



2010 - 2011 GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

NEW YORKERS FOR CHILDREN

New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) was founded in 1996 by former Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services Nicholas Scoppetta, as the non-profit partner to Children's Services. Over the past fourteen years, donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations have enabled us to support the child welfare community as a whole, as well as those programs that focus on the individual needs of young people in foster care. NYFC has developed programs that make a difference in the lives of young people including college scholarships, tutoring programs, job training, and networking opportunities.

Please visit our website www.newyorkersforchildren.org for more information about our programs.

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The NYFC Guardian Scholars program is a comprehensive program for youth in foster care who are enrolled at Hunter and John Jay Colleges and Kingsborough Community College. The Guardian Scholars program provides an academic scholarship that can be used towards tuition, room and board, textbooks, school supplies, and other living expenses. We provide the essential financial, academic, and emotional support for Scholars throughout their entire college experience.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- Be a highly motivated student currently or formerly in foster care in New York City
 - If formerly in foster care, must be in care on or after 16th birthday
 - Currently enrolled or accepted to Hunter and John Jay Colleges and Kingsborough Community College
 - Be an incoming freshman, sophomore, or first semester junior
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APPLICATION DEADLINE

We must receive your completed application by **Wednesday, December 15, 2010**. Please mail, email, or fax your application to:

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We will notify all applicants of their status by **Thursday, December 23, 2010**.



APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

- Application Form
- Short Essay (typed)
- One Letter of Recommendation
 - Please ask a teacher, social worker, educational specialist, guidance counselor, mentor, or other adult (family member or friend not allowed) in your community who is familiar with your academic background and who can speak about your character and motivation to succeed in college
- High School and/or College Transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
 - We will ask for an official transcript if you are invited for an interview
- SAT or ACT scores
- Proof of College Enrollment
 - Official class schedule or verification from Registrar's Office

Please include ALL of the above application materials when submitting for consideration. If any of these materials are arriving after the deadline has passed, please indicate when you will submit missing materials.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY WITH BLACK PEN.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender Female Male
Mailing Address _____ Apt. # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____
Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Without your accurate contact information, New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) will not be able to notify you if you are selected as a recipient. Please keep a copy of this application and send updated contact information to NYFC if your address or other information changes during the application period.

2. FOSTER CARE AGENCY/WORKER INFORMATION

Currently in foster care
 Formerly in foster care Date of discharge: _____

Agency Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Name of Social Worker _____
Social Worker Telephone _____ Social Worker Email _____

3. EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School or GED Program _____
College Hunter College John Jay College Kingsborough Community College
Year Freshman Sophomore Junior



4. SHORT RESPONSE SECTION

1. Why are you applying to be a Guardian Scholar? (1-2 paragraphs)

2. Please list some of your extracurricular activities (*sports, music and/or other school activities, etc*), community volunteer work and/or work experience. Include dates of involvement/participation.

3. Please list other forms of financial assistance you receive. Please be specific, as recipients must provide evidence of stated need.

* Please attach additional paper if necessary and note that typewritten responses are preferred. If you must handwrite any part of this application, please use only black pen and print legibly.

5. APPLICATION ESSAY

DIRECTIONS: Please type an essay (500 words maximum) stating how a college education will help you achieve your personal goals and dreams.

6. SIGNATURES

I affirm that all statements made on this application are true. I realize that a false statement or intentional omission of any material fact may cause me to be disqualified from eligibility for this scholarship.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____