



JD Grewell Education Scholarship Application – Revised October 2023

The JD Grewell Education Scholarship is funded by the Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors (EBPHI). The EBPHI is a 501(c)(6) not for profit organization whose mission is to develop and maintain high-stakes examinations for the real estate inspection profession and to advocate for high standards for the profession. The National Home Inspector Examination (NHIE) is a nationally recognized examination and is accepted in many States as part of licensure requirements for the home inspection profession.

The EBPHI established this scholarship in 2018 to honor JD Grewell, a well-respected home inspector who shared much of his time and talent with EBPHI and the home inspection profession. The scholarship recognizes and supports hard-working, ethical individuals who seek a career in the home inspection profession.

Scholarship Award Application

The EBPHI intends to award at least one (1) quarterly scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 or \$5,000, depending on applicant's choice of home inspector training. The EBPHI reserves the right to award more, or none based upon the number and quality of applications or for budgetary reasons. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds to help scholarship recipients with the costs of training and tools necessary to enter the home inspection profession.

Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the EBPHI Scholarship Committee, and as approved by the Board of Directors. Scholarships are awarded based on application information and the quality of the required essay(s). The decision of the scholarship committee will be final. The committee reserves the right to not award funds if there are no applicants or if the applicants do not meet the standards of the committee.

The amount of the Scholarship funds available each calendar year will be decided by the EBPHI Scholarship Committee and approved by the EBPHI Board of Directors.

Applications must be submitted by March 1, June 1, September 1, or December 1. The awards will be announced no later than the 15th day of the following month (April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15). EBPHI will notify the successful applicant(s) by email.



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Scholarship Disbursement

The full amount of the scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the scholarship recipient upon proof of **completion** and submission of the following items:

- 1) Proof of completion of a **paid in-person** or **paid online** home inspection training course
 - a) The home inspection training course **MUST** be a *minimum* of 60 hours.
 - b) The home inspection training course must have been completed within 12 months of the application deadline. If the home inspection training course is **NOT** completed by the application deadline, it must be completed within 18 months of the scholarship award date.
- 2) National Home Inspector Examination (NHIE) Score Report. **The scholarship recipient MUST pass the NHIE to receive scholarship funds.**
 - a) Scholarship recipients will be reimbursed an additional \$225 for exam fees upon successfully passing the NHIE, and when submitting a passing score report within 30 days of exam date.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
2. The applicant must have at least obtained a high school diploma or the GED equivalent.
3. The applicant has not had a felony conviction.
4. If the applicant has already completed the required training, the training must have been completed within 12 months of the application deadline.
5. The applicant must submit the following to lspears@executiveoffice.org by deadline:
 - Complete and signed application
 - Copy of valid US driver's license or identification card
 - Copy of high school diploma, GED certificate, or other proof of higher education
 - Three (3) personal references
 - One (1) typed essay, not to exceed 500 words. The essay must be submitted as a separate document and must not contain your name. Please ensure that every effort is made to not include identifying information.



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Essay

“Choosing Your Career”: Describe the process you used and the experiences you underwent in your decision to enter the home inspection profession. Give your perception of the value of the profession. Tell the Scholarship Committee about yourself, why you feel you are deserving of the scholarship and why you will make a great home inspector. Remember, the essay must be submitted in a separate document, typed, and must not exceed 500 words. Please do not use your name and make every effort to not include identifying information.

How Is Your Essay Scored?

After your application is reviewed and it is determined that you meet the criteria for eligibility, including submitting all required documentation, your confidential essay will be scored in the following 5 areas:

1. Tell us about your understanding of the home inspection profession and its value.
2. Tell us why you're choosing home inspection as a career.
3. Whether you plan to open your own home inspection business or work for another home inspection company, tell us what steps you have taken, and what else you plan to do in the future, to achieve success in the home inspection profession.
4. Home inspectors are communicators. Show us that you are a communicator by writing an efficient, informative essay.
5. Use proper grammar. Concise, clear composition is essential in the home inspection profession. Show us that you can organize your thoughts by crafting an essay with an attention to detail.

NOTE: *The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) when writing the essay is prohibited. All essays will be scanned for AI and any applicant suspected or fitting the profile of AI produced materials will be disqualified.*



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DEADLINES: MARCH 1, JUNE 1, SEPTEMBER 1, and DECEMBER 1

Awards will be announced no later than the 15th day of the following month.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Personal or Professional References

Name: _____ Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

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Scholarship Type Requested: (check one) **\$2,500 (paid/online)** **\$5,000 (paid/in person)**

- Indication of scholarship level requested (based on type of training) must be stated at application and cannot be changed after scholarship award date unless it is to claim the lesser amount.
- If the applicant has already completed the home inspection training within 12 months of the scholarship deadline, the applicant must request the scholarship type based off of their completed training.

By signing below, I:

- Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct and complete.
- Certify that artificial intelligence (AI) assistance was not used in the preparation of my essay.
- Understand and agree to the 5 Eligibility Criteria as listed on Page 2 of the Application Package.
- Understand and agree that the requirement for scholarship distribution is successful completion of a paid online or paid in-person home inspection training course of at least 60 hours and proof of having taken the NHIE.
- Agree to provide a status update on my career when contacted by EBPHI following 18 months of scholarship award distribution.
- Agree to complete a survey when contacted by EBPHI following 24 months of scholarship award distribution.
- Understand that EBPHI reserves the right to conduct a background check.
- Commit to taking the National Home Inspector Examination (NHIE), regardless if it is required in my state for licensure.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Lspears@executiveoffice.org

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