

Grant & Scholarship Guide for Students Who Are or Have Been Involved in the Foster Care System

Pennsylvania Grants & Scholarships

[Chafee Education and Training Grant \(Chafee ETG\) Program](#)

Purpose

- This federally funded program offers grants to Pennsylvania undergraduate students aging out of foster care who are attending an eligible postsecondary institution.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Pennsylvania resident.
- Be eligible for services under Pennsylvania's John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood.

- Be identified as a youth who has experienced foster care at age 16 or older or, after attaining 16 years of age, exited foster care to adoption or permanent legal custodianship (PLC).
- Have not reached the age of 26 by July 1 of the upcoming academic year for which Chafee ETG is received
- File a 2023-24 FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate, at least half time in a college or career school that is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Title IV student assistance programs
- Demonstrate financial need for the grant (as determined by the postsecondary institution)
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (as determined by the postsecondary institution)
- Not be in default on a federal student loan or owe a refund on other Title IV aid
- Have not received Chafee ETG for 5 years (consecutive or not), defined as 10 semesters or the equivalent, for undergraduate study
- Have graduated from high school or have received a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma

How Much Can I Expect to Receive?

For the 2023-24 year the award is \$5,000. No award may exceed your cost of attendance minus any other financial aid you receive. Please note that the maximum award amount is subject to change due to Federal Grant levels.

Application Guidelines

For the 2023-24 academic year, the deadline is

	<p>December 31, 2023.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the FAFSA®. 2. Download and complete the Chafee ETG Program Application for the applicable year. 3. Mail your completed application to: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">PHEAA PA State Grant and Special Programs P.O. Box 8157 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8157 Fax: (717) 720-3786</p> <p><u>PA Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver (FosterEd) Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you apply for the Chafee ETG Program, you will be evaluated to determine if you also qualify for the FosterEd Program. Applicants for the 2022-23 FosterEd Program should submit the 2022-23 Chafee ETG Application through May 1, 2023 (including consideration for 2023 Summer). Applicants for the 2023-24 FosterEd waiver (including consideration for the 2024 Summer) should submit the 2023-24 Chafee ETG Application by May 1, 2024.
<p>Taylor J. Ertel Scholarship Fund for Foster Children</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be provided annually to individuals who have lived in foster care at some time of their lives and are enrolled in a course of study which leads to a degree at an institution of higher education. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be a Pennsylvania resident who have been placed in foster care by a child welfare agency at some

	<p>point of their lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be admitted to a program of study; training may range from short vocational courses such as cosmetology, data entry or welding, through college and graduate study. <p><u>Required Documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application: 2008 First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania (fcfpartnership.org) • Resume with school and volunteer activities and work experience • Essay outlining your ultimate career goals • One letter of recommendation • Confirmed financial aid package from your school • Letter from the Agency which supervised your foster care <p><u>Scholarship Selection Process AND Submission Instruction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis until all available funds for the current year are committed • Past recipients may reapply for funding by submitting a new application • Mail signed and completed application and all required documents to: FCFP 201 West 4th Street Williamsport, PA 17701 or email all documents to BettyG@fcfpartnership.org
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National Grants & Scholarships

<p>Foster Care to Success Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u> <i>Applicants must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months leading up to and including their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship after their 16th
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	<p>birthday; OR have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday and not subsequently adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they apply if they have not previously received scholarship funding from Foster Care to Success. • Have been in foster care or orphaned while living in the United States. U.S. citizenship is not required. • Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other postsecondary school. This is an undergraduate scholarship only <p><u>Application Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1-March 31 annually <p><u>Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500-\$5,000 based on a combination of need and merit • Renewable up to five years if the student remains compliant with program requirements <p>Apply here: Student Portal (fc2sprograms.org)</p>
<p>Family Fellowship Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family Fellowship Scholarship Program is designed to provide foster youth with the necessary resources to pursue higher education. This program aims to advance the educational aspirations of foster youth by offering financial assistance and family-like emotional support. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must be 18-23 years of age during the application year. Applicants aged seventeen (17) years old can apply with a guardian's signature. Applicants turning twenty-four (24) years before June 1st of the application year can apply. • The applicant has been accepted to or expects acceptance to an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary institution, and is attempting to complete an undergraduate degree. • The applicant graduated with a high school diploma or GED, or is currently a high school senior, with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 or higher. If currently attending college, a 2.5 CGPA is also required. • The applicant is a citizen of the United States of America. • The applicant has lived in foster care while living in the United States. • The applicant had either (a) lived in public or private foster care for the twelve (12) consecutive months leading up to and including the applicant's eighteenth (18th) birthday; OR (b) was

