

Have you received a NOTCH Scholarship before? Yes No

Please note that previous awardees are not eligible to received this scholarship.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): _____

Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Home mailing address: _____

Your school (if applicable): _____

Date you expect to graduate (if applicable): _____

Are you a first-generation student* pursuing continuing education? Yes No

Does your household meet the income guidelines for financial need? See page 3 for reference. Yes No

Are you a NOTCH employee or a child of a NOTCH employee? Employee Child of employee N/A

Place of employment (if applicable): _____ Job title: _____

Where do you plan to continue your education, and in what field/program?

Have you applied? _____ Been accepted? _____ Expected Start Date? _____

On separate paper, please respond to the following prompts. Include your name at the top of the page and type your responses. The word limit for each prompt is 250 words.

1. Personal Statement: Tell us about yourself and where you see yourself in the future.
2. List or describe any community activities that you are involved in.
3. Please state why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.
4. Please share how this scholarship will help you achieve your professional goals.
5. Why do you think NOTCH is important to the community?

In addition, please submit the following:

- Academic transcript as available
- **two letters of recommendation from either your current educational institution, and/or professional colleagues, as applicable.**
- Résumé

Please send completed applications to:

Richford Health Center, Inc.
Attn: Director of HR
44 Main Street, Suite 200
Richford, VT 05476

**Please see the next page
for general information.**

Signature of Applicant

Date



NOTCH Scholarship Application – General Information

The Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH) Scholarship Fund supports individuals in Northwestern Vermont who are pursuing continuing education to initiate, advance, or retain expertise in their career field. Four scholarships are awarded annually up to \$2,500 each.

This scholarship program is for anyone who is interested in advancing their career, whether they are a high school senior, or have an existing degree and/or workforce experience. The scholarship program aims to encourage continuing education for individuals interested in building or elevating their professional skills and expertise in a variety of fields that serve our local community. The scholarship award may be used to finance college tuition fees, certification training and/or programs, professional licensing programs (e.g., commercial driver's license), and other continuing education pathways for any field of employment. Scholarship awards will be disbursed directly to the recipients' educational institutions, which may trigger overpayment and credit or refund to those who paid in full prior to award notification.

Eligibility for the NOTCH scholarship includes meeting the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Northwestern Vermont

Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Applicant's academic record
- Applicant's community involvement
- Applicant's career advancement objectives

The following will be given preference:

- First generation students
- NOTCH employees or child of a NOTCH employee

All applications received on or before the deadline will be considered without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity or expression, and sexual orientation), marital status, veteran status, national origin, language, physical or mental disability, genetic information (including personal and family medical history), political affiliation, or any other legally protected categories.

Previous NOTCH Scholarship awardees, NOTCH Board members, key management staff and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

All information is kept confidential.



FINANCIAL NEED INCOME GUIDELINES FOR NOTCH SCHOLARSHIP School Year 2025-2026

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536
2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$1,576	\$1,455	\$728
3	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$1,991	\$1,838	\$919
4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$2,220	\$1,110
5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$2,603	\$1,302
6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$2,986	\$1,493
7	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$3,650	\$3,369	\$1,685
8	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$4,064	\$3,752	\$1,876
For each additional household member, add	\$9,953	\$830	\$415	\$383	\$192

Sources and Examples of Income

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All other Sources of Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions Net income from self-employment (farm or business) <p>If you are in the U.S. Military:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits Workers' compensation Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veterans' benefits Strike Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security/Disability (e.g. railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private Pensions or disability benefits Income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

Examples of Income for Children

- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn salary or wages.
- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits.
- A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits.
- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money.
- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust.