

# Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops Scholarship

## *Award: \$500 Scholarship*

NIFS, or Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops, is an organization comprised of owners of independent fabric shops throughout the state. The purpose of the organization is to provide opportunity for networking and success of member shops as well as to promote the art and appreciation of fabrics, sewing and quilting. As sewing is a life skill/hobby, this scholarship is designed to help any high school senior or college student who shares the love of sewing, to further their education in any field at any accredited secondary institute.

***Scholarship Application MUST BE RECEIVED by March 31<sup>st</sup>***

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info** \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Requirements:

- \*Nebraska Residency
- \*Acceptance to an accredited college, university or community college
- \*Minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
- \*Short essay stating information below
- \*3-page portfolio of sewn projects

### **Complete the Following:**

- Are you a Nebraska resident \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
- College, university or community college you plan to attend (include mailing address)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Classification for Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Incoming Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore  
\_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior
- Field of Study/Degree \_\_\_\_\_
- High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

### **Send the Following:**

- 1 page essay titled "How Sewing Has Affected My Life" with information about yourself, school activities and what you want to achieve. Plus, tell us how you started sewing, what kind of sewing you enjoy, and why sewing is important in your life.
- 3-page Portfolio with pictures of at least 5 items you have sewn yourself
- Application Form
- Grade Transcript – High School or College
- 2 Letters of Reference – may use the attached form or a standard letter
- 1 Recommendation from a NIFS Shop – may use the attached form or a standard letter

### SUBMIT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

NIFS – Quilt Stitches: Ann Riechers, 505 Court Street, Beatrice, NE 68310. 402-223-1916  
NIFS – Cosmic Cow: Roxann O'Hare, 6136 Havelock Ave, Lincoln, NE 69507. 402-464-4040  
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**Relationship to Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Contact Information** \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE describe why the applicant is deserving of this scholarship award:*

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