

NINOS, Inc. is announcing the availability of twelve scholarships of \$1,200 each. Three scholarships for former or current Head Start/Early Head Start parents attending or planning to attend a college, university, or a technical school or planning to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA). Nine scholarships are for former Head Start students attending or planning to attend a college, university, or 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 school year.
 2. Must be a former student of the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program for at least one school year.
 3. Must meet NINOS, Inc. Scholarship Income Guidelines as indicated on the attached sheet.
 4. Must submit **all** information requested on the application. Incomplete applications will not be valid.
 5. Must be a resident of the NINOS, Inc. service area in Cameron or Willacy County.
 6. Can only receive 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 or I-10 number (if applicable)
 8. Former Head Start students must sign up for the Head Start Alumni @ www.headstartalumni.info to be considered.
- * Please note that any changes made after July 2, 2021, to the College, University, or Technical College of your choice stated in your application cannot be guaranteed.

Applications:

You may contact Family Services at (956) 399-9944 or email fsw@ninosinc.org for information regarding applications. Applications are available at any local high school counselor's office, the NINOS, Inc. website @ www.ninosinc.org, or any NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start centers in Cameron and Willacy Counties.

Send Applications to Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. attention to

<u>Mail</u>	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Email</u>
Ms. Kady Lemmon Scholarship Committee Chairperson PO Box 189 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583	Ms. Kady Lemmon Scholarship Committee Chairperson 22887 State Highway 345 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583	fsw@ninosinc.org

Documento De Información Sobre Las Becas 2021

El programa de NINOS, Inc. está anunciando la disponibilidad de doce becas por la cantidad de \$1,200 dólares. Tres 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 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 para las becas de NINOS, Inc. a como lo indica la forma adjunta.
 4. Debe llenar toda la información requerida en la solicitud. Solicitudes incompletas no serán consideradas.
 5. Ser residente en los condados de Cameron o Willacy.
 6. Solamente puede recibir dos becas de NINOS, Inc. durante su inscripción en el Colegio.
 7. Se requiere proporcionar la fecha de nacimiento, los últimos cuatro dígitos del número de Seguro Social o el I-10 (Si es aplicable)
 8. El Ex Alumno de Head Start debe inscribirse en el Head Start Alumni @ www.headstartalumni.info para ser considerado.
- * Tenga en cuenta que cualquier cambio realizado después del 2 de julio de 2021, en el Colegio, Universidad o Colegio Técnico de su elección su solicitud no se puede garantizar.

Solicitudes:

Puede llamar a Servicios Familiares al (956) 399-9944 o por correo electrónico fsw@ninosinc.org También hay solicitudes disponibles en las oficinas de los consejeros de high school (preparatorias), en todos los centros locales de Head Start/Early Head Start dentro de los condados Cameron y Willacy o en nuestra página de internet @ www.ninosinc.org

Evia las solicitudes a: Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc.

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NINOS, Inc. 2021 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	\$32,740
2	\$35,760
3	\$38,780
4	\$41,820
5	\$44,820
6	\$47,840
7	\$50,860
8	\$53,880

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	25	1-25	25
Financial Need Essay Necesidad Financiera	25	1-25	25
Reference Letters Cartas de Referencia	10	3 Letters	10
Head Start Alumni	5		5
Total	100		100



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 2021

Applicant Contact Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Last Four #'s of SS No. or I-10 No.: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone No. (____) _____ Mobile No. (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Head Start Affiliation and Status (Please check all that apply)

Name of the Head Start Center the applicant is affiliated with: _____ City: _____
Year Attended: _____
_____ Former Head Start Parent _____ Former Head Start Student _____ Current Head Start Parent

Application Requirements

Each applicant must complete/provide the following information:

1. Proof of attendance to the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/ Early Head Start Program (certificate, letter from staff, pictures)
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. Letter of Acceptance or evidence that you have applied or enrolled in a college, university, or technical school.
6. Evidence that there are additional means of tuition payment either by job, family support, grant, scholarship, etc.
7. **An official stamped** letter stating GPA, class standing, or current 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 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/Title/ Center: _____
9. Have you 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.). The list must include: The name of the organization where you did the community service, the acting role, dates, hours of service, contact person, phone number, and the proof of the community service must be signed.
11. Course of study/major or Child Development Associates (CDA) _____

General Information for Scholarship:

All Applicants:

1. Must have participated 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. Scholarships Guidelines; provide proof of household income with W-2, Tax Return, Check Stub, etc.
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 the student is attending school out of service area, they must be a current/former Cameron or Willacy County resident.
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 or i-10 number (if applicable).

General Information for Child Development Associates (CDA):

All Applicants:

10. Must have been a participant as a parent/former 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, equivalent (GED), or 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 applicant will submit to the Council for Professional Recognition the completed application.
 - a. Complete 120 hours of formal early childhood education training with no fewer than ten 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 three years, have 480 hours of professional work experience in a group setting with children of ages 0-5 years.
 - c. Within 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., Scholarships Income Guidelines; provide proof of household income with W-2, Tax Return, Check Stub, etc. If using check stubs, indicate the 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 valid.

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: _____