Future Funds for CEDARS Graduates

# Scholarship

## Eligibility Requirements



- Current or former CEDARS client
- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Enrolled in or starting college between Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
- Meet the criteria for financial need (Eligible for Federal Pell Grant)



## Instructions

- Complete the application [Download at www.cedarskids.org]
- Enclose a photocopy of your Student Aid Report that you receive after submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Complete and enclose recommendation sheet. Must be completed by a CEDARS staff or non-relative (i.e. coach, teacher, counselor)
- Answer the essay questions. Must be typed or written in blue or black ink. Be sure to include your first and last name.

## Selection

- Must be submitted by April 1, 2015
- CEDARS will notify all applicants by mail.
- Scholarships are available in various amounts up to $1,000.
- Recipients may re-apply on an annual basis.
- Recipients must present award letter to the admissions office at the school of their choice.
- Funds will be transferred and applied directly to tuition and fees based upon receipt of enrollment verification

CEDARS Emergency Shelter, Freeway Station, Boys Home, TLC, CEDARS Home, Northbridge ECDC, Carol Yoakum ECDC, Downtown ECDC, Hartley CLC, Clinton CLC, Arnold CLC, Richardson House, Transitional Living Program, Turning Point Residential Treatment Center, Juvenile Diversion Services, Electronic Monitor Program, Reporting Center, Life Skills Center, Tracker Program, Street Outreach Services (SOS), Foster Care, Wraparound, Family Support, Intensive Family Preservation, In-Home Safety, Parenting Time, Service Coordination, Sixpence, Healthy Families, Partners in Permanency

For questions, please contact Kerrie Saunders Jones at 402-437-8842 or ksaunders@cedars-kids.org

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    1. What are your short-term and long-term goals? And how will this education help you reach those goals?
    2. How has CEDARS helped you in your life?
    3. Tell us about your strengths and your single greatest accomplishment. How will these help you in pursuing your education?
    4. What obstacles have you overcome and what current and future challenges do you face? How have you overcome those obstacles and how do you plan to overcome future challenges?
- Mail your application packet to: CEDARS, Attn: Scholarship Program, 6601 Pioneers Boulevard