



Dear Patient,

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Kidney Centers' Rehabilitation Scholarship Program. This program was established in 1985 to help kidney patients finance education and training to enable them to enter or return to the work force.

Since 1962,
a nonprofit,
community-based
health care provider

14 dialysis facilities
located in:

Auburn
Bellevue
First Hill
Kent
Lake City
Northgate
Port Angeles
Renton
SeaTac
Snoqualmie
Totem Lake
West Seattle

Dialysis services also
provided in:

200 Homes
11 Hospitals

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, you must be a Northwest Kidney Centers dialysis patient, an NKC kidney transplant recipient of 5 years or less, 18 years of age or older and a resident of Washington State. Scholarships must be used in Washington State.

The maximum yearly award is \$3,000. Scholarship winners may apply each year until they have used a total of \$6,000 in scholarship funds.

Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, books and approved supplies. A maximum of \$500 may go to pay for non-traditional supplies, excluding computers. Non-traditional supply purchases must be approved in advance. The scholarship does not pay for such items as normal living expenses (rent, utilities, food, apparel, medical costs, child care or transportation).

For your application to be considered for the 2010-2011 academic year, you must:

- Answer ALL questions on the Application Form. If questions are not applicable, please list NA in the space provided.
- Sign the form and return it in one of the self-addressed return envelopes.
- Please be sure that your name appears on all seven pages of the application.
- Discuss your educational plans with your Nephrologist and either your **NKC or transplant program social worker**. Ask them to complete their respective forms (enclosed) and return them to the NKC office in the envelopes provided.

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- Complete FAFSA form online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. (A copy of the form has been enclosed for you to use as a reference but must be completed online.) If you do not have access to the internet or printing capabilities, you can try to do so at your local library, educational institution where you plan to study or contact your NKC Social Worker to assist. After completing the FAFSA online, submit it and print a confirmation of your online registration. Also please print a copy of your completed online FAFSA form and submit it with your NKC scholarship application. The FAFSA form will be used to help determine your financial need for a scholarship. You can print these items from the FAFSA website by selecting the option, “View and print your student aide report”. If you previously filled out a FAFSA for the current year, you need not re-submit to FAFSA, simply print copy of completed form from the internet and send with your NKC application. **Your application will not be processed without a FAFSA.** If you have **any** questions, contact the Scholarship Coordinator.

- The entire application, including your Nephrologist’s and Social Worker’s statements, must be returned to NKC no later than **March 28.**

*It is **your** responsibility to make sure **all** forms are fully completed and returned, including the forms from your doctor and your social worker or counselor. **Incomplete forms and late applications will not be accepted.***

A volunteer committee will evaluate your application based on your financial need and educational and employment goals. In May, the committee will interview finalists and winners will be announced soon afterward. There will be an awards ceremony after the winners are selected.

Remember, this is a competitive process! Your application is a reflection of you and your commitment to your educational and employment goals. Please **type** or **print** neatly. Please ensure that all financial information is correct and clear so the committee may properly evaluate your financial situation.

You may also look into other forms of financial aid by speaking with the financial aid office at your educational institution (enclosed is a sample list).

If you require assistance in completing your application forms please contact your NKC Social Worker or if you have any further questions about the Scholarship process, you may contact Adrian Fomby at (206) 292-3090 or William Bowden at (206) 292-2771 ext 2032.

Again, thank you for your participation in the scholarship program.
Good Luck!

Sincerely,

William Bowden
Scholarship Coordinator