



## 2020 NTS Scholarship Program

The NTS Scholarship Program is available to persons completing their high school education who desire to further their education so that they can acquire the knowledge and skills to better prepare for the future. The intent of the program is to encourage individuals to demonstrate civic responsibility and scholastic achievement.

### Amount and Disbursement of Scholarship

Up to five (5) \$2,000.00 scholarships will be awarded by the NTS Scholarship Program Committee. The scholarship will be made available shortly after the first semester begins once the committee receives a Verification of Enrollment letter from the Student Financial Aid and/or Scholarship Office of the institution that the recipient will be attending. No money will be paid directly to the recipient. A check will be mailed to the institution's Scholarship Office.

### Qualification Criteria

The recipient must be a person completing their high school education whose address at which they legally reside (by self, parent or legal guardian) must be within one of the following cities in the State of Texas: Abertown, Brownfield, Burk Burnett, Colorado City, Hale Center, Idalou, Iowa Park, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Meadow, Morton, New Deal, O'Donnell, Olton, Pampa, Ropesville, Slaton, Smyer, Tahoka, Whitharral and Wilson. High School seniors and nontraditional students can apply. Non-traditional students include those students attending private, parochial, home school or have obtained their GED.

### Application Requirements

The recipient must submit a current photo along with the completed scholarship application and an approximate 500-word essay stating their future plans and how this scholarship will aid in those plans. The essay should be either typed or hand printed. Two (2) letters of recommendation are required and must be from either a school administrator, current teacher or coach, or a current employer. Letters of recommendation cannot be from a relative of the applicant. Additionally, the applicant must submit a copy of their official transcript. The application must be delivered or mailed to: NTS Communications, Inc. NTS Scholarship Program, ATTN: Daniel Wheeler, 1220 Broadway Ste. 100, Lubbock, TX 79401. The application must be received by Friday, March 6, 2020.

Scholarship information and applications will be available from your high school counselor, from the NTS Communications business office in Lubbock or by visiting [www.ntscom.com/scholarship](http://www.ntscom.com/scholarship). If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Wheeler at 806-788-2915.

Winners will be notified by early May of 2020 and invited to attend the NTS Scholarship Program Award Ceremony held that month where they will be introduced and receive a certificate.



## 2020 NTS Scholarship Program Application Instructions

Thank you for applying for the 2020 NTS Scholarship Program! Please be sure to submit all necessary documents by the deadline in order to be eligible for the program.

### Application Packet

- Application Form (pages 3-4)
- Applicant Photo (page 5)
- Essay (pages 6-7)
- Applicant Agreement (page 8)
- Letter of Recommendation Form #1 (page 9)
- Letter of Recommendation Form #2 (page 10)
- Copy of official transcript (provided by applicant)

### Instructions

- The applicant will fill out the Application Form (pages 3-4) and submit a current phone (page 5).
- The applicant will complete the Essay (pages 6-7).
- The applicant will sign the Applicant Agreement (page 8).
- The applicant must obtain two Letters of Recommendation. These forms are on pages 9 and 10. The applicant will add their name and signature to each form and then give each form to the individual who they have requested the recommendation from. Each individual will then fill out the rest of the form as it pertains to the applicant, sign it, and place it in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelope should then be signed and returned to the applicant.
- The applicant will provide a copy of their official transcript.
- After all parts of the Application Package are completed, they should be put into a sealed envelope and either delivered or mailed to:
  - NTS Communications, Inc.  
NTS Scholarship Program  
ATTN: Daniel Wheeler  
1220 Broadway Ste. 100  
Lubbock, TX 79401.

The application must be received by Friday, March 6, 2020.

### Deadlines

- The application must be received by Friday, March 6, 2020 in order to be eligible for the NTS Scholarship Program.
- Winners will be notified by mail or phone by early May of 2020.

### Questions

- If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Wheeler at 806-788-2915.



## 2020 NTS Scholarship Program Application Form

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children in family (including applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Which Junior College, College, University, Technical or Vocational School do you plan to attend?  
You may list more than one in your order of preference.

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What field or vocation do you plan to study? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your estimated college expense for one (1) year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any other scholarships? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What high school(s) have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

List any academic honors you received in high school:

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List any school related clubs, activities and achievements you participated in or were awarded:

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List any community clubs, activities and achievements you participated in or were awarded:

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What are your favorite hobbies or recreational activities?

