



CHOICES, Inc. will award up to \$5,000 in scholarships for tuition, fees, living expenses to full time undergraduate students enrolled in a technical school, college or university for the 2017-2018 academic year. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial support to college-bound foster youth. Scholarship funds can be used to help eliminate barriers foster youth face in obtaining a post secondary education. The following barriers include:

- Tuition
- Books
- Rent/Housing expenses
- Transportation costs/maintenance and support
- Utilities
- Childcare Expenses
- Computer
- Moving expenses
- General school supplies
- Other* (approved by CHOICES advisory committee)

Scholarship applicants must meet the following qualifications for consideration:

1. Applicants must have received case management from CHOICES foster care or independent living after January 2015 for a minimum of 3 months.
2. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors, have obtained a GED and be starting or currently attending a technical school, college or university in pursuit of a certificate, associates or bachelor's degree.
3. **All completed applications must be received by June 15, 2017 to be considered.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Completed applications and essays can be turned into any CHOICES caseworker, faxed to (937) 264-0095, emailed to scholarships@choicesfostercare.com or mailed to CHOICES, Inc. 1785 Big Hill Rd. Dayton, OH 45439.

All information given on this application is confidential and will only be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Consideration of an application is not a guarantee for approval.

The CHOICES Advisory Committee will judge each application based on content, expression and overall impact. The scholarship recipients will be notified by June 30, 2017.

CHOICES Scholarship Application 2017-2018 Academic Year

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Email address: _____

Program(s) participated in and years: Foster Care _____ Independent Living _____

CHOICES caseworker(s): _____

Name of school you are presently attending or graduated from: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Current GPA or GPA upon graduation: _____

Name and address of college/university/technical school you plan on attending/continuing in 2017:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Intended course of study:

Please indicate the following with an X and date:

I have been accepted – date of acceptance: _____

I have not been accepted – as of date: _____

Please review the areas of support listed above that scholarship funds can be used towards. Please share what you perceive to be your top 3 barriers to obtaining a degree. Include a dollar amount that would help diminish or eliminate the barrier(s) with evidence and explanation.

If chosen to receive the scholarship would you be interested in having a mentor for support in relation to your studies and career path?

Essay Section

The application essay should be written in the style of a personal statement in order to introduce yourself to the selection committee. Your essay should tell your personal story with CHOICES and the foster care system, and how that experience has shaped your educational values and drive to attend college. Additionally, you should discuss your academic interests and career goals, and explain how becoming a scholarship recipient will impact your life and allow you to thrive in higher education. Your essay should be no more than 2 pages, and contain minimal, if any, grammatical errors.

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that filling out this application in no way guarantees support from CHOICES, Inc. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application must be postmarked by June 15th, 2017. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted, no exceptions. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ashley at scholarships@choicesfostercare.com or call (937) 264-0084 ext. 122.