

# Doherty & Donelon Scholarships awarded

## Six children of NALC members to receive funding for college

**S**ix children of NALC members will receive NALC memorial scholarships in recognition of their schoolwork and community involvement.

One student from each of the five geographical regions was awarded \$4,000 apiece from the William C. Doherty Scholarship Fund, and a sixth student will receive \$1,000 from the John T. Donelon Scholarship. All six scholarships are renewable for three additional years.

NALC created the Doherty scholarship in 1962 in honor of NALC's president from 1941 to 1962. The winners this year, along with their letter carrier parent, are:

**Eastern Region: Andrea A. Zamudio**  
**Parent: Emma Alvarez Panduro**  
**Franklinton, NC Branch 4244**

**Quote:** "My parents have challenged me and encouraged me to embrace my culture. When I was younger, I would beg my parents to speak English around my friends, and I would hide in another room if I had to speak Spanish on the phone while around other people. ... Part of embracing who I am came from visiting Peru with my parents, where I heard their stories about their lives there, and watched them interact with their family members. ... My parents lead me to being a proud Latina who is overjoyed to speak Spanish, enjoys cooking up delicious Peruvian recipes with my mom, and jams out to Latin music with my dad. ... They recently became American Citizens, and I was their number one cheerleader throughout the whole naturalization process. It has taken them years of struggle, hardship, and perseverance to get where they are today, and because of them and their American Dream, I know that I can

accomplish anything I set my mind to through hard work, persistence, and always looking to family for support."

**Central Region: Emilie Hammell**  
**Parent: Steven Hammell**  
**Fort Wayne, IN Branch 116**

**Quote:** "In 15 to 25 years, my biggest hope is that I will be able to give, not only my time but also my resources to help people in need. Specifically, I hope to use my experiences as an international adoptee to help other children and families impacted by the adoption and foster care system. My adoption has given me the opportunity to learn and develop in ways that may not have been available to me if I had stayed in my native country."

**Northeast Region: Lily Kutner**  
**Parent: Karl Kutner**  
**Long Island Merged, NY Branch 6000**

**Quote:** "Singing has brought me everything, it is what I love to do and what I want to do for the rest of my life. This is why I want to become a music educator, so I can create this love of music for a younger generation."

**Southern Region: Josie Peebles**  
**Parent: Jimmy Peebles**  
**Swainsboro, GA Branch 3370**

**Quote:** "The two people who have been the most influential in my life have been my mom and dad. My dad has been a letter carrier for over 30 years, and even after all this time, he still loves his job. I admire the relationships that he has created with the people on his route after 30 years of delivering their mail. Meanwhile, my mom has been a nurse for over 20 years and she has instilled in me a love for the healthcare field. Most of all, my parents had me and my younger twin sisters, and they made our home a place filled with love. After 22 years

of marriage and three daughters, they are still just as in love with us and each other. They have taught me happiness, responsibility, and trust, and they are living evidence that happy, whole families are not extinct in America today, and they won't be any time soon."

**Western Region: Hannah Chester**  
**Parent: Garry Chester**  
**Salt Lake City, UT Branch 111**

**Quote:** "When I was younger, I saw my grandfather's battle with Alzheimer's disease. From that point on, I have grown fascinated with the brain and its diseases. ... Although Alzheimer's research was my initial interest, as I have learned more about the brain, I have become increasingly intrigued by mental illnesses. It is estimated that nearly 20 percent of American adults will struggle with a mental illness in any given year. However, most go untreated. ... Through my future research on the human brain, I want to provide the medical community with a greater understanding of mental illnesses and how they impact brain chemistry and functioning, in order to develop better treatment for these diseases."

A scholarship honoring the late John T. Donelon, longtime assistant to three NALC national presidents, was announced in 2003. Donelon's wife, Louise, established the Donelon Scholarship as a bequest in her will.

**The winner is: Isabella Tabor**  
**Parent: Jericho Tabor**  
**Minneapolis, MN Branch 9**

**Quote:** "Surprisingly one of the most influential people in my life is so not because of a positive experience. My sewing teacher in high school was actually one of my biggest supporters in my dream to become a fashion designer until she learned I was disabled

(I have a joint disorder that affects my hands). ... The thing that stuck with me the most was when she told me I should ‘maybe find a different career.’ ... Now I’m dedicated to proving her wrong, not because I care about her opinion anymore, but because I know I can do this and I know that I am passionate about it and nothing will hold me back from that.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NALC Scholarship Committee—composed of Sandy Laemmel, Detroit, Michigan Branch 1; Kimetra Lewis, Dallas, Texas Branch 132; and Lawrence Kania, Buffalo-Western New York Branch 3—had to reorganize the selection-making process.

“We planned to meet in March remotely, not knowing what lay ahead of us, such as schools being closed and students not being able to obtain their documentation in timely fashion,” Laemmel said. “Plans were changed along the way, and we began our process to meet remotely in August. We went back to basics and used the Postal Service for shipping our applications between committee members and our phones to review all our applications.”

The Scholarship Committee reviewed each application independently and then sent them by region to the next committee member for review.

“At the end of the review, the applications were sent back to NALC Headquarters, after which they were couriered to our educators so that they might review the applications remotely as well,” Laemmel said. “Our process was completed on Sept. 18, when our educators made their selections.”

The committee issued the following report:

“On this, the 58th anniversary of the founding of the William C. Doherty

Scholarship program and the 16th anniversary of the John T. Donelon Scholarship, we processed 648 applications, in contrast to 620 applications in 2019.