	<p>adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after the applicants thirteenth (13th) birthday, OR (c) was orphaned for at least one (1) year at the time of Recipient's eighteenth (18th) birthday.</p> <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application process is divided into two parts: Part 1- Complete the online application during the application window. Part 2 – Provide your digital documents to verify your eligibility status. The following documents are required on or before the application deadline: high school transcripts, college transcript (if applicable), proof of foster care status, application essay (personal statement), professional headshot photograph, two letters of recommendation and college acceptance letter(s). <p><u>When to apply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scholarship application window will open in April 2024 and close in June 2024. Applicants can apply anytime within the application window. Once closed, applications will not be accepted until the following year. • Apply here: Family Fellowship Foster Love
<p>Second Chances Fund</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lagman Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established for the purpose of granting scholarships to a new generation of diversely talented high school students who have overcome adversity, given back to their communities, and demonstrated a commitment to turning their life around through an interest in academic or creative pursuits. The Foundation identifies and rewards young people who have experienced hardship, and then demonstrated resilience in changing course. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a current high school senior. • Have the nomination/recommendation of a teacher, counselor, caseworker, or any other unrelated adult who can speak to the applicant’s character, commitment to their academic or creative interest, participation in social justice/community, and the tremendous odds the applicant has overcome. Either the nominator or the student may submit the application. • Exhibit progress in overcoming adversity. • Demonstrate participation in school activities, community organizations, employment, and/or service leadership. • Graduate by July of their currently scheduled graduation date as of the date of scholarship award. • Plan to attend a college, university, vocational school, or continuing education program post-graduation.

