The IRC in Seattle’s Equity Scholarship provides one-time financial assistance to individuals interested in participating in a credentialing program. Ten awardees will be granted $1,500 to help address financial barriers that might prevent them from accessing or completing a credentialing program. Credentialing programs are defined as industry recognized certification, credential, and/or technical training programs designed to support career development. We invite all interested and eligible candidates to apply.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Clearly print or type your responses and answer all questions thoroughly. You may ask a caseworker to help you complete and submit the application, but the responses provided should be your own. If you are unable to complete the application but would still like to be considered for the scholarship, please contact the IRC’s employment program for assistance and/or reasonable accommodation.

ELIGIBILITY
The IRC Equity Scholarship is open to all refugees, Special Immigrants from Iraq or Afghanistan, Permanent Residents, U.S. Citizens, and Asylees or Asylum-pending individuals. Due to the scholarship’s focus on equity, special consideration will be given to the following,

- Single-mothers, or women caring for dependent children without the support of additional parents or family members
- Women-led households, or households where a woman is the primary wage-earner
- Large families, or families with a household size equal to or larger than five

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE
Submit completed applications one of the following ways,

- Email: Nicholas.Sorosky@rescue.org
- Fax: +1 206 243 6666, Attn: Nicholas Sorosky
- In-Person to: International Rescue Committee- Seattle
  1200 South 192nd Street, Suite 101
  SeaTac, WA 98148
  Attn: Nicholas Sorosky

  Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00AM- 5:00PM

Applications must be submitted by **August 24th, 2018**. Scholarships recipients will be notified on August 31st, 2018. Applications will be screened based on eligibility, financial need, and career goals. Direct questions to Nicholas Sorosky at Nicholas.Sorosky@rescue.org or +1 206 692 3555.
Section A. Applicant Information

1. Name: ______________________________________________________

2. Phone Number: _________________________

3. Email: ____________________________________________________________________

4. Preferred Method of Contact: Phone call ☐ Text ☐ Email ☐

5. Address: ____________________________________________________________________

6. Date of Birth: _________________________

7. Date of Arrival to the US: _________________________

8. Gender: ______________________________

9. Marital Status: _________________________

10. Household Size: _________________________


12. Language(s): ____________________________

13. Immigration Status:

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14. Referring Agency (if applicable) ___________________________________________

15. Case Manager Name: _______________________________________________________

16. Case Manager Phone Number: _______________________________________________
Section B. Housing

1. What is your gross household income (before deductions):
   $ _____________ every □ week □ month

2. Source(s) of income: __________________________________________

3. Who earns this income? ________________________________________

4. Are you the primary wage earner in your household? Yes □ No □

5. Average Monthly Housing Expenses: $ _________________
   
   | Heat (Electric/Gas) | $ | Phone | $ |
   |                   |   |       |   |
   | Energy           | $ | Water/Sewer/Garbage | $ |
   | Rent             | $ | Other fees | $ |

6. Other expenses
   
   | Amount | Explanation |
   | $      |             |
   | $      |             |

7. Are you or anyone in your household currently receiving any public benefits and/or cash assistance? (Check all that apply)
   
   | TANF | Matching Grant |
   |      |                |
   | RCA (LEP) | BFET |
   | SNAP Food Stamps | Energy Assistance |
   | WIC | Supplemental Security Income |
   | Other: | None |
   | Other: | None |

8. Are you currently or have you ever experienced homelessness? □ Yes □ No

9. Are you currently or have you ever been at imminent risk of homelessness? (Check all that apply)
   
   | Lack sufficient resources or support network to maintain housing stability |
   | Frequent moves due to economic reasons |
   | Sharing housing with other friends and/or family in order to split rent costs |
   | Received eviction notice from landlord |
   | No |

10. How many times have you moved residence within the United States?

    | Never | 1-3 times | 4-6 times | 7-9 times |
    |       |          |          |          |
Section C. Employment

1. Are you currently employed? □ Yes □ No

   Please provide the following information:

   Employer: ____________________________________________

   Position: ____________________________________________

   Wage: $___________ every □ hour □ two weeks □ month

   Is this job? □ FT □ PT □ Seasonal □ On-Call

2. Are you currently interested or enrolled in a credentialing program? □ Yes □ No

   If yes, please provide the following information:

   Program Name: _________________________________________

   School or Provider: _______________________________________

   Contact Information: ______________________________________

   When did or will the program begin? _________________________

3. What might prevent you from accessing or completing this program?

   ________________________________________________________

4. What are your goals after completing this program?

   ________________________________________________________
5. How will the Equity Scholarship help you achieve these goals?

I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an offer of scholarship is contingent on the above provided information being accurate and I authorize the International Rescue Committee ("IRC") to contact relevant parties to verify this information (such as referring agencies). I hereby release IRC and all affiliated entities, as well as any person or institution that provides IRC with any information about me, from any and all liability whatsoever resulting from any such inquiry, investigation, or communication. I understand that by submitting this application, I am not guaranteed to receive this scholarship and will be informed by IRC of the status of my application. I understand that this information will only be used by IRC staff involved in the scholarship selection process.

Signature of Applicant: ________________________________

Date: ________________