

NINOS, Inc. is announcing the availability of twelve (12) scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each. Three (3) scholarships are for former or current Head Start/Early Head Start parents who are attending or planning to attend a college, university or a technical school or who are planning to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA). Nine (9) scholarships are for former Head Start students who are attending or planning to attend a college, university or a technical school.

Requirements for Former/Current Parents and Former Students

1. Must be a former or current parent of the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program for at least one (1) school year.
2. Must be a former student of the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program for at least one (1) school year.
3. Must meet NINOS, Inc. Scholarship Income Guidelines as indicated on attached sheet.
4. Must submit **all** information requested on application.
5. Must be a resident of the NINOS, Inc. service area in Cameron or Willacy Counties.
6. Can only receive (2) two NINOS, Inc. scholarship awards while enrolled in College.
7. Be required to provide their date of birth, last four digits of Social Security Number and I-10 number (if applicable)
8. Former Head Start students must sign up for the Head Start Alumni @ www.headstartalumni.info

Applications:

You may contact Esmeralda Rodriguez at (956) 399-9944 for applications. Applications are also available at any local high school counselor's office, all local Head Start/Early Head Start centers in Cameron and Willacy Counties or visit our website @ www.ninosinc.org

Send Applications to: Neighbors In Need Of Services, Inc.
Mr. Edward Briones
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
402 W. Robertson
San Benito, Texas 78586

Documento De Información Sobre Las Becas 2017

El programa de NINOS, Inc. está anunciando la disponibilidad de doce (12) becas por la cantidad de \$1,200 dólares. Tres (3) becas son para padres actuales o anteriores que están asistiendo o planean asistir a un colegio, universidad o escuela técnica u obtener un Child Development Associate (CDA). Nueve (9) de estas becas son para ex - estudiantes de Head Start que están asistiendo o planean asistir a un colegio, universidad o escuela técnica.

Requisitos para los padres actuales y/o anteriores y para ex - estudiantes:

1. Haber sido o ser padre del Programa de NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start por lo menos un año escolar.
2. Haber sido estudiante del Programa de NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start por lo menos un año escolar.
3. Calificar bajo las guías de ingresos de la becas de NINOS, Inc. a como lo indica la forma adjunta.
4. Debe llenar toda la información requerida en la solicitud.
5. Ser residente del área donde se presta el servicio de NINOS, Inc. del condado de Cameron o Willacy.
6. Solamente puede recibir dos (2) becas de NINOS, Inc. durante su inscripción en el Colegio.
7. Es necesario disponer las fecha de nacimiento, los últimos cuatro dígitos del número de Seguro Social y el I-10 (Si es aplicable)
8. El Ex Alumno de Head Start debe inscribirse en el Head Start Alumni @ www.headstartalumni.info

Solicitudes:

Puede llamar a Esmeralda Rodriguez al (956) 399-9944 para las solicitudes. También hay solicitudes disponibles en las oficinas de los consejeros de las high schools (preparatorias), en todos los centros locales de Head Start/Early Head Start de los condados Cameron y Willacy o en nuestra página de internet @ www.ninosinc.org

Enviar las solicitudes a: Neighbors In Need Of Services, Inc.
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NINOS, Inc. 2017 Scholarship Income Guidelines and Rating Criteria
 Guías de Ingresos y Criterio de Puntuación para las Becas de NINOS, Inc.

Family Size Miembros de Familia	Income Guidelines Guías de Ingresos
1	\$31,340
2	\$34,360
3	\$37,380
4	\$40,420
5	\$43,420
6	\$46,440
7	\$49,460
8	\$52,480

Criteria Criterio	Points Puntos	Scale Escala	Points Puntos
Community Service Servicio Comunitario	15	1-49 hours	5
		50-69 hours	10
		70 + hours	15
Grade Point Average Promedio de Calificación	20	4-A	15
		3-B	20
		2-C	10
		1-D	5
Personal Goals Essay Metas Personales	30		30
Financial Need Essay Necesidad Financiera	25		25
Reference Letters Cartas de Referencia	10	3 Letters	10
Total	100		

Deadline for applications will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Fecha límite para entregar las solicitudes será a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 31 de Marzo, del 2017.

