

after a declared natural disaster. Eligible damaged property must be a primary place of residence.

Note: Primary residence is a location where a member lives a minimum of six months during the year.

ELIGIBLE DISASTERS

Presidentially declared disasters are eligible. Please check the Federal Emergency Management Agency website for the list of declared disasters at www.fema.gov/disasters.

Documentation will be required to show loss or destruction of property as a result of a natural disaster. Grant checks are payable directly to the applicant or to a specific creditor.

ELIGIBLE GRANT EXPENSES:

- Major home repairs (not covered by insurance)
- Temporary lodging due to displacement
- Beds (destroyed in disaster)

TO APPLY

Following a declared natural disaster, NARFE members can find the most up-to-date grant application at www.feea.org/disaster.

NARFE MEMBERS ONLY

Please be sure to select “NARFE” in the “Association/Union Memberships” section and then provide your membership information in the questions that appear immediately below. If you are a retired NARFE member, please be sure to check the “retired” box. Also if you are retired, in the “Employment Information” section please choose the last federal agency you worked for under “Federal Agency.”

MAKE A DONATION

NARFE’s Disaster and Scholarship Programs are funded by tax-deductible donations from NARFE members and friends of NARFE.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, checks must be made payable to NARFE-FEEA Fund and mailed to:

NARFE-FEEA Fund / FEEA / 1641 Prince St./ Alexandria, VA 22314

To donate by credit card, go to www.feea.org/givenarfe.

A contribution to the NARFE-FEEA Fund may also be made as part of your estate plan. For information, call 202-554-0007 or write to FEEA at the address given above.

NARFE contributions are kept separate from FEEA’s own emergency assistance funds and are disbursed as needed to NARFE members whose applications are approved. For further information, contact FEEA at 202-554-0007.

NARFE-FEEA Fund

In recognition of the evolving needs of NARFE members, NARFE has entered into an updated memorandum of understanding with FEEA to establish a new unified fund called the NARFE-FEEA Fund.

The new NARFE-FEEA Fund will support a variety of requests for NARFE member financial assistance. NARFE and FEEA will jointly determine annually, based on available funds and volume of request, how to allocate assistance.

The need for a new agreement was underscored by the 35-day partial government shutdown of 2018/2019. FEEA and NARFE offered microgrants to furloughed and excepted workers affected by the shutdown. More than 400 NARFE members received assistance from this program.

The new partnership also makes sure that charitable gifts to NARFE are being used to the fullest extent possible. Previously, with two separate funds for merit scholarship and disaster grants, a surplus in either funds could not be allocated to other purposes in higher demand.

Going forward, FEEA-related fundraising by NARFE members, chapters and federations should be for the unified NARFE-FEEA Fund only, rather than the merit scholarship and disaster emergency assistance programs separately.

NOT A NARFE MEMBER?

Go to www.narfe.org and click on “Join Now,” or call 800-456-8410, option 1.



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NARFE-FEEA FUND

Scholarship Awards Program

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

HISTORY

- In 1997, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NARFE and the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) to establish a NARFE Scholarship Fund to benefit children and grandchildren of NARFE members. It was later expanded to include great-grandchildren.
- The first NARFE Scholarship Awards were given in 1998.

ELIGIBILITY

- NARFE Scholarships are available to the child, grandchild or great-grandchild of any NARFE member in good standing. Stepchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren may also apply. NARFE sponsor must be living at the time application is made.
- All applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university full time in a two-year or four-year degree program in fall/winter of the award year.
- All applicants must have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) on an unweighted 4.0 scale.
- Home-schooled students are eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may access the application and instructions for each scholarship cycle at either www.NARFE.org or www.FEEA.org. Applicants are encouraged to print a blank copy of the application form to review and to gather all required materials in advance of completing and submitting the final application. To complete the application, candidates will need:

- A copy of their most recent academic transcript, including fall/winter grades from prior year. Unofficial copies are acceptable. Please scan all pages together as a single PDF upload file.
- A list and brief description of awards, extracurricular activities and/or community service activities for the past five years; include dates.
- An essay on a topic that will be specified in the scholarship application. Essays must not exceed 500 words.
- Sponsor's NARFE Member ID Number.
- Sponsor's NARFE Region Number.

Have the information in digital format ready to attach before you start the application. Please complete all required fields. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

After you submit your application, the system will offer you the opportunity to print a copy of your application for your records. Click "print receipt." You also will receive an email notification after submitting your application. Please check your spam folder if you cannot find it.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

- Applications are reviewed by volunteer FEEA scholarship readers.
- Applicants will receive an email notification of their application status from FEEA in summer of the award year. Scholarship payments are made directly to colleges and universities.
- A list of winners and their NARFE sponsors will be posted on the NARFE website at www.narfe.org (click on About NARFE, then on Scholarship Program) and will be published in the December issue of *NARFE Magazine*.
- NARFE Headquarters plays no role in the compilation, dissemination, judging or notification of winners in the competition.

The NARFE Scholarship Program is administered by the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) and is made possible by contributions to the NARFE/FEEA Fund.

QUESTIONS?

Email scholarship@narfe.org for further information.

Note: Entries are judged according to the residence of the NARFE sponsor. For example, if the applicant lives in Maine (Region I) and the NARFE sponsor lives in Texas (Region VI), the application will be judged for Region VI. In cases where the NARFE sponsor is living overseas and outside of NARFE's 10 geographic regions, the applicant's packet will be considered in a separate "International" category.



NARFE-FEEA FUND

Disaster Assistance Program

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

HISTORY

From 1989 to 1995, three major hurricanes—Hugo, Andrew and Opal—wreaked vast destruction in the United States, causing property damage totaling well over \$40 billion. NARFE members generously contributed money to assist other NARFE members whose homes and possessions were damaged or destroyed in the hurricanes' aftermath. Even though the association did not have a formal structure to handle the donations, it facilitated their disbursement to those NARFE members in need.

The April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City brought another outpouring of some \$100,000 in donations from NARFE members. Because NARFE was not equipped to handle the distribution, the funds were donated to the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA), created in 1986 to provide emergency grants and loans to federal employees affected by a natural disaster and scholarships for children of federal employees. In 1996, NARFE entered into a formal partnership with FEEA to create the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund, which is supported by tax-deductible donations from NARFE members and administered by FEEA. Since then, NARFE members have donated more than \$500,000 in aid to NARFE members who were affected by Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy and other natural disasters.

NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997.

DISASTER FUND ELIGIBILITY RULE

NARFE disaster funds in the form of cash grants (up to a maximum of \$500 per household) are available to all NARFE members in good standing who have incurred property damage

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