National Videogame Museum Scholarship Application

Apply by June 1, 2023 to info@nvmusa.org

The National Videogame Museum will award five scholarships to students enrolling in any four-year college or university, full-time for the 2023-2024 term. This is a non-renewing, single-term scholarship.

All applicants should be pursuing careers in either a videogame or technology-based field. Applicants may apply for one or more scholarships but will only be awarded one scholarship total. Scholarships will be awarded to one applicant in each of the following five categories:

- **Gearbox Entertainment Scholarship ($2,000 awarded)**
  - Applicants must be a Texas resident.
  - A plan to pursue a career path in the videogame industry must be demonstrated in the application essay.
  - Gearbox Entertainment will also provide selected applicant with an “authentic in-person development experience” at the Gearbox Headquarters.

- **Amie Dansby Women in Technology Award ($5,000 awarded)**
  - This scholarship is open to all women in the U.S.
  - Videogame design and technology fields have traditionally been male-dominated. In an effort to bring more diversity to these fields, this scholarship will be awarded to the most qualified female applicant.
  - Applicants for this scholarship must be female and the application must be marked as “female” in the gender category.

- **Frisco, Texas Resident ($1,500 awarded)**
  - Frisco is home to the National Videogame Museum, and the museum would like to award one applicant within Frisco city limits.

- **Texas Resident ($1,500 awarded)**
  - Applicants must be a current resident of the state of Texas.
    - Texas residents attending out-of-state colleges will be considered in this category.

- **Texas Resident – Title 1 School Graduate ($1,500 awarded)**
  - Applicants must be a current resident of the state of Texas AND must be graduating from state of Texas designated Title 1 school.
  - Applicants must also submit a letter indicating their family household income. Families with income greater than $50,000/year will not be considered for this scholarship.
ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for any of these scholarships, applicants must meet or exceed the following requirements:

- High School Senior scheduled to graduate in the Spring of 2023.
- GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher in their graduating high school.
  - This letter should highlight any skills or experience related to technology, computer programming or videogame design the instructor may have first-hand knowledge of.
    - The recommendation letter might also make mention of any qualities the instructor has observed in the applicant that might lead him or her believe the applicant has an extraordinary chance at achieving their goals.
- One letter of recommendation from an unrelated community member who can attest to the applicant’s community involvement.
  - This letter should cite specific instances where the applicant has volunteered his or her time to the benefit of the local civic or church community, for example.
- Applicant to submit a completed application
- Applicant to submit a 500-750-word essay explaining his or her academic and professional goals and how the scholarship will help to achieve them.
  - The applicant should cite his or her intended major, career choice and any extracurricular activities or hobbies they are or were involved in that might support the interest in their career path.
  - Briefly discuss reasons why you might stand-out from the other applicants.
  - Some information on past academic successes or even challenges that were overcome might also help the selection committee.
  - If there is a specific financial hardship the applicant has to overcome, it should be mentioned here.
- A natural-born or naturalized US citizen.
- Proof of residency such as a driver’s license or state-issued ID.

It is very important to note that the scholarship money will be paid directly to the educational institution specifically for tuition. It cannot be used for housing, meals or other expenses without prior authorization from the National Videogame Museum Scholarship administrator. Only in very special cases will the money be authorized for purposes other than tuition.

*NOTE* - You may apply for multiple scholarships with just one application package by checking all the scholarship boxes that apply to you.
Applying for which Scholarship (Check all that apply)

☐ Gearbox Entertainment  ☐ Amie Dansby Women in Tech
☐ Frisco Resident          ☐ Texas Resident  ☐ Texas Title 1 School

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: ____________________________________________________________
First, middle (if applicable), last

Street address: ______________________________________________________

City:________________________ State:_____ Zip Code:___________

Email address:________________________ Phone Number: _______________________

Date of Birth:________________________ Country of Birth: _______________________

Are you a US citizen:  Yes    No

Are you: Male         Female      Prefer not to disclose

High School Name:________________________________________ GPA:______________

City:________________________ State:_____ Zip Code:__________ Phone Number: ________

College Enrolled: ______________________________________________________

City:________________________ State:_____ Zip Code:__________ Phone Number: ________

What degree do you expect to earn: ____________________________________________

What is your annual tuition (excluding books and housing): ___________________________

I ___________ (initial) understand that:

- Enrolling in less than nine credits will result in forfeiture of the scholarship
- Applications are due on or by June 1, 2023
- The application selection process will be complete by the National Videogame Museum in July, 2023

Applicant Signature:________________________________________ Date:______________
DECLARATION

I, ________________________________, affirm that:

- The information supplied by me on this form is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- If awarded a scholarship, my acceptance constitutes permission to use my name and photo for public relations purposes via traditional and non-traditional marketing communications methods, including but not limited to social media and print.
- I am aware that providing false or misleading information on this application may result in the withdrawal of any offer of a scholarship to me and possible criminal prosecution for theft by deception.