	<p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed and signed Second Chances application form. • High School transcripts. • Personal Statement: <i>1000 word limit</i>, Please double-space. Tell us how you have turned your life around. A loose format would be the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What it was like – a brief account of your circumstances or who you were before your change in direction. b. What happened – your turning point. c. What it is like now – tell us about you/your life now and your goals for the future. • One letter of recommendation. • Please email your completed application and attachments to Mary Lagman Hammond at maryalichelagman@gmail.com. <p><u>When to apply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lagman Foundation accepts applications for the Second Chances Fund from September 1 to November 30 of each calendar year. We will announce the scholarship recipients no later than February of the following calendar year. • Apply here: Apply Now LAGMAN FOUNDATION
<p>The National Foster Parent Association</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Foster Parent Association will provide annual competitive scholarships of \$500 each based on availability of funds. A scholarship to be made available for awarding for each of the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care – Youth • Kinship Care – Youth • Adoptive - Foster Youth • Resource Family – Biological Youth <p>All applicant's parent, or another supportive adult, must be a member of the NFPA. Scholarships are awarded to high school-level students who are graduating or getting their GED.</p> <p><u>Eligibility & Application Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application must be submitted here: https://www.jotform.com/build/230247899430159 • Application and all attachments must be received by 11:00 PM Central on April 7, 2024. • Have a parent, or other supportive adult, that is a member of the NFPA. They can join at https://nfpaonline.org/membership • Must be in your senior year of high school (regardless of age).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must provide a copy of high school transcript. • Must be at least 17 and no more than 21 years of age. • A minimum of two letters of recommendation from foster parents, social workers, residential center, principal/teacher/guidance counselor, or employer. • Essay in 300-500 words on "How my foster care experience has impacted my future educational goals." • Incomplete applications will be disqualified. <p>When the scholarship has been awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must provide a copy of college acceptance. • Must provide proof of enrollment.
<p>The Rezvan Foundation for Excellence Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mission of The Rezvan Foundation is to support the academic pursuits of exceptionally talented young students who have spent time in foster care. The Foundation provides ongoing mentorship and scholarship funding for full tuition up to \$100,000 over the course of four years for each Awardee. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a minor now or formerly in foster care; a minor who has been orphaned; or a minor who has been adopted after time spent in foster care • is a U.S. resident • is currently enrolled in an accredited high school • has a GPA of 3.5 or higher** • has submitted applications to one or more four-year accredited university/-ies • has no disciplinary record (academic or criminal) <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are closed for the 2023 academic year. Will reopen applications in the fall of 2024 for seniors graduating in the spring of 2025. • Email: info@rezvanfoundation.org.
<p>Adoption Star Academic Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through its academic scholarship program, Adoption STAR recognizes college bound individuals who were adopted by providing academic scholarships. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school transcripts and/or other applicable test scores that reflect improvement and high achievement should be furnished with the application.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must have been adopted or in foster care and be known to have overcome adversity. • The applicant should demonstrate good character and high achievement despite obstacles or special challenges. • The applicant must have advanced education plans to a 4-year college. • The applicant should have demonstrated academic progress during their four years of high school. <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant should possess good character, described by two letters of recommendation with at least one of the letters furnished by a teacher or guidance counselor. • High school transcripts and/or other applicable test scores that reflect improvement and high achievement should be uploaded with the application. • Awardees must be willing to share their name, photo and personal statement and an update after they begin college. These will be shared by Adoption STAR on social media and their website. • Apply here: Adoption STAR Academic Scholarship Application - Adoption Star
<p>Perseverance Is Key Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Perseverance is Key Scholarship, we will be awarding 4 scholarships worth \$1,000 each will be given to students who have demonstrated perseverance throughout their lives. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school and undergraduate students of all years studying in the US are encouraged to apply. <i>Special consideration will be given to minority students, students who have experienced foster care, and students who are or will be the first in their family to attend college.</i> <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To apply, applicants must: fill out the application form and upload a written submission as a PDF (note: if your submission is not uploaded as a PDF file, it will not be considered). <p><u>Application Deadline</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline to apply is December 15th 2023 at 11:59pm EST. Applications that are submitted after this date will not be considered.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply here: Tailon Leitzsey's Perseverance Is Key Scholarship - Access Scholarships
<p>All-Star College Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The All-Star Scholarship is open to children adopted at or after the age of 13 (or who have exited foster care to permanent guardianship) to provide increased opportunities for advanced education. Each year, one student will be selected to receive the scholarship. <i>This student will be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 annually to go towards tuition, books, and other college-related expenses.</i> <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must have been adopted or exited foster care to permanent guardianship at or after the age of thirteen (13) Demonstrate financial need through the FAFSA Application. Applicants must be incoming college freshmen age 21 or younger. <p><u>Application Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A completed application that includes four short answer/essays written by the student. Three letters of recommendation. Letters should reflect the writer's knowledge of the student's achievements, improvements, and personal needs. Teacher/ Administrator: One letter should represent a teacher or administrator who is familiar with the student's work and accomplishments. Personal Reference: The second letter should come from a significant person in the child's life (i.e. social worker, coach, mentor, etc.). Parent: The parent letter should highlight the growth the student has shown since adoption. The student's most recent high school transcript and a copy of first semester's grades. The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. A copy of your Student Aid Report (FAFSA). Visit the web for complete FAFSA details including deadlines at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A copy of your adoption or legal guardianship paperwork. Didn't take the ACT/SAT? No problem. Just send us documentation. <p><u>When to apply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2024 application will be open from February 1st through May 1st annually. Apply here: All-Star College Scholarship - UMPS CARE Charities

