

NINOS, Inc. 2026 Scholarship Information

NINOS, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of twelve (12) scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,200. Three (3) scholarships are available for former or current Head Start/Early Head Start parents who are attending or planning to attend a college, university, or technical school.

Nine (9) scholarships are available for former Head Start students who are attending or planning to attend a college, university, or technical school.

- Application Period Opens: Monday, February 23, 2026
- Application Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- Committee Grading Timeline: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – Thursday, May 07, 2026
- Scholarship Recipients Announced: Wednesday, May 13, 2026
- Scholarship Awards Night during the HSPC meeting: Tuesday, June 09, 2026

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all applicable requirements listed below.

1. Must be either:
 - A former or current parent of a child enrolled in the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program for at least one (1) school year, or
 - A former student of the NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program for at least one (1) school year.
2. Income Eligibility:
 - Must meet NINOS, Inc. Scholarship Income Guidelines, as indicated on the attached sheet.
3. Application Completion:
 - Must submit all required information on the application.
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Residency Requirement:
 - Must be a resident of the NINOS, Inc. service area, which includes Cameron or Willacy Counties.
5. Scholarship Limit:
 - Applicants may receive no more than two (2) NINOS, Inc. scholarship awards while enrolled in college.
6. Identification Information:
 - Applicants are required to provide their date of birth and either the last four (4) digits of their Social Security number or I-10 number, if applicable.

Important Notice: Changes to your college, university, or technical school after July 7, 2026, cannot be guaranteed.

Applications Information:

For information regarding scholarship applications, you may contact Family Services at (956) 399-9944 or email: hspc_scholarship@ninosinc.org

Applications are available at:

- Any local high school counselor's office
- The NINOS, Inc. website at www.ninosinc.org
- Any NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start center in Cameron and Willacy Counties

Submit complete applications to Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. by mail, in person, or email: Attention to:

<u>Mail</u>	<u>In Person Drop-Off Location</u>	<u>Email</u>
Destiny Torres Chairperson 22887 State Highway 345 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583	Destiny Torres Chairperson 22887 State Highway 345 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583	hspc_scholarship@ninosinc.org

Información sobre las Becas NINOS, Inc. 2026

NINOS, Inc. se complace en anunciar la disponibilidad de doce (12) becas, cada una por un monto de \$1,200. Tres (3) becas están disponibles para padres actuales o ex padres de Head Start/Early Head Start que estén asistiendo o planeen asistir a un colegio, universidad o escuela técnica. Nueve (9) becas están disponibles para ex estudiantes de Head Start que estén asistiendo o planeen asistir a un colegio, universidad o escuela técnica.

- Inicio de solicitudes: lunes, 23 de febrero de 2026
- Cierre de solicitudes: viernes, 24 de abril de 2026, 5:00 p.m.
- Evaluación del comité: miércoles, 29 de abril – jueves, 7 de mayo de 2026
- Anuncio al público de beneficiarios: miércoles, 13 de mayo de 2026
- Entrega de certificado de becas durante la junta del concilio de polizas: martes, 9 de junio de 2026

Requisitos de Elegibilidad para la Beca

Los solicitantes deben cumplir con todos los requisitos aplicables que se indican a continuación:

1. Debe ser uno de los siguientes:
 - Padre actual o ex-padre de un niño(a) inscrito en el Programa Head Start/Early Head Start de NINOS, Inc. por al menos un (1) año escolar, o
 - Ex estudiante del Programa Head Start/Early Head Start de NINOS, Inc. por al menos un (1) año escolar.
2. Elegibilidad de Ingresos:
 - Debe cumplir con las Guías de Ingresos para Becas de NINOS, Inc., según se indica en la hoja adjunta.
3. Solicitud Completa:
 - Debe presentar toda la información requerida en la solicitud.
 - Las solicitudes incompletas no serán consideradas.
4. Requisito de Residencia:
 - Debe ser residente del área de servicio de NINOS, Inc., que incluye los condados de Cameron o Willacy.
5. Límite de Becas:
 - Los solicitantes pueden recibir un máximo de dos (2) becas de NINOS, Inc. mientras estén inscritos en la universidad.
6. Información de Identificación
 - Los solicitantes deben proporcionar su fecha de nacimiento y los últimos cuatro (4) dígitos de su número de Seguro Social o número I-10, si corresponde.

Aviso Importante: Tenga en cuenta que cualquier cambio realizado después del 7 de julio de 2026 al colegio, universidad o escuela técnica indicado en su solicitud no puede garantizarse.

