National Videogame Museum Scholarship Application

Apply by June 1, 2024 to info@nvmusa.org

This year the National Videogame Museum will award a total of six scholarships. Four $2,000 scholarships and one $5,000 scholarship will be awarded to students enrolling in any four-year college or university, full-time for the 2024-2025 term. An additional $5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a current undergraduate college student. All of these awards are non-renewing, single-term scholarships.

All applicants should be pursuing careers in a videogame or technology-based field. Applicants may apply for one or more scholarships simply by checking the appropriate boxes for those scholarships they qualify for but will only be awarded one scholarship total. Scholarships will be awarded to one applicant in each of the following six categories:

- **Amie Dansby Women in Technology Award – H.S. Senior ($5,000 awarded)**
  - Video game 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.
  - This scholarship is open to H.S. Seniors across the United States.
  - Applicants for this scholarship must be female and the application must be marked as “female” in the gender category.

- **Amie Dansby Women in Technology Award – College Undergraduate ($5,000 awarded)**
  - Video game 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.
  - This scholarship is open to College Undergraduates across the United States.
  - Applicants for this scholarship must be female and the application must be marked as “female” in the gender category.

- **Gearbox Gives 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.

- **Frisco, Texas Resident ($2,000 awarded)**
  - Frisco is home to the National Videogame Museum, and the museum would like to award one applicant residing within the Frisco city limits.
- **Texas Resident ($2,000 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 ($2,000 awarded)**
  - Applicants must be a current resident of the state of Texas AND must be graduating from a state of Texas designated Title 1 school.
  - In order to qualify for this award, applicant must also submit a separate statement letter indicating their family household income is less than $50,000/year.

**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 2024.
- Amie Dansby College Undergraduate applicant must be continuing their education in Fall 2024.
- GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher in their graduating high school or college.
  - This letter should highlight any skills or experiences 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 any local, civic or church communities.
- Applicant to submit an essay (500 word minimum) 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.
  - Feel free to include information on past academic successes, or challenges that were overcome as a way of showcasing your strengths and determination.
  - 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.
- Applicant to submit a completed application along with all required documentation.

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.
Applying for which Scholarship (Check all that apply)

☐ 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 or College 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, 2024

• The application selection process will be complete by the National Videogame Museum in July, 2024

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.