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Please list your work experience:

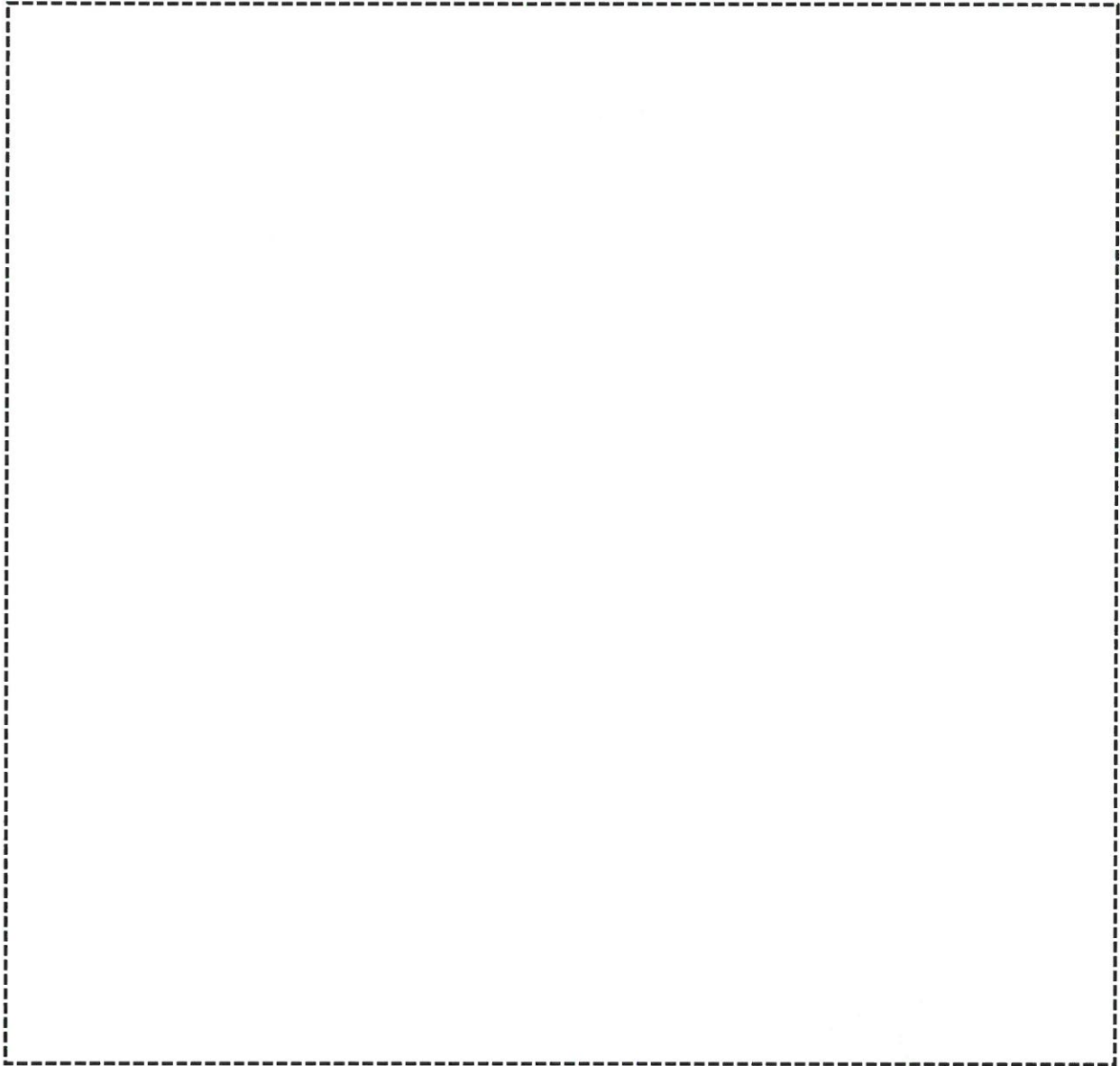
