your academic, professional, and/or leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities. Letters may be written to the “National Review Board.”

Can my professors send their letters of recommendation separately?

The standard process of submission for letters of recommendation is to have them attached to your online application. Please upload the documents with your online application.

Can I make corrections on a submitted application?

No. All submissions are final. Please do not submit your application more than once, as it will not be reviewed. If you have any questions regarding your submitted application, you may email awards@societyleadership.org.

What do you look for in a strong application?

The National Society of Leadership and Success receives hundreds of applications each submission term and evaluates applications based on the specific purpose and description. Historically, the strongest applications include the following characteristics:

1. Required questions are answered with complex responses that are well thought-out. The provided details and examples fully support the purpose and goal of the scholarship, grant, or award.
2. Structure of the essay is organized, cohesive, void of grammatical errors and makes proper use of vocabulary. Do not include extraneous words or content.
3. Information presented conveys that the member understands the Society mission, “building leaders who make a better world.”
4. Creativity and uniqueness of submission.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

How do I know if I won?

The Fall Term Announcement Date is December 8, 2016. The Spring Term Announcement date is May 11, 2017. Winners are emailed individually through the email address they have provided in their application.

When can I expect to receive my check?

Checks are mailed 5 days after the necessary forms are completed accurately and returned to the Scholarships and Awards Department via e-mail. Depending on the award, the form may be a W-9/W-8BEN or Tuition Form. The checks are shipped via First Class Mail.

Additional inquiries can be directed to awards@societyleadership.org.