

**CHICAGO COALITION
FOR THE HOMELESS**

Scholarship Program

Background Information & Essays

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

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.

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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

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

ESSAY SECTION

Please be sure to adhere to the word requirements listed for each essay. Each essay should be 2-5 paragraphs long and thoughtfully written. We suggest planning the points you would like to cover before beginning, proofreading carefully, and having someone else (like a teacher or guidance counselor) read through it before submitting.

Find more tips about essay writing here: tinyurl.com/scholarship-essays.

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.*

4. In which of the following ways have you or are you currently experiencing homelessness?
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ In a shelter
- ☐ Doubled-up with friends or family
- ☐ On the street, in a car, or other public place
- ☐ Other: _____

Please tell us about your experience of being homeless, including the circumstances, how long you were homeless, and its impact on you as a student and a person. Please share only what you feel comfortable sharing. You are not obligated to share any traumatic, personal, or private information. *Please write between 300-600 words. Limit your answer to 600 words maximum.*

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, please explain. Please mention if you cannot apply for FAFSA because of immigration status. Reminder: regardless of immigration status, students can apply for CCH Scholarship Program.

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.*

***Please complete this form and email to Christy Beretta
(christy@chicagohomeless.org).***

You can also mail or deliver completed form to:

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