

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ABOUT FORWARD STEPS

Forward Steps helps Colorado foster youth as they pursue a post-secondary education.

Accepted scholars may enroll in an associate, bachelor, trade or certificate program. Our program provides assistance of up to \$9,000 per academic year to participants who are enrolled as full-time students at their institutions. Forward Steps also offers a limited number of part-time scholarships. In addition to financial assistance, Forward Steps scholars receive one-on-one mentoring, academic coaching, lifeskills training and community support.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must meet all the following criteria:

Applicants must have verifiable experience in the foster care system

First time applicants must apply before their 26th birthday

Applicants must be residents of Colorado and plan to attend (or are currently attending) a college in the Denver, Boulder, or Ft. Collins area. Other Colorado colleges will be considered

Scholars must have a high school diploma or a GED before beginning their first semester of college

Applicants must meet federal financial aid requirements and have unmet need as determined by the FAFSA

To remain eligible, scholars must meet the following expectations:

- Maintain good standing as defined by your school
- Maintain and successfully complete all credit hours agreed upon with Forward Steps
- Achieve and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA per semester
- Participate in workshops and activities provided by Forward Steps
- Meet regularly with the Forward Steps Scholar Mentor
- Submit mid-term progress reports and final grades
- Reapply annually for scholarship renewal

HOW TO APPLY AND NEXT STEPS

Complete this application and e-mail to scholarship@forwardsteps.org or mail to Forward Steps at: 370 Interlocken Boulevard, Suite 640, Broomfield, CO 80021. Please contact Jennifer at (303) 404-9969 with any questions.

Priority consideration is given to applications received by June 1, 2019. If you qualify, you will be contacted for an interview and be asked to provide additional materials to complete your application. Final determination of acceptance will be decided by a selection committee.

PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name:

Last Name:

Any other name that you go by:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Best way to contact you:

Phone

E-mail

Text

Current Address:

City

State

ZIP

Date of Birth:

Current Age:

Dates in foster care:

Who is/was your most recent caseworker? From which county?

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Do you have a Chafee worker? If yes, Chafee worker name and county:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

How did you hear about Forward Steps?

Did you submit your 2019-2020 FAFSA? Yes No

Are you currently employed? Yes No

What is your housing plan while attending school?

College you plan to attend:

What do you plan to study and why?

What are the obstacles to academic success that you are currently facing?

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| Need child care | No transportation | Having family problems |
| Need help with purchasing books/school supplies | | No close family members |
| Coping with a violent relationship | | Need help getting food |
| Mental health | History of substance abuse or other addiction | |
| Pregnant or parenting | Legal or criminal concerns (court date, probation, etc.) | |
| Lack of health coverage | Learning disability | Other None |

List any leadership or volunteer activity in which you have participated:

Why do you think you'd be a good addition to our scholarship program?

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Please read the following statement carefully before signing:

I certify that all of the information in this application is accurate. I understand that incomplete applications will not be reviewed. By signing below, I agree that my name, scholarship award amount, photo, and general information provided in this application may be used in materials published by Forward Steps.

Signature

Date