



CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS 2021 Scholarship



\$3,500 scholarships, renewable through college, will be awarded by CCH in June 2021 to at least 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 2020-21 school year, by June 2021 - **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 30, 2021.

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 2021-22 school year as of April 30, 2021. 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 30, 2021. 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 30, 2021 at 5 p.m.** Online and fillable pdf version of the application available at www.chicagohomeless.org/scholarship-application. Typed answers are strongly preferred. *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 **May 7, 2021 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).

More information and application are available at www.chicagohomeless.org/scholarships
Contact Christy Savellano at christy@chicagohomeless.org or (773) 906-3402 with questions.

Application is due April 30, 2021 at 5 p.m.
All supplemental materials due May 7, 2021 at 5 p.m.