Annual Scholarship Program
National Independent Automobile Dealers Association Foundation
Application Form

NIADA
NATIONAL INDEPENDENT
AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION
FOUNDATION
The National Independent Automobile Dealers Association Foundation was founded in 2006 by the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association, a 70 year old trade association, to “improve the independent motor vehicle industry by informing and educating consumers of the general public and training individuals associated with our industry.”

Historically, the association’s scholarship program was the responsibility of the NIADA’s Auxiliary. Now, however, as an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Foundation has assumed the oversight of that scholarship program’s functions. Four regional scholarships are awarded annually at the National NIADA Convention in June. The regions and states are as indicated below.

REGION II: Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.
REGION III: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

The Foundation invites you as an eligible student to complete this application in pursuit of scholarship funds to be paid to the college of your choice in the Fall of 2017. Applications must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 17, 2017 AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN March 31, 2017.

Eligibility Criteria:
You must
(1.) Be classified as a high school senior during the current 2016-17 school year and legally residing in one of the 4 regions indicated above.
(2.) Have maintained an outstanding academic achievement record as reflected by an official high school transcript; and
(3.) Demonstrate an aptitude for college work as measured by SAT or ACT scores.

Application Process:
Submit the completed application form with the required attachments in a 10 inch. x 13 inch envelope, with adequate postage to:

Scholarship Selection Committee
NIADA Foundation
2521 Brown Blvd
Arlington, TX  76006

All information MUST be included with the original application. No additional information will be accepted at a later date.

Staff will review the applications for completeness and will forward them to the Scholarship Selection Committee within NIADA and at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. They will be reviewed by region. One applicant will be selected from each of the four NIADA regions based on the merit of his/her scholarship application and will be notified by the Foundation office no later than mid-May 2017.
Scholarship Application Form
2016-2017

Please type or print legibly.

Region____

Name (first, middle, last) ____________________________________________________________

Home Address ________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________ State _____ Zip _____ County ______
Telephone __________________________ Fax __________________________
Email ______________________________________________________________

Name of Parents or Guardian ______________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________ State ___________________ Zip _____

Name of High School __________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________City__________ State_________ Zip________

Dates of attendance and graduation ______________________________________________

Other high schools attended (names and addresses) __________________________________

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Please provide the following information. Additional pages may be attached as necessary.
Extracurricular activities, offices and accomplishments _________________________________

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Awards and Distinctions _____________________________________________________________

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REQUIRED ESSAY (Minimum 1200 words)

The automobile industry is rapidly changing to meet the changes and challenges of today’s and tomorrow’s future drivers’ needs. Notable changes include consumers relying on transportation that is not owned by them but rather utilizing such services as: Car2go, Uber, Lift, and the future possibility of simply hopping into a street roving autonomous vehicle. How do you see retail automobile sales being impacted, either positively or negatively as a result of this evolving industry trend? What evidence is there to suggest and support your theory? Please conclude your essay by specifically sharing your interest in the automotive industry and the role you wish play in it.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. Official high school transcript
2. SAT or ACT Scores Report—may be included on the transcript.
3. Letter(s) of recommendation (no more than 5) from high school counselor, principal, teacher, employer, etc.

I, as the scholarship applicant, certify that the enclosed information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association Foundation permission to release this information, including the required attachments, to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

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Signature                                   Date