For purposes of this scholarship program, the country is divided into five geographic regions. Under the procedure, eliminations were made to reach the allowed figure of five scholarships—one to each of the five regions. At present, each Doherty scholarship is valued at \$16,000, which represents \$4,000 annually, for four consecutive years. The John T. Donelon Scholarship provides for one scholarship of \$1,000 annually, for four consecutive years.

Our program has aided hundreds of children of letter carriers in their pursuit of higher education. We strongly urge the parents of high school seniors to watch the July through December 2020 issues of *The Postal Record* for 2021 scholarship applications, which will be printed only in those issues. They are also available on the website, [nalc.org](http://nalc.org).

It is essential that applications be complete and that all submissions be made in timely fashion. The committee emphasizes the necessity of answering all questions on the required forms and providing all the information requested prior to the deadline. We would like to stress the importance of applicants’ demonstrating diversity in extracurricular activities, sports, leadership, elective office and work experience, as well as scholastic excellence. Applicants are rated on all of the above areas.

The committee appreciates the co-operation of the various branches and state associations and encourages them to continue to publicize the scholarship program. We appreciate the contributions from our members who generously support the scholar-

ship program. The value of a college education to our upcoming young men and women is incalculable. With the continuing increase in the cost of college, we urge each of our members to make a contribution to the Doherty Scholarship fund. Any contribution will help to keep this worthy program as strong and effective as we can make it. (The Donelon scholarship is funded by a separate trust fund.)

The participation of President Fredric Rolando, Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine and other resident officers and staff was an invaluable contribution to this committee’s work.

Our thanks to this year’s judges—Dr. Georgia Booker, retired Director, Office of Guidance Counseling Services, District of Columbia Public Schools; James B. Massey Jr., Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Maryland; and Dale E. Bittinger, Assistant Vice Provost for Undergraduate Admissions, Orientation and School Partnerships at University of Maryland, Baltimore County—who assisted in performing the assessment of applicants and making the final selections. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to these very outstanding educators for their assistance to the NALC Scholarship Committee and the NALC.

As it has for the past decade, the committee accepted ACT test scores along with SAT scores. The scholarship committee used information provided by Dr. Jeff Schiel of the Statistical Research Department, Research Division, ACT Regional Office, to correlate the ACT and SAT scores to provide a fair evaluation for the scholarship selections.

We sincerely express our appreciation for this opportunity to serve the NALC membership in administering this program.” **PR**

# DOHERTY & DONELON SCHOLARSHIPS

**Deadline: This form must be returned to NALC Headquarters no later than December 31, 2020.**

## Eligibility

- Applicant must be the son, daughter or legally adopted child of a letter carrier NALC member in good standing—active, retired or deceased. Stepchildren and grandchildren are eligible if they live with the letter carrier in a regular parent-child relationship.
- Applicant's parent must be a member in good standing of NALC for at least one year prior to making application.
- Applicant must be a high school senior when making application and must submit the form provided at right, signed by the NALC member and an officer of the member's NALC branch. This form must be returned to NALC Headquarters by December 31, 2020.

## Requirements

- All applicants must take the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) in either their junior or senior year. A copy of the official scores from the administering organization must be received at NALC Headquarters by midnight, March 31, 2021. (Computer-generated print-outs of test scores will not be accepted.)
- All biographical questionnaires and secondary school reports must be received at NALC Headquarters by midnight, March 31, 2021.

## Regulations

- Scholarship is to be used toward pursuing undergradu-

ate degree at an accredited college of recipient's choice.

- Winners may accept other college scholarship assistance in addition to the NALC award.
- Any change of schools or course of study must be done only with the permission of the NALC Scholarship Committee.
- A transcript of grades must be forwarded to the committee at the end of each school year.
- If winner suffers certified serious illness, scholarship will be held in abeyance for not more than one year.
- If unusual conditions are going to require an interruption in schooling, recipient must state reason(s) in writing to the Scholarship Committee and request that the scholarship be held in abeyance. Request(s) will be reviewed by the Committee and a decision rendered.
- If the NALC member is suspended by his/her local NALC branch or enters supervision, scholarship will be canceled.

## Terms of awards

- The official scholarship judges will award one William C. Doherty Scholarship in each of the five USPS Regions and one John T. Donelon Scholarship. Winners are judged on the basis of secondary school records, personal qualifications and test scores. As in the past, the scholarship judges will consist of experienced persons in the educational field. Decisions of the judges will be final.

- Doherty Scholarship awards will be \$4,000 per year and the Donelon Scholarship award will be \$1,000 per year. Each scholarship is renewable for three consecutive years thereafter providing the winner maintains satisfactory grades. Award money will be deposited annually with the college. It will be credited to the winner's account to be drawn upon under the rules and regulations which the college has established for handling scholarship funds. Award money is to be used for required college fees, including room and board and transportation fees.

- Children of NALC national officers are not eligible.

In honor of NALC's president from 1941 to 1962, the **William C. Doherty Scholarship Fund** will again award five \$4,000 scholarships to children of members in good standing. The **John T. Donelon Scholarship Fund** will award one scholarship in honor of Donelon, longtime NALC assistant to the president. Applicants must be high school seniors and must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Please send instructions as to how I can compete for a scholarship award. I am a senior in the 2020-21 school year.

I am the  daughter  son  active  
 \*stepdaughter  \*stepson  retired  
 \*granddaughter  \*grandson  deceased

letter carrier \_\_\_\_\_

of Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of branch officer

Signature of NALC parent member  
(or spouse if deceased)

Printed name of branch officer

Last 4 digits of Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be returned no later than December 31, 2020, to the NALC Scholarship Committee, in care of the National Association of Letter Carriers, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.

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