



## *John Mifsud Scholarship Fund*

In 2022, the Board and Staff of Next Step Housing (NSH) established the *John Mifsud Scholarship Fund* to further support residents seeking higher education and professional skills. The fund is named in honor of NSH's original Executive Director who served the agency for 26 years. An internal NSH Committee made up of Board and Staff members will award up to six \$5,000 scholarships per academic year. Applications can be submitted at any time. Awards will be announced 30 days after submission.

The eligibility criteria and the application are below. Questions should be directed to the current Executive Director, Diana McClaskey, at 509-853-5108 or [diana@nextstephousing.com](mailto:diana@nextstephousing.com).

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Applicant must be a household member of a current NSH Resident and must qualify under the student exemption.
- ✓ Applicant must be entering higher education.
- ✓ Applicants must be enrolled full-time.
- ✓ Applicant must demonstrate enrollment status in their secondary education.
- ✓ Applicant must demonstrate a financial needs assessment from the institution. Preference will be given to households with the greatest need.
- ✓ Awardees may apply for consecutive awards for two years.
- ✓ Only one applicant from a household can apply at the same time.

### **Application Process:**

1. Applicants must include two letters of recommendation (not from family).
2. Applications must include verification of enrollment.
3. Applicants must write a one-page cover letter illustrating the need, academic goals, awards, community service, and activities.
4. Applications and attachments can be submitted via email to [info@nextstephousing.com](mailto:info@nextstephousing.com)

**PLEASE NOTE: Awards will not be made to the applicant directly. Funds will be submitted to the educational institution.**

JOHN MIFSUD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a High School Senior?  High School Graduate?  GED Recipient?

Address of the college, university or vocational school do you plan to attend in 2023-2024?

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Program length? \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated course load in hours? \_\_\_\_\_

Full program estimate? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include tuition, fees, books or pertinent costs)

BY MY SIGNATURE, I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- The information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.
- I will maintain satisfactory educational progress.
- I will keep NSH informed of any changes in my enrollment status.
- Any unused funds paid to the educational institution by NSH will be reimbursed to NSH.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_