Name of Employer	Type of work	Dates of employment
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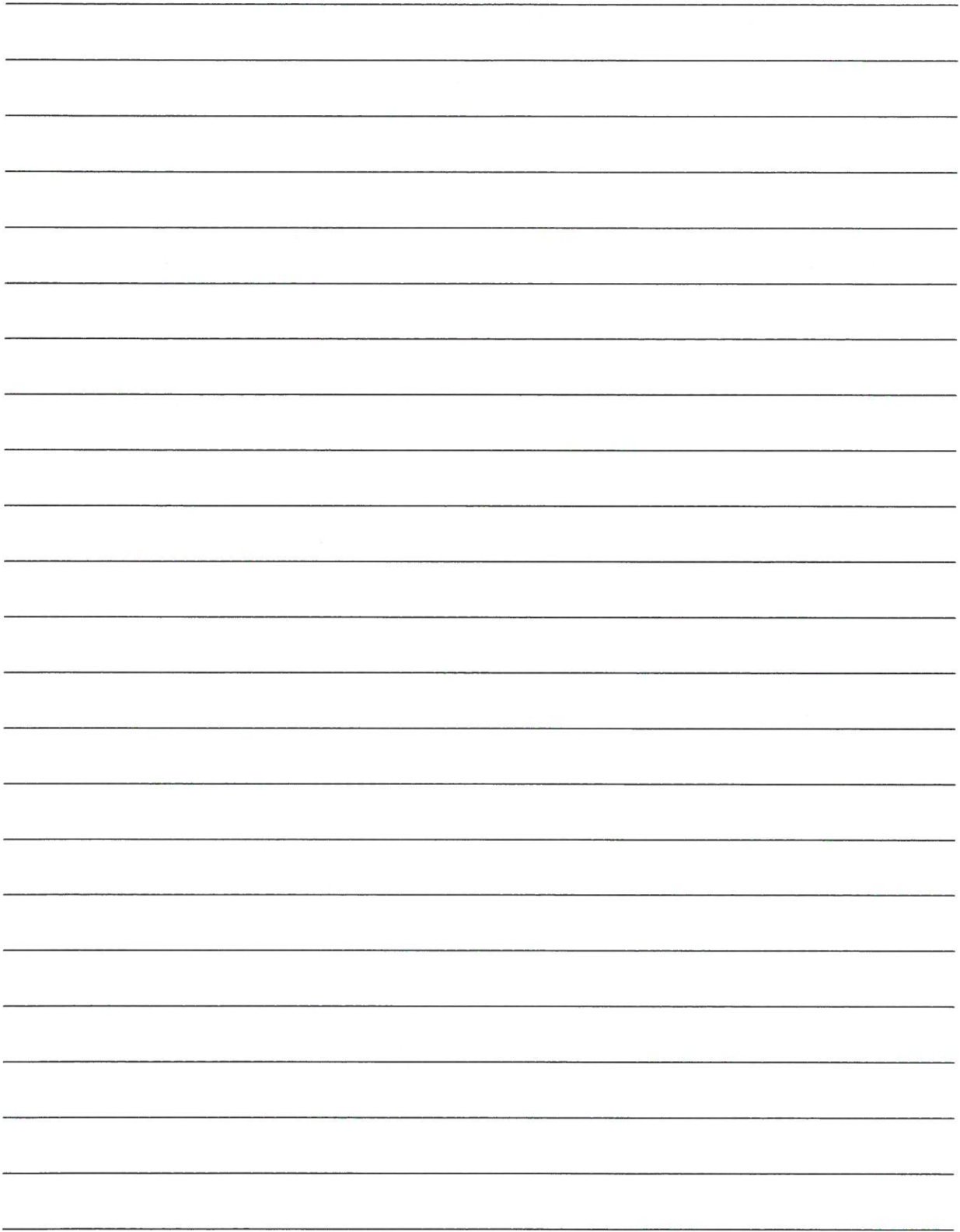