Recipients will be notified by Friday, April 28, 2017

Los receptores serán notificados para el viernes, 28 de Abril, 2017.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF SERVICES, INC. (NINOS)
HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM
“Creating a brighter future for our children and La Familia”

NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Scholarship Application 2017

Name of Applicant: _____

Last Four Numbers of SS No. or I-10 No. : _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone No. (____) _____ Mobile No. (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

(Please check one)

I am a: _____ Current Head Start Parent _____ Former Head Start Parent _____ Former Head Start Student

Name of the Head Start Center Child Attended or Attends: _____

City: _____ Year(s) Attended: _____

Each applicant must complete/provide the following information:

1. Proof of child attendance to the Head Start/Early Head Start Program and copy of certificate or letter from staff.
2. High School, college, university, technical school attending/will attend: _____
3. Date of graduation, High School/GED: _____
4. Three (3) reference letters (preferably one from each of the following: teacher, counselor and principal/clergy). Letters must be originals and signed.
5. A Letter of Acceptance or evidence that you have applied or are currently enrolled in a college, university or technical school.
6. Evidence that there is additional means of tuition payment either by job, family support, grant, scholarship, etc.
7. **Official stamped** letter stating GPA, class standing or present ranking (i.e.: top 10%, first quarter, second quarter, etc., of class) in High School Graduating Class from your counselor or principal, or GED Scores, and University or College.
8. Is a member of your family a current or former employee of the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program?
Yes: _____ No: _____
Name: _____
9. Have you ever applied or received a NINOS, Inc. Head Start Scholarship before?
Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, How Many? _____ What Year(s): _____
10. **Proof of Community Services.**
Attach a list or provide copies of community service and hours (Literacy services, homeless services, Head Start, work with religious organizations, etc.). List must include: Name of organization, activity role, dates, hours of service, contact person and phone number.

General Information for Scholarship:

All Applicants:

1. Must have been a participant as a parent or student in the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program in Cameron or Willacy Counties for at least one (1) school year.
2. Must meet attached NINOS, Inc. Income Guidelines; provide proof of household income with W-2, Tax Return, Check Stub, etc. (If using check stubs, indicate number of working hours per week.)
3. Former or current Head Start/Early Parents applying must be attending a minimum of 2 classes per semester or be attending a college, university or technical school.
4. Former Head Start Student applying must be attending a college, university or technical school.
5. Must be a resident of the NINOS, Inc. service area of Cameron or Willacy County. If student is attending school out of service area, they must be a current/former resident of Cameron or Willacy County.
6. Must submit an essay of at least **300** words stating why financial assistance is necessary.
7. Must submit an essay of at least **300** words stating personal goals.
(Please include your name on all Essays. Essays must be typed and use a 12 font size)
8. Can only receive 2 (two) NINOS, Inc. scholarships while enrolled in college.
9. Scholarship recipients will be required to provide their date of birth and last four digits of social security number.

General Information for CDA:

All Applicants:

10. Must have been a participant as a parent or student in the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program in Cameron or Willacy Counties for at least one (1) school year.
11. Must have a high school diploma, or equivalent (GED), or be a junior or senior in a high school career/technical program in early childhood education.
12. Must be a participant in the NINOS, Inc. CDA training to fulfill necessary credential requirements. In addition, the recipient will submit a valid Driver's License, obtain a TB skin test and a criminal/fingerprint clearance.
13. Upon completion, the following prerequisites: The CDA Scholarship will be submitted to the Council for Professional Recognition upon the completed application.
 - a. Complete 120 hours of formal early childhood education training with no fewer than 10 training hours in each subject area. (Hours must be earned through an agency or organization with expertise in early childhood teacher preparation and must verify your education in the form of an official transcript, certificate or letter.)
 - b. Within 3 (three) years, have 480 hours of professional work experience in a group setting with children of ages 3-5 years.
 - c. Within 6 (six) Months, put together a Professional Portfolio and distribute and collect Family Questionnaires.
14. Must be able to speak, read and write well enough to perform the responsibilities of a CDA.
15. Must meet attached NINOS, Inc. Income Guidelines; provide proof of household income with W-2, Tax Return, Check Stub, etc. If using check stubs, indicate number of working hours per week.
16. Must submit an essay of at least **300** words stating why financial assistance is necessary.
17. Must submit an essay of at least **300** words stating personal goals.
(Please include your name on all Essays. Essays must be typed and use a 12 font size)

A distinguished panel of committee members will make the final selection. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

It is the policy of NINOS, Inc. that no person shall be subject to discrimination because of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientating, age, religion, creed, marital status or the presence of any physical, mental or sensory handicap.

Es la póliza de NINOS, Inc. que ninguna persona será sujeta a discriminación debido a su raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, orientación sexual, edad, religión, credo, estado civil o por alguna deficiencia física, mental o sensorial.

Signature/Firma: _____ Date/Fecha: _____