



2010 Future Achiever's Award

Instructions to Applicant

The Future Achiever's Award is an internship program available for high school juniors who have excelled academically and who are interested in pursuing a career in research, science or related medical fields. Applications are especially sought from students who have been disadvantaged because of family financial constraints and other limited opportunities to explore these interests and are the first in their family who will be going to college. Applications from students who are from ethnic backgrounds underrepresented in science and medicine such as African-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders will also be given special attention. The selected students will work in an assigned laboratory as an integral part of a research team. The students will be supervised by an investigator and may be given reading assignments to provide background information regarding the research topic. At the conclusion of the program, the students will complete a one - page summary regarding their experiences.

Acceptance to this program implies consent for publicity purposes.

Research Program: Length and Location

This program is an eight to ten week program, and is offered during the summer months (between June and August 2010) by arrangement through the individual students and their assigned laboratory. Every effort will be made to provide a reasonable work schedule with consideration for school schedules.

Students must be able to provide their own transportation to the laboratory. Participating laboratories may not be in close proximity to students' homes.

Financial Award:

The National Kidney Foundation Serving New England will award \$2,500 directly to the student in three installments: \$1,500 during July and August and the balance upon completion of the summer assignment (minimum of 20 hours/week for 8 weeks work time).

Submission Criteria:

Only two students may apply from any one public school. The finalists for application submission to the NKF Serving New England will be selected by the school faculty.

Submission Deadline and Procedures:

Applications are initially submitted to the Science Instructor or Guidance Counselor for review and evaluation. Each applicant must therefore check with the faculty for the school's submission deadline date. Finalist applications, as selected by the school faculty, must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

In order to be considered for NKF review, the applicant must submit the original plus four **(4) stapled copies** of the entire application by the deadline date. Applications without four copies will be returned.

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Form of Application:

The following items must be complete and included with the application for consideration:

1. Application Form (pages 3 and 4) and checklist (page 5).
2. Signature Page (page 4) with signatures of the applicant, parent or guardian, high school guidance counselor and senior science instructor, completed as indicated.
3. Student transcript (through the first semester). Students must have a B- average for consideration.
4. Short essay, listed on Page 4 of the application.
5. Applicants must submit proof of medical insurance (Page 3 of application).
6. Faculty Letters of Support which include letters from applicant's guidance counselor and junior science instructor.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Applications are especially sought from students who have been disadvantaged because of family financial constraints and other limited opportunities to explore these interests and are the first in their family who will be going to college. Applications from students who are from ethnic backgrounds underrepresented in science and medicine such as African-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders will also be given special attention.
- Applicants will agree to fulfill the terms of the grant as stated on page one of instructions.
- Applicants must be available for acknowledgment of the awards.
- Applicants must be interested in sharing this educational experience with the community.
- Applicants must work a minimum of 20 hours per week for 8 weeks work to receive final stipend.

Review of Application:

All applications, as submitted by high school faculty, will be reviewed by the Foundation's Medical Advisory Board. Finalists may be interviewed by the medical board and/or the research facilities project supervisor.

Award Notification:

Notification of grant awards will be announced by May 10, 2010.

Please address applications to:

Future Achievers Award The National Kidney Foundation Serving New England 85 Astor Avenue, Suite 2 Norwood, Massachusetts 02062
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This application is to be completed by the applicant and submitted to the high school faculty for consideration. Only two applicants may apply to the NKF Serving New England from any one school.

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Social Security #: _____ Graduation Date: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip _____ Telephone (including area code): _____
 Email: _____

• Family Information -- Parent or Guardian:

Mother's Name _____	Father's Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
_____	_____
Daytime Phone _____	Daytime Phone _____
Evening Phone _____	Evening Phone _____

• Indicate your predominant ethnic background:

<input type="checkbox"/> African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Indicate your citizenship status:

US citizen Permanent Resident
 Student Visa Foreign National

Indicate your gender:

Male Female

Indicate your medical insurance—name of company, name of policy holder, policy number: _____

Please indicate annual family income \$ _____. Please describe financial need: _____

Will you be able to provide your own transportation? Yes No

Please indicate how far you would be willing to travel to a lab – miles or travel time: _____

Listed below are the projected lab sites for the summer of 2010. Please indicate where you would be interested in working.

<input type="checkbox"/> Boston (MA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Worcester (MA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Woods Hole (Cape Cod, MA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Providence (RI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon (NH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Burlington (VT)

I I. ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School Grade Point Average as of close of second quarter junior year: _____

Essays: On separate paper, please:

1. List any honors, awards or special recognition you have received.
2. Briefly describe any past or present extracurricular activities, especially those related to science and/or health.
3. List any community or national organization to which you belong.
4. Write a brief essay (not exceeding two pages) detailing your interest in science and reasons for application.

STUDENT CONTRACT:

I am willing to abide by the conditions and regulations set forth by the Future Achiever’s Award program. By accepting this award I will consent to interviews and/or photographs for publicity purposes. I will notify NKF in writing if I cannot accept this award. I realize that failure to comply with these rules may result in dismissal from the program.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I am willing to have my child abide by the conditions and regulations set forth by the “Future Achiever’s Award” Program. I realize and consent that by accepting this award, my child’s likeness and words may be used to further publicize this program.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

The following is to be completed by high school faculty and submitted to the National Kidney Foundation Serving New England. This application must be postmarked by March 31, 2010.

Name: _____

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

Phone number of guidance counselor at school: (_____)_____

The above applicant is a junior and has been selected as one of the two allowable finalists from our high school.

Please check appropriate number: Applications from this school total: 1 2

It is understood that:

The applicant will compete against selected students from other high schools in this NKF Affiliate area.

The finalists, as selected by the NKF-Serving New England Medical Advisory Board, will be notified of their status by May 10, 2010.

Guidance Counselor: _____ Date: _____

Signature

Phone: _____

Print Name

Science Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Signature

Phone: _____

Print Name