## **2020 NTS Scholarship Program Applicant Photo**

Please affix a current photo of the applicant to this page:









## 2020 NTS Scholarship Program Applicant Agreement

I agree to permit the review of this application by the Administrators of NTS Communications, Inc. Scholarship Program and those they designate to assist them in selecting scholarship recipients.

Additionally, I give NTS Communications, Inc. permission to use my name, likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any pictures, photos, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images, and the like, taken or made on behalf of the NTS Scholarship Program. I agree that the NTS Communications, Inc. has complete ownership of such pictures, etc., including the entire copyright, and may use them for any purpose consistent with the NTS Scholarship Program. These uses include, but are not limited to illustrations, bulletins, exhibitions, videotapes, reprints, reproductions, publications, advertisements, and any promotional or educational materials in any medium now known or later developed, including the Internet. I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation, etc. for the use of such pictures, etc., and hereby release NTS Communications, Inc. and its agents and assigns from any and all claims which arise out of or are in any way connected with such use.

I have read and understood this Agreement.

**I give my consent to NTS Communications to use my name and likeness to promote the NTS Scholarship Program, its fiscal agent, and/or their activities.**

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*Applicant Signature*

*Date*

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*Parent / Legal Guardian (if applicant is under the age of 18)*

*Date*





## 2020 NTS Scholarship Program Letter of Recommendation Form #1

### Instructions for Recommendation Form

1. The applicant must fill out the Applicant Section below and sign where indicated prior to completion and then then give the Letter of Recommendation Form to either a school administrator, current teacher or coach, or a current employer.
2. The recommending person will complete and sign the section below and attach a separate letter of recommendation. Both the form and letter of recommendation must be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the applicant.
3. The applicant must submit the letter of recommendation in the sealed envelope along with the completed application and a copy of their official transcript.

### **Applicant Section – to be filled out by the applicant**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I know the person listed below in the following manner: \_\_\_\_\_

"In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right to review this recommendation by signing my name below. This recommendation will be held in confidence by Administrators of the NTS Communications, Inc. Scholarship Program for use in scholarship selection only."

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### **Recommendation Section – to be filled out the recommending person**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this completed form and your letter of recommendation for the above applicant in a sealed envelope. Please make sure your letter of recommendation makes clear that you are recommending the student for the NTS Scholarship Program and that you address the student's academic performance or extracurricular engagements in detail and with examples. This gives a stronger impression and demonstrates personal knowledge of the student beyond their grade. Provide a context in which you know the applicant and for what length of time. Situate the applicant's performance in a larger context of your experience and discuss why the student would be a strong candidate for the NTS Scholarship Program.



## 2020 NTS Scholarship Program Letter of Recommendation Form #2

### Instructions for Recommendation Form

1. The applicant must fill out the Applicant Section below and sign where indicated prior to completion and then then give the Letter of Recommendation Form to either a school administrator, current teacher or coach, or a current employer.
2. The recommending person will complete and sign the section below and attach a separate letter of recommendation. Both the form and letter of recommendation must be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the applicant.
3. The applicant must submit the letter of recommendation in the sealed envelope along with the completed application and a copy of their official transcript.

### **Applicant Section – to be filled out by the applicant**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I know the person listed below in the following manner: \_\_\_\_\_

"In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right to review this recommendation by signing my name below. This recommendation will be held in confidence by Administrators of the NTS Communications, Inc. Scholarship Program for use in scholarship selection only."

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### **Recommendation Section – to be filled out the recommending person**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this completed form and your letter of recommendation for the above applicant in a sealed envelope. Please make sure your letter of recommendation makes clear that you are recommending the student for the NTS Scholarship Program and that you address the student's academic performance or extracurricular engagements in detail and with examples. This gives a stronger impression and demonstrates personal knowledge of the student beyond their grade. Provide a context in which you know the applicant and for what length of time. Situate the applicant's performance in a larger context of your experience and discuss why the student would be a strong candidate for the NTS Scholarship Program.



Dear High School Counselor,

**NTS Communications recently announced the 2020 NTS Scholarship Program for Texas students who are completing their high school education!**

The program is available to persons completing their high school education who desire to further their education so that they can acquire the knowledge and skills to better prepare for the future. The intent of the program is to encourage individuals to demonstrate civic responsibility and scholastic achievement. Eligible students who reside within NTS' rural service areas will have access to five scholarships valued at \$2,000 each.

NTS' rural service areas include the following cities in the State of Texas: Abernathy, Brownfield, Burkburnett, Colorado City, Hale Center, Idalou, Iowa Park, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Meadow, Morton, New Deal, O'Donnell, Olton, Pampa, Ropesville, Slaton, Smyer, Tahoka, Whitharral and Wilson.

Included in this envelope is a copy of the scholarship application packet. I would like to ask you to make this application packet available to your graduating class of students. You can make copies of this packet to distribute to students. Or, if you would like additional copies sent to you, please do not hesitate to ask and we can send more. Additionally, this information can be found on our website at [www.ntscom.com/scholarship](http://www.ntscom.com/scholarship).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 806-788-2915 or [danw@ntscom.com](mailto:danw@ntscom.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Wheeler'.

Daniel Wheeler  
General Counsel  
NTS Communications, Inc.

