



New England Center for the Deaf, Inc.

2026 Joseph H. Weingart Memorial Educational Scholarship Application

The New England Center for the Deaf, inc. is proud to announce the establishment of the **Joseph H. Weingart Memorial Educational Scholarship**. This scholarship will be awarded to one individual a year and will assist that individual in meeting their financial obligations required to attend an educational institution, in the United States, of their choosing.

Approved Educational Institutions: An approved educational institution is one that is established and is legally permissible to provide education for the purpose of skill building, job enhancement, and for increasing knowledge and abilities.

Amount awarded: The amount of \$1000 for the first place awardee will be paid directly to the institution on behalf of the student after proof of admission is provided.

Scholarship Description:

- Application for this scholarship is open to all regardless of age, race, religion, gender identification, year in school, education track or disability.
- The scholarship is to be used for tuition purposes only and is not to be used for other expenses.
- You can reapply for the scholarship the next year if you are not awarded the scholarship this year.
- The submission of the application does not guarantee that you have been awarded this scholarship. All applications will go through a process to determine the recipient. Determinations will be made based on a review of your completed application, by the NECD, Inc. Board of Directors.
- This scholarship will be awarded for the upcoming semester and cannot be applied toward current or past educational expenses.

Requirements:

- All applicants must be Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- Applicant must have applied to, have been accepted at, and have the intention of attending an approved institution (as described above).
- Applicant must submit a completed application form, as attached, by **June 1, 2026 at 12:00 Noon EST**.
- Applicant must be a legal resident of CT, MA, RI, VT, ME or NH and provide proof of residency. ***(Please attach documentation reflecting your current address.)***
- All applications must be complete. Any application with blanks will not be considered.
- Two professional (not friends or family) letters of recommendation are to be submitted, by the recommender, directly to the NECD, Inc. at newenglandcenterforthedeaf@gmail.com.



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Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Personal Email: _____

Have you applied for this scholarship in the past? ___ No ___ Yes: When _____

If yes, were you awarded the scholarship? _____

School information:

Which school will you be attending: _____

Student ID#: _____ School email address: _____

School Financial Administrator: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Educational plans:

Intended major/course of study: _____

Expected year of graduation/completion of the course of study: _____

Complete application includes:

- ___ Completed Application form
- ___ Resume
- ___ Letters of recommendation requested.
 - ___ First Letter
 - ___ Second Letter

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Questions:

Please answer all of the following questions in the format of your choice or a combination of formats. Choose from the options below.

- Written response
- Video with written transcript (no more than 4 minutes)
- Creative format (art, dance, sculpture, cooking, music) accompanied by a short description: Your piece should address the questions in some way and your description should fill in any missing information. If your piece is a sculpture, take a 360-degree view video.
- A representation of your trade/major accompanied by a short, written explanation.

Questions:

- Describe who you are as a person (without defining your connections to other people).
- What would receiving this scholarship mean to you?
- What is your specific area of study and why have you chosen to pursue it?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

JHW Memorial Scholarship Process

- Marketing will occur as soon as possible to notify the public of the opportunity. This will take place via the NECD, Inc. web site, social media and email notifications to the Deaf community.
- Applications will be received via email sent to the New England Center for the Deaf, Inc. at newenglandcenterforthe deaf@gmail.com no later than **June 1, 2026, at 12:00 noon EST**. Applications will not be accepted after that time.
- Upon receipt, all applications will be screened to assure they meet the eligibility requirements.
- A representative of the NECD, Inc. Board of Directors will arrange for an electronic or check payment to the school, of the \$1000.00 award, to be credited to the awardee's account.
- Should there be other good applicants, it is at the discretion of NECD, Inc. to provide additional awards (at a lesser amount) for runners-up.
- The awardee(s) will be asked to consider signing a release to allow NECD, Inc. to announce their name on our web site and other social media outlets. This is not required and is at the discretion of the awardee(s).