	<p><u>Requirements to maintain scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are selected as the scholarship recipient, you may be awarded a \$5,000 grant every semester (for a 4 year institution) if you meet the maintenance standards. Our standards align with Federal Grant standards. • You will maintain communication with UMPS CARE staff and/or your mentor throughout each semester • Minimum 2.5 GPA during school – if your GPA falls below 2.5 your scholarship will be considered ‘under review’ by the scholarship committee and additional actions will be required • At the end of every semester you will submit your grades and proof of registration for the next semester • You will maintain communication with UMPS CARE staff and/or your mentor throughout each semester
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Specific Identity & Circumstance Grants & Scholarships

<p>Sahara Hope Scholarship For Women Empowered To Change The World</p>	<p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women who are currently admitted/enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited university • A cumulative GPA (at the most recent education level) of 3.0 • Currently reside in the United States • Extra Consideration will be given to applicants impacted by domestic violence • Extra Consideration will be given to applicants with an education/career in sexual health • Extra Consideration will be given to academic achievement, financial need and the student’s community service record <p><u>Application Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Application By November 15th, 2024 • Include an essay of up to 1,500 words (500 words recommended) on Why You Deserve This Scholarship • Winners Will Be Selected By December 1st, 2024 • Awards will be disbursed in January of 2025 • Upon being selected, you will be required to verify enrollment <p><u>Amount Awarded</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of \$5,000 will be disbursed toward education expenses for a first-place winner • A minimum of \$1,500 will be disbursed toward education expenses for a second-place winner • Donations will be accepted throughout the application period and will be distributed amongst the winners
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<p>The Annual Venus Morris Griffin Scholarship Fund</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venus Morris Griffin established a scholarship fund to help children much like her own. A \$10,000 annual scholarship fund was created to help deserving high school students with an incarcerated parent to ensure that nothing stops them from reaching their full potential. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You MUST be a High School Senior in the United States You MUST have a biological parent that is currently incarcerated Students that are adopted and in foster care that meet all terms and conditions are encouraged to apply You MUST prove acceptance into either an institution of higher learning or a trades program, by March 2023 – Payment shall be made directly to the institution You MUST show proof of acceptance to attend college in the next one year and also provide an invoice issued by the institution Only one (1) entry letter allowed per person/household explaining how having an incarcerated parent has impacted your life All scholarship money MUST be used on tuition ONLY and within the first or second year of high school graduation Winners will be notified by email, posted on vmgfoundation.org and announced in March 2023 <p>For questions regarding the scholarship, please contact info@vmgfoundation.org</p> <p><u>Application Deadline</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline to apply is February 2024. Apply here: Home - Venus Morris Griffin Foundation (vmgfoundation.org)
<p>EEqual Scholarship Awards Program</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EEqual Scholarship Awards Program is designed to highlight the incredible potential of young people in the United States who are struggling with homelessness, housing instability, or extreme poverty. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant is a legal resident of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia (“D.C.”) who is at least 16 years of age and no older than 23 years of age as of the last day of the Program Period located in the United States or D.C. Citizenship is not a determining factor in your eligibility for this

scholarship.

- Applicants must be on-track to apply for or enrolled in an accredited post-high school/post-secondary educational program (including accredited two-and four-year colleges, universities, vocational-technical and trade schools).
- Applicants must have a 2.0 Unweighted GPA or higher to be eligible for this scholarship.
- Applicant may be required to complete an interview as part of the application process.
- Applicants must be in their last year of high school or have already graduated and at least 16 years of age
- Applicant must complete the application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Applicant must be willing to work with the EEqual leadership team and selection committee throughout the application and award process.
- Applicant has not previously received the EEqual Scholarship. If you are a current scholarship recipient looking for the renewal of your scholarship, please reach out to your peer mentor.
 - Applicant understands that funds will be dispersed directly to their institution of higher education. In addition, the applicant understands the funds may only be used for qualified educational expenses (which can include tuition, required fees, books, and course-specific supplies).
- Applicant must have financial need OR has been verified as a McKinney-Vento student by a MV School District Homeless Education Liaison in their public school district, a student experiencing poverty or homelessness, or part of a family in transition. Parameters on homeless status are defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program

Application Requirements

Submit your application during our application period. The next application period starts in November 2023.

