



National Organization of Vietnamese American Leaders
Of the Greater Washington DC Area (NOVAL-DC)

2012 NOVAL Scholarship Application

NOVAL-DC was established, in part, to contribute to the development of future Vietnamese American leaders in the Washington DC metropolitan area. In furtherance of that mission, NOVAL-DC, in collaboration with the New Moon Foundation, is proud to sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship for a high school senior or college or graduate student who has ties to the East Coast and demonstrated a commitment to serving the Vietnamese American communities in that region. The scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of community service, academic performance, the essays, and to a more limited extent, his/her connection to the Vietnamese American community on the East Coast. The scholarship recipient will be expected to attend the awards ceremony to be recognized at the Vietnamese Heritage Festival held on June 23, 2012 at George Mason University.

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Alternate Phone: (____) _____ Alternate E-Mail: _____

High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Undergraduate School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Please attach the following documents to this form and send your package either by regular mail to NOVAL Scholarship, c/o Daniel F. Albert; 130 M St., N.E. #818, Washington, D.C. 20002, or by email to danielalbert@gmail.com, postmarked no later than **June 8, 2012**:

- Resume (please include any honors and awards)
- Unofficial copy of your most recent high school or college transcript
- One to two letters of reference
- Two short essays (in English or Vietnamese, in Times New Roman font, size 12 font, double space):
 - First essay (350 word limit) should address the following question:
“Describe your most memorable experience in serving the Vietnamese-American community and how you plan to serve the community in the future.” The essay should also include a brief explanation of your ties and/or commitment to the East Coast, if any.
 - Second essay (350 word limit) should address the following question:
“Describe how you exhibited one or more of the core values of the New Moon Foundation, as embodied in the acronym GRACE below, and what impact it had on you or others.

Gratitude – A deep appreciation of life in all forms, valuing both its gifts and lessons. This is the foundation for finding joy in our human condition.

Respect - The practice of awareness and openness to others, new ideas and different perspectives. Respect is the basis for peace and understanding.

Accountability - Taking responsibility for our actions, thoughts and emotions. Acknowledging our choices and their consequences empowers us to choose again.

Courage - The discipline to be authentic, honest and act with integrity. Courage allows us to grow and realize our true potential and dreams.

Engagement – The intention to wholeheartedly contribute our gifts and skills in a way that benefits our communities and natural environments. This is a natural outcome and test of a values-based life.”

Scholarship Terms:

I, the undersigned applicant, understand that if I am awarded a NOVAL Scholarship (“Scholarship”), I must be enrolled as a high school senior or college student at least half-time and be in good standing at the time of the award. I understand that I must use the scholarship funds for tuition, course-related expenses, or reasonable living expenses while enrolled in college. I understand that any finding by NOVAL-DC that I have failed to comply with these terms will result in the forfeiture of the Scholarship, and that NOVAL-DC, in its sole discretion, may compel the return of the entirety or required portion of the Scholarship upon written demand. Failure to return these monies may result in collection efforts and legal action against me. To the extent allowable by law, the recipient will be responsible for all costs, fees, and expenses incurred by NOVAL-DC in seeking recovery of the award monies.

I understand that officers and directors of NOVAL-DC and members of the NOVAL-DC Scholarship committee, as well as their immediate families, are ineligible for the Scholarship. I also understand that all materials submitted to NOVAL-DC will become property of NOVAL-DC and that NOVAL-DC reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding Scholarship award winners and to publish their essays.

I understand that if I am the recipient of the scholarship, I will be expected to attend the NOVAL-DC Scholarship Award Presentation at the Vietnamese Heritage Festival on June 23, 2012. I understand that NOVAL-DC may not be able to pay for any expenses, including transportation and lodging, in connection with my attendance at the festival.

I certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials submitted by me are true, correct, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am required to immediately notify NOVAL-DC of any material error or omission in my application materials. I certify that the essay attached hereto was written solely by me and is my original work.

Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date