

Linda W. Christmas Scholarship

Instructions

Louisiana Foster and Adoptive Parents Association Scholarship Program

Through the generous contribution of FAIR Visions, Inc., LFAPA is offering a **\$1,000** scholarship for foster/adopted youth in the Monroe Region (Region 9) comprised of the following parishes: Lincoln, Union, Ouachita, Morehouse, Richland, Caldwell, East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Franklin and Tensas. Recipients may choose any campus they want to attend, including correspondence.

Selection Criteria:

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

1. Applicants must be legal residents of Louisiana
2. Applicant may reside:
 - A. in a foster/adoptive home, group home, or kinship care or
 - B. be an emancipated foster youth under age 21 (proof of age required with submission of application and LFAPA membership).
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. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant
5. Submit an essay, "Furthering my Education". 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. Two – four page essay in standard format
 - b. Double spaced
 - c. 12 point font
 - d. 8 X 11 white paper
 - e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples)
6. At least two letters of recommendation.

Selection Process

1. The recipient(s) of this scholarship will be selected by the LFAPA Scholarship Services Committee consisting of community leaders in the Monroe Region and volunteers.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date set. 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 score, the higher the probability of selection.

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Deadline date:

A complete application and supporting documentation **must be received on or before March 1**. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. **No exceptions**.

Award Date:

The scholarship committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by March 25 and the applicant will be notified by April 1. You will be notified via email by the award date 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 mail to the following address and received on or before the deadline date.

Louisiana Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (LFAPA)
Attn: Scholarship Committee
2205 Justice Street Suite B
Monroe LA 71201

For any additional information, please email Peggy Kirby, at kirp50@juno.com

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Student Information

Full Name of Applicant

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School/Degree Program Interested in: Accepted: yes ___ no ___ Applied for: yes ___ no ___

Organizational and/or Community Participation

Organizational Memberships:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Community Involvement/Volunteer Work:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Foster Parent Information (name of last foster/adoptive parent)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

DCFS Worker(s) Information:

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Office addresses and phone number:

_____ Phone: _____

_____ Phone: _____

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Apply for LFAPA Scholarship

The Louisiana Foster & Adoptive Parents Association offers this scholarship through the generous contribution of **F.A.I.R. Visions, Inc.**, to foster youth and youth adopted from foster care a \$1,000 scholarship in the Monroe Region (Region 9) comprised of the following parishes: Lincoln, Union, Ouachita, Morehouse, Richland, Caldwell, East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Franklin and Tensas who wish to further their education beyond high school, including college or university studies, vocational and job training, and correspondence courses. Foster/adoptive parents or caregivers must be members of LFAPA.

The following requirements apply:

1. College/University
 - must be in their senior year of high school (regardless of age)
 - must provide copy of high school transcript
 - must provide documentation of cost from college/university
 - must return application and all other requested documents by deadline
 - must be accepted by an accredited college/university before receiving funding (proof of this will be a copy of school acceptance letter)
 - must return unused portion or appropriate percentage if withdrawing from college/university or does not maintain grade point averages required by institution
2. Vocational/Job Training/Correspondence/Other Educational Pursuits
 - must be at least 17 years of age (either in school or out)
 - must provide documentation of cost from the school, training center, or other educational facility
 - must return application and all other requested documents by deadline
 - must be accepted into accredited program before receiving funding (proof of this will be a copy of acceptance letter)
 - must return unused portion or appropriate percentage if withdrawing from course/program or is unable to maintain grade point average required by the course/program

Each applicant must submit:

1. completed application form
2. a minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation from: foster parent(s), social worker(s), residential center, principal/teacher/guidance counselor, employer, etc. will be required with each application
3. a typewritten essay on "Furthering My Education" to be considered for a LFAPA Scholarship" with also be required (instructions listed under criteria)

Scholarship applications must be submitted on or before March 1
All required documents including letters of recommendation & transcripts must be mailed together!

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TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a 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 LFAPA regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, you agree to cooperate with LFAPA in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, LFAPA 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 LFAPA in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to your University/School of Choice account in the amount stated by scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to student at any time. **No exceptions.**
4. Recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for selected degree program and make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program.
5. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. **No exceptions.**
6. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or School officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to LFAPA.
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 Scholarship Committee. Furthermore, LFAPA 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 shall remain in full force and effect.

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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. This application is subject to policies and procedures set forth in the LFAPA Policy and Procedure manual in the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the manual, the terms of the scholarship will control.

Signature _____ Date _____

If the signatory/applicant is under the age of 18, the Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Address (if different from youth's) City _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Evening: _____