

NOLS INDIA Scholarship Application Packet

INTRODUCTION

NOLS India awards scholarships *specifically* for Indian residents to apply toward taking one of its field courses. NOLS courses offer a transformative experience that focuses on life-long leadership, wilderness skills and environmental studies, taught in the awe-inspiring Indian Himalayas. These scholarship dollars are made available through the generosity of alumni and friends to the NOLS scholarship fund. Our graduates realize the great impact a NOLS education has and volunteer both time and money to further the school's mission.

QUALIFICATION

- Applicants must be Indian Residents
- Applicants must be at least 15 years of age
- The scholarship *must* be used toward a NOLS India Local Educator course only.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Scholarship recipients are chosen based upon merit, leadership qualities, motivation, and financial need.
- Amount of scholarship awarded to chosen candidates will be determined by availability of scholarship funds and the candidate's financial need.

DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting the completed scholarship application packet is two months prior to the course start date and must be sent to: india@nols.edu or NOLS India, Vania Cottage, Mall Road, Ranikhet - 263645. If you have questions, please call NOLS India at (05966) 221428.

If you are interested in *NOLS Scholarships for other International locations* you can contact: NOLS Admission Department, 284 Lincoln St., Lander, WY 82520, or you can request applications by calling (307) 332-5300, or visiting our website at www.nols.edu

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must personally fill and complete the following paperwork (except for the parts that may need to be filled by parents or guardians)

1. NOLS course Application Form downloaded from the NOLS website
2. India Scholarship Application Form.
3. Photocopy of your most recent income tax return form with all required schedules and forms (if you file your IT returns).
4. Attested statement of the last six months of your bank account
5. Applicants who are dependents must also submit the following
 - (a) a photocopy of their parents or guardian's most recent IT returns with all required schedules and forms (if they file IT returns).
 - (b) Attested statement of the last six months of your parent/guardian's bank account
6. Current grade transcript or photocopy of report card if you are currently a student.
7. Letters of Recommendation: Submit at least 2 Letters of Recommendation written by someone who knows the applicant reasonably well. Good sources for recommendations are teachers, employers, coaches, neighbors, community leaders, etc. Ask them to comment on why they feel you would make a good NOLS student, and why they think you should be awarded the India scholarship. *Please avoid submitting recommendations from family and friends.*
8. A current photo that will be attached to your application.



**NOLS INDIA
Scholarship Application**

(Please print)

Name of Applicant: _____ **Age** _____

Applicant's Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ **Cell** _____ **Work** _____

Applicant's E-mail Address _____

NOLS course choice _____ **Course start date** _____

How many people will you be supporting this year? (Include yourself, spouse, partner, children and others) _____

1. DETERMINATION OF DEPENDENT OR INDEPENDENT STATUS:

(a) Did you need less than 50% of your support (food, clothing, housing, education, etc.) from your parents in the past year? (circle one)

YES - I needed less than 50% support. NO - They provided more than 50% of my support.

(b) Do you file an income tax return? (circle one) YES or NO

If you answered NO to either of the above questions, then NOLS considers you a *DEPENDENT*. In addition to submitting your financial information, *your parents or guardians must complete the Application for Parents of Dependents part of the Form*. If you answered YES to (a) and (b) above, NOLS considers you an *INDEPENDENT* for scholarship purposes.

2. ESTIMATE OF NEED:

+	_____	Course tuition
-	(_____)	Maximum amount the student can provide
-	(_____)	Maximum amount from other sources (e.g. Parents / Guardian / others)
=	_____	Estimated need (Scholarship request)

3. APPLICANT'S AND SPOUSE'S (PARTNER'S) ANNUAL INCOME:

Did you file a income tax return last year? (circle one) YES or NO

(If YES, you must submit a copy of your most recent IT returns with required schedules and forms attached, and include it with your completed application).

Please fill out the following pertaining to the last calendar year.

Annual income earned from work by you + _____

Annual income earned from work by your spouse/partner..... + _____

Other sources of funds--investments, trusts, gifts, state/federal aid, etc....+ _____

Specify source(s): _____

Total income = _____

4. APPLICANT'S AND SPOUSE'S (PARTNER'S) ANNUAL EXPENSES:

Housing (rent, mortgage)+ _____

Living expenses (utilities, food, clothing)+ _____

Medical expenses not paid by insurance+ _____

Any educational expenses + _____

Any Auto loan + _____

Any other loans/expenses..... + _____

Total expenses: = _____



5. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION (attach an additional sheet, if more space is needed):

A. Outline your plan for meeting the expenses of your NOLS course. What other expenses do you anticipate (travel, equipment, etc.) and how do you plan to meet them? What additional sources of financial assistance have you explored? _____

B. Explain any unusual expenses, additional sources or decreases in income, travel expenses, special or changing circumstances and expenses that exceed your income. _____

6. PLEASE TELL US A BIT MORE ABOUT YOURSELF. (Attach an additional sheet, if more space is needed)

Please describe activities (outdoor, environmental, teams and other) you have been involved in. _____

Please outline any and all positions that you have held in school, work, sports, or your community. _____

What would be the easiest part of the course for you, and why? What would be the most difficult, and why? _____

Please describe experiences that have uniquely shaped your life.

How do you plan to use your NOLS education? _____

What three personal goals would you like to achieve through your participation on a NOLS course?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Describe ways you would be an asset to your fellow students, instructors, tent mates, etc., on a NOLS course? _____

Of all the people you personally know, who do you most respect and admire? Explain why. _____

I understand that NOLS will be relying on the information provided in the application packet when considering me for a scholarship. All the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Please make a copy of your scholarship paperwork for your records.
 Submit your completed application packet two months before the start of your course to: NOLS India
 Scholarship Committee, Vania Cottage, Mall Road, Ranikhet - 263645 or email to india@nols.edu**

**APPLICATION FOR PARENTS OF DEPENDENT
 PARENT/ GUARDIAN FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

How many people will your parents/guardians support this year? Include anyone for whom they will provide 50% or more of their support. _____

Parent/Guardian current marital status: _____

1. PARENTS'/ GUARDIANS' ANNUAL INCOME:

Families of dependent students must submit the parent or guardians' most recent IT returns with all required schedules and forms attached.

Please fill out the following pertaining to the last calendar year.

Annual income earned from work by father/guardian	+ _____
Annual income earned from work by mother/guardian	+ _____
Other sources of funds from investments, trusts, gifts, etc.	+ _____
Specify source: _____	
Total income	= _____

2. PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' ANNUAL EXPENSES:

Housing (rent, mortgage)	+ _____
Living expenses (utilities, food, clothing)	+ _____
Medical expenses not paid by insurance	+ _____
Any educational expenses	+ _____
Any Auto loan	+ _____
Any other loans/expenses.....	+ _____
Total expenses	= _____

3. EXPLANATION OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Please attach an additional page, if you wish to explain any unusual expenses, additional sources or decreases in income, travel expenses, and special or changing circumstances. Include amounts and sources of financial aid being received for college tuition for dependents other than the applicant. _____

I (We) understand that NOLS will be relying on the information provided by this application in consideration of granting my dependent a scholarship. All the information provided by me (us) is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Name of Applicant: _____ Today's date: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____