Información sobre Solicitudes:

Para obtener información sobre las solicitudes de becas, puede comunicarse con Servicios Familiares al (956) 399-9944 o enviar un correo electrónico a: hspc_scholarship@ninosinc.org

Las solicitudes están disponibles en:

- Cualquier oficina de consejería de escuelas preparatorias locales
- El sitio web de NINOS, Inc. en www.ninosinc.org
- Cualquier centro Head Start/Early Head Start de NINOS, Inc. en los condados de Cameron y Willacy

Envíe la solicitud completa a Neighbors In Need Of Services, Inc. por correo, en persona o por correo electrónico. Atención a:

Correo

Destiny Torres
Chairperson
22887 State Highway 345
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

Lugar de entrega en persona

Destiny Torres
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22887 State Highway 345 Rio
Hondo, Texas 78583

Email/Correo electrónico

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<u>NINOS, Inc. 2026</u> Scholarship Income Guidelines Guías de ingresos para las becas	
Total Household Members Total de Miembros en el hogar	Income Guidelines Guías de Ingresos
1	\$32,740
2	\$35,760
3	\$38,780
4	\$41,820
5	\$44,820
6	\$47,840
7	\$50,860
8	\$53,880

<u>NINOS, Inc. 2026</u> Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria: Las solicitudes serán evaluadas con base en los siguientes criterios:			
Grading Criteria Criterio de Evaluación	Points Puntos	Scale Escala	Points Puntos
Community Service Servicio Comunitario	15	1-49 hours/horas	5
		50-69 hours/horas	10
		70 + hours/horas	15
*Grade Point Average Promedio de Calificación	20	4-A	15
		3-B	20
		2-C	10
		1-D	5
Personal Goals Writing Essay Escritura de Metas Personales	25	1-25	25
Financial Need Writing Essay Escritura de Necesidad Financiera	25	1-25	25
Reference Letters Cartas de Referencia	15	3 Letters/cartas	15
Total	100		100



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF SERVICES, INC. (NINOS)
HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM
“Creating a brighter future for our children and La Familia.”

2026 NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Scholarship Application

1. Applicant Contact Information

- Full Name: _____
- Last 4 digits of SSN or I-10 No.: _____
- Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
- Phone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

2. Application Requirements: Please attach/provide the following:

- At least one form of proof of attendance to NINOS, Inc., Head Start/Early Head Start Program

3. Head Start Graduation Certificate Letter from staff Picture(s) Other: _____

- Head Start Affiliation (check all that apply): Head Start Center Name: _____

Former Head Start Parent Former Head Start Student Current Head Start Parent

City: _____ Year(s) Attended: _____

- Education Information: Date of High School/GED Graduation: _____

High School / College / Technical School attending or will attend: _____

- Three (3) original and signed reference letters from:

Teacher Counselor Principal / Clergy Other: _____

- Attach the Acceptance Letter/evidence of application/enrollment in college/university/technical school

- Evidence of additional tuition support (job, family, grants, scholarship, etc.)

Attached Will not be receiving additional tuition support

- Academic Standing: Official stamped letter showing GPA, class standing, or GED scores

- Family member employed at NINOS, Inc? Yes No

If yes, Name/Title/Center: _____

- Have you received a NINOS, Inc. Scholarship before?

If yes, How Many? _____ Year(s) Scholarship was received: _____ No

- Community Service: Attach signed proof of community service hours. May use a list, copies, or reference letters that include the following:
 - Organization name
 - Role
 - Dates and Hours
 - Contact Person & Phone

3. General Eligibility Checklist, all boxes must be checked and reflect documentation

- Participated as a parent or student in NINOS, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start for at least 1 school year
- Proof of household income provided (W-2, Tax Return, Check Stub, etc.)
- Parents attending a minimum of 2 classes/semester or students enrolled in college/technical school
- Resident of Cameron or Willacy County (or former resident if attending school out-of-area)
- Essay: Why financial assistance is necessary, must be 300 words or more, typed, 12-pt font)
- Essay: Personal goals, must be 300 words or more, typed, 12-pt font

4. Photo Use Notice

By participating in the 2026 HSPC NINOS, Inc. Scholarship, you agree that photos or videos taken may be used by Neighbors In Need Of Services, Inc. for promotional purposes, including on websites, social media, and printed materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 only): _____ Date: _____.

5. Non-Discrimination Policy

NINOS, Inc. does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, marital status, or physical/mental/sensory disability.

6. Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____.