- A Completed application.
- A Personal Statement Essay: (Minimum of 2.5-minute Video/300 Words) Taking as much time—or as many words—as you feel is appropriate, please describe your journey and experiences with homelessness, housing instability or extreme poverty. Feel free to use these prompting questions as a guide to your response:
- How has poverty, homelessness, or housing insecurity affected your life?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is furthering your education a priority for you? • What keeps you hopeful? What do you aspire to do in the future? • A reference from a local homeless education liaison, school official, outreach worker, shelter provider, religious leader, or other homelessness service provider, confirming current homeless/need status. <p>Apply here: Scholarship – EEqual</p>
<p>Life Happens Life Lessons Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Happens sponsors the annual Life Lessons Scholarship Program for college students and college-bound high school seniors. Qualified entrants who submit essays or videos about how the death of a parent impacted their lives are eligible for scholarship money. Over two and a half million dollars in college scholarships have been awarded over the years. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between 17 – 24 years of age • Have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian • Will be attending college, university or trade school in the US or Puerto Rico in the upcoming fall semester • Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree • Legal resident of the United States or Puerto Rico • No employees or household members employed by The Life and Health Insurance Foundation or its affiliates • Have parent’s or legal guardian’s permission to enter if under age 18 <p><u>When to apply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are accepted each year from February 1 to March 1. • Apply here: Life Lessons Scholarship Program – Life Happens
<p>Inherit the Music Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in the memory of David E. Ballard, with the support of Inherit the Music, this \$10,000 scholarship supports youth who have experienced homelessness and/or been part of the foster care system pursuing a career in live entertainment. Field of study may include but is not limited to live event operations, production, music engineering, music business management, customer service, hospitality and/or other related fields. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 60 credits earned, enrolled at an accredited college or university at the time of award in the fall semester

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be pursuing a career in live entertainment. Field of study may include but is not limited to: live event operations, production, music engineering, music business management, customer service, hospitality and/or other related fields • Applicants who have experienced homelessness within the last four years, and/or been part of the foster care system any time after the age of sixteen, are eligible to apply • Applicant must be permanently residing in the U.S. • Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher • This award will be paid directly to a qualified educational institution in two equal payments of \$5000, distributed across at least two academic semesters <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Scholarship Application Form • Provide a student copy of their college transcript to confirm GPA • Submit a resume or CV • Provide proof of enrollment from the educational institution • Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from industry professionals and/or instructor(s) • Provide either a proof of dependency letter or an Independent Student Status Form completed by one of the following: school liaison, caseworker, social services provider, or campus financial aid administrator. • Write an essay on how your experiences with homelessness and/or foster care have shaped your goals related to pursuing a career in live entertainment. The essay should not exceed 500 words and should include the student’s long-term professional goals within the entertainment industry • In addition to the application essay, the scholarship recipient will be required to write a final impact essay at the end of the school year updating Music Forward on how the funds supported their scholastic journey and progress towards their long-term career goal. <p><u>When to apply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application will open in Spring 2024. • Apply here: Scholarships - Music Forward Foundation Music Forward Foundation
<p>Break the Silence Against Domestic Violence Legacy Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Legacy Scholarship is awarded based on merit to graduating high school seniors or college students currently enrolled in two or four-year programs. It is funded entirely by our Legacy Fund program to recognize and honor the survivors, victims, and families who have been affected by Domestic

