



## 2022 - 2023 Scholarship Application

**Sisters of Nia** is proud to announce its annual college scholarship program for females pursuing higher education at a two- or four-year accredited institution as well as trade school programs.

With the generous grant of \$50,000 from the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls for scholarships, we will be awarding a series of financial awards based on individual merit and/or demonstrated need.

All scholarship awards are based on the evaluation of an application packet, which is used to assess academic performance, financial need, and extracurricular involvement and achievement. All ladies who meet the eligibility criteria are invited to apply.

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### Applicants MUST Meet All Eligibility Requirements:

- Sisters of Nia Alumnae or other females from underrepresented communities
- Greater Sacramento Area resident
- Graduating High School Student, Trade School Student, Matriculating College Student, or Graduate Student
- Accepted and attending an accredited two- or four-year college/ university or trade school program for the Fall of 2022
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale

### Application Packet\* Requirements:

- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, counselor, community leader, minister, school official, or employer
- Official, unopened transcript
- *Applicant photograph*
- *A signed photo release attached (signed by parent/guardian for minors)*
- Video submission
- *A typed, double-spaced essay, minimum 250 but no more than 500 words: "How do your college and career goals align with Sister of Nia values?"*

### Mission

**Sisters of Nia is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire, encourage, and empower girls to reach their fullest potential and live their life with a purpose.**

For more info, visit [SistersofNia.org](http://SistersofNia.org)

### Deadline Extended

To be considered, application materials must be emailed OR postmarked by

**Monday - June 6, 2022**

**Sisters of Nia  
Attn: Scholarships  
9630 Bruceville Road, STE 106-318  
Elk Grove, CA 95757**

Email: [Scholarships@SistersOfNia.org](mailto:Scholarships@SistersOfNia.org)

**Sisters of Nia**

**Scholarship Application (If it does not apply to you, put "N/A")**

**Applicant Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP Code*

Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email:: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**School History (Indicate last 3 years)**

**Activities:** (Clubs, Position/Offices, Committees, Athletics, etc.)

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**Awards:**

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**Community Activities (Indicate last 3 years)**

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**Family / Household Information**

**Parent(s)/Guardian (If dependent of parent(s) as classified by the federal tax code)**

*-- Single Head of Household applicants; please complete information for you and your family.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Other children dependent upon parents:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Other Dependents:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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## College/University Information

College/University (accepted to or plan to attend): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year (in which you're applying): \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Degree:	Associate Degree <input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelors Degree <input type="checkbox"/>	
Applying for financial aid?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Already Applied <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you expect to receive other scholarships?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>

## Video Submission Instructions

**Before you upload your video, please make sure to include the following in your message:**

**1. Name**

**2. Age**

**3. If in high school, name of school and college in the Fall**

**If an undergraduate, name of college already enrolled**

**If a graduate student, name of current college, previous degree and college**

**4. Major and career goals/interests**

**5. Share something new that you'd like the scholarship committee to know that you DID NOT already share in your application packet.**

**Videos should NOT be more than three (3) minutes long.**

**Videos can be recorded from a smartphone, then upload to this link:**

**<https://share.vidday.com/g-hu9twe>**

**Release of Records & Transcript Permission**

I give permission for the school to release information regarding my academic standing via email or US Postal Mail to Sisters of Nia.

Please release an official copy of my current transcripts and mail them to the below address by

**Monday - May 16, 2022**

**Sisters of Nia  
Attn: Scholarship  
9630 Bruceville Road, STE 106-318  
Elk Grove, CA 95757**

**[www.SistersOfNia.org](http://www.SistersOfNia.org)**

Questions? Email [Scholarships@SistersOfNia.org](mailto:Scholarships@SistersOfNia.org)

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if student is minor)

**Photo & Media Release Form\***

I give my permission for my child to be photographed by representatives of Sisters of Nia (Nia) in conjunction with their participation in all Nia-related activities.

I give permission for the Nia to publish on the internet or social media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the image ("Images") taken of my child during participation in Nia activities, without payment or consideration and without notifying me in advance.

I also give permission to the Nia to highlight my child's achievements and activities in efforts to promote the youth initiative program through newspaper, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, display, brochures, and other types of media without payment or any consideration without notifying me.

I understand and agree that these images will become the property of the Nia, which shall have complete ownership of the images. I hereby irrevocably authorize the Nia to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the Nia's programs, or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Nia and any of its officers and members. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I hereby certify that I am the parent/guardian of (participant), authorize legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my child.

\*Parent must sign if applicant is a minor.

**SIGNATURES**

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Essay Assignment

Please include a typed, double-spaced essay on the question below. Write an essay that has a minimum 250 but no more than 500 words. If needed, attach the essay on a separate piece of paper with your name on it.

***"How do your college and career goals align with Sister of Nia values?"***

## Additional Documents/Materials

Please include the following documents to complete your scholarship application.

- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, counselor, school official, community leader, minister, or employer
- Applicant photograph
- Official, unopened transcripts
- College acceptance letter and/or enrollment verification if a college student
- Financial aid documentation
- Video Submission (instructions provided)

**NOTE: Incomplete applications or late submissions will not be considered.**

Additional school information may be needed depending on which scholarships are awarded. Some may be awarded directly to the school to offset loans or the individual in the Fall and Spring. These will be determined case-by-case.

Depending on the verified financial need and/or merit, awards will generally be given as follows, but not limited to the following:

Book/Material Scholarships (5 @ \$500 ea.)

Tuition Scholarships for Trade/Community College (5 @ \$1,000 ea.)

Tuition Assistance Scholarships for Undergraduate (5 @ \$2,500 ea.)

Tuition Assistance Scholarships for Grad/Professional (2 @ \$5,000 ea.)

First-Year College Tuition Scholarship Assistance (2 @ \$10,000 ea.)