



CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS 2020 Scholarship Application



\$2,500 scholarships, renewable through college, will be awarded by CCH in June 2020 to up to five graduating seniors who experienced homelessness while in high school

ELIGIBILITY

Any of the following students are eligible to apply:

A high school senior who will graduate from a Chicago or suburban high school during the 2019-20 school year, by June 2020 - OR - a youth leader who is active with CCH or former youth client of the CCH Law Project, no older than age 24 as of April 15, 2020.

Every applicant must have:

- Experienced homelessness, living in a shelter, on the street, or doubled-up in someone else's home. This must be verified on a document signed by the applicant's homeless school liaison or service/shelter provider.
- Been admitted to or enrolled in an accredited 2-year or 4-year public or private college or university for the 2020-21 school year as of April 13, 2020. Scholarships will not be awarded to attend for-profit schools.
- A cumulative weighted high school or college GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Filed a completed FAFSA (standard college financial aid form) application by April 13, 2020. FAFSA can be accessed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application must be fully completed by the applicant and received by April 13, 2020 at 5 p.m.

An electronic or paper version of the application is available at www.chicagohomeless.org/scholarship-application. Typed answers are strongly preferred. If submitting a paper application electronically, please submit in PDF format. Do not write essay answers that are longer than the listed word limits.

All of the following materials must be received via email, fax, or mail by April 15, 2020 at 5 p.m.

- A copy of the student's 4-year high school transcript and/or a college transcript.
- Using our recommendation form, supply two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals with direct knowledge of the applicant's abilities, accomplishments, and potential. One recommendation must be from a teacher, or other school personnel. Recommendations must be signed, and on school/organization letterhead. They can be submitted at www.chicagohomeless.org/scholarship-recommendation or mailed in with the paper recommendation form found at the same link.
- Using our certification form, the applicant's homeless or formerly homeless status must be verified by a homeless school liaison or service/shelter provider.
- Documentation of any other scholarships/financial aid received to date (if applicable).

Questions? Contact Christy Savellano at christy@chicagohomeless.org or (773) 906-3402.

Mailed, emailed, or delivered application must be received by Monday, April 13, 2020, 5 p.m. at:

CCH Scholarship Committee
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
70 E. Lake St., Suite 720
Chicago, IL 60601



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Name of person with whom you will stay in touch even if you move: _____

Phone number for alternative contact person: (_____) _____ - _____

Anticipated Major in college: _____

High School: _____ Elementary School: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #1

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

School/Org.: _____

Title: _____

Recommendation #2

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

School/Org.: _____

Title: _____



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND ESSAYS

1. **List extracurricular activities you participated in during high school here**, including any school activities, sports, jobs, or internships, with years of involvement, or attach a copy of your resume.

Activity	Years of Involvement
<i>Example: Student Newspaper</i>	<i>Reporter: 9-12, Editor: 12</i>

2. **List the colleges and universities to which you have applied for admission.** Indicate if you received an acceptance letter from any institution. If you will be receiving any other scholarships, please list the names and total amounts.

College/University	Acceptance Status Yes/No/Not Yet Received	Scholarships with total amounts



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3. **What are your educational and career goals? Why are they important to you?** *Please write between 150-300 words. Limit your answer to 300 words maximum.*



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5. **Is there a person or organization that was especially helpful to you during your period of homelessness?** If so, please tell us briefly who that was and why. Include a phone number or other contact information for that person, if you have it. *Limit your answer to 200 words maximum.*

6. **Have you filed your completed FAFSA application?** Yes No

If not, why not and when do you plan to complete it?

7. **Are you a CCH youth leader or former CCH Law Project client?** Yes No

If yes, please explain. *Limit your answer to 100 words.*



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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Providing this information is optional. It will not be used in the selection process.

Race _____

Gender _____