	<p>Violence. Our goal is to recognize students for their leadership, commitment to serving their communities, and advocating to end domestic violence.</p> <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u> Applicants must identify as at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survivor of Intimate Partner Violence • Has lost an immediate family member by blood to domestic violence (parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, or siblings) • Legacy Baby Caretaker (Is a direct guardian of a child that has lost a parent to domestic violence) • A survivor is physically separated from their abuser for a minimum of one year, but not more than ten. • Has sought services from a non-profit agency that provides services to survivors of intimate partner violence for a minimum of six consecutive months. This agency is willing to submit a recommendation on behalf of the applicant. • The applicant is willing to receive monthly mentorship through BTSADV for one semester and/or three months of the program length. • Be a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States or have an immigration status that makes them eligible for FAFSA, and be a current physical resident of the United States or its territories. • Have applied to or been officially accepted into an accredited course of study at a United States institution. • Demonstrate a critical need for financial assistance. • Exhibit a strong desire and the ability to complete a training program and/or academic program. • Have a definite plan to use the desired training to upgrade skills for career advancement, train for a new career field, or enter or reenter the job market.
<p>Hope Through Learning Award</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hope Through Learning Award is a \$2,500 award available to youth age 24 and under residing in Allegheny County who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness during their school attendance years, and who are going on to a higher education or career training program for the first time. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing or has experienced homelessness during school attendance years. Homelessness is defined as lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes students living in a shelter, car, motel, doubled-up situation, or

	<p>places not meant for human habitation, or lacking permanent housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently residing in Allegheny County • 24 years of age or younger • Accepted into a post secondary education or career program (e.g. college, university, community college, business school, technical school, vocational school, career training, internship, apprenticeship) for the first time, and are scheduled to begin classes/training before the end of 2021. • High school graduate, GED recipient, or due to complete secondary education at the end of the 2020-21 school year <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow this link. • Click the “Begin” button. • Create an account and complete your application. • All questions and attachments must be submitted for your application to be complete. • Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024. Applications will open March 2024.
<p>Ramage Law Group Adopted Child Scholarship</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each semester, we award a scholarship of \$1,000 to a student who is pursuing a college education, and the funds may be used to help cover tuition, room and board, or other expenses, such as books and supplies. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <p>Students may apply for our scholarship if they are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program or have been accepted for admission in the upcoming semester. In addition, applicants will need to meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must be at least 17 years old. • Student must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. • Student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher as of their last completed academic semester. • Student must have been legally adopted by one or both parents. <p><u>Application Guidelines</u></p> <p>Applicants may submit an application for our scholarship by filling out the contact form on this page. In addition to providing contact information detailing their name, address, phone number, email, date</p>

	<p>of birth, and the school they will be attending, proof of admission must also be submitted. This may include a letter of acceptance or an academic transcript for the most recently completed semester.</p> <p><i>An applicant will also be required to submit an essay that is up to 800 words long answering the following questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What challenges have you faced as an adopted child?</i> 2. <i>How have your relationships with your parents and other family members influenced your outlook on life?</i> 3. <i>How has your experience affected your plans and goals for your education and career?</i> <p><u>Application Deadline</u> Application deadline is December 28th 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply here: <u>Ramage Law Group Adopted Child Scholarship (ramagefamilylawfirm.com)</u>
<u>Linsley Scholarship Fund for Foster Care Students</u>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Linsley Scholarship Fund is awarded based on a combination of merit and need, and funding levels are determined based on cost of attendance and availability of other resources. Awards vary but are expected to range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per academic year and are renewable for up to five years if a student remains eligible and funds are available. <p><u>Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an active follower of Jesus Christ • Be a regular attendee of a Bible believing church • Document a financial need • Have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months prior to their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care; OR they must have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday • Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited Pell-eligible college, post-secondary school or vocational program • Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they first apply. • Have been in foster care or orphaned while living in the United States • Be a U.S. citizen • Complete the Linsley Scholarship Fund application and submit the completed application, along with all supporting documents, to: <p style="text-align: right;">A Child’s Hope Int’l</p>

c/o Linsley Scholarship Fund
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