

Instructions

Hopes for Higher Education Scholarship Application

The Hopes for Higher Education Scholarship is awarded to youth in foster care for the purposes of obtaining professional certification or to attend a post secondary institution (undergraduate only). Scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,000, and the number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants must be legal residents of the United States.
2. Applicant may reside in a foster home, group home, or kinship care or be an emancipated foster youth under age 25 (proof of age required with submission of application).
3. Are not receiving 100% tuition reimbursement from another source.
4. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the deadline date listed under the Selection Process section. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
5. Submit an essay to address the following question:
How will you utilize your college education to contribute to society?

High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community for which they reside. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:

- a. MAXIMUM of 1000 words
- b. Double spaced
- c. 12 point font
- d. 8 x 11 white paper
- e. Two letters of recommendation. (one must be from Social Worker or Foster Parent)
- f. Proof of enrollment & acceptance to program
- g. All materials must be **emailed** to: scholarship@hopesforhighereducation.com



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CHECK LIST

- ✓ Hopes for Higher Education Scholarship Application
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Proof of enrollment & acceptance to program
- ✓ Keep a copy of entire packet for your records
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation (one must be from Social Worker or Foster Parent including contact information).
- ✓ All items must be submitted together

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the HHE Board of Advisors
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The scholarship committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
3. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.
4. The scholarship award will be based on the committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.

Deadline Date:

A complete application and supporting documentation **must be received on or before May 15th, 2010**. Applications received after the designated deadline will not be considered.

Award Date:

The scholarship committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship **by September 1, 2010 following the deadline date**. You will be notified via email regarding the status of the scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All materials must be submitted by email to the following address and received on or before the deadline date to scholarship@hopesforhighereducation.com. Applications must be scanned and emailed. No postal mail applications allowed at this time.

For any additional information, please email scholarship@hopesforhighereducation.com

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Date of Birth** _____

College/University/ or 2 –year Program of enrollment: _____

Degree Program interested in: _____

High School GPA (if recent graduation) _____ **College GPA (if currently enrolled)**

State Foster Care System of Origin _____ **Years in Foster Care** _____

ORGANIZATIONAL AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

Organizational Memberships:

Community Involvement/Volunteer Work:

Employment:

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a Hope for Higher Education scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms, conditions, and the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Hopes for Higher Education regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, you agree to cooperate with HHE in executing a consent and release form if requested. All Applicants must be 18 -25 years of age.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, HHE shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the HHE in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a check submitted in the name of the student.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition, fees, education supplies and living expenses.
5. Applicant/recipient must be actively accepted and/or enrolled at an accredited college, university, or program acceptable to the Advisory Board.
6. Applicant/recipient must enrolled no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion.
7. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Advisory Board Committee in their sole discretion. Furthermore, HHE reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
8. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
9. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of shall remain in full force and effect.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the stated Terms and Conditions of the scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. **I would like to receive care packages and gifts from HHE when available. Initial here _____**
4. I agree to supply to the HHE a recent head and shoulders photograph in electronic form (.jpg) within thirty (30) days of receiving the scholarship award notice and further agree to allow HHE to publish said photograph and statements from me. From time to time, when appropriate. I will also supply HHE, a short statement, within thirty (30) days of receiving the scholarship, as to what the scholarship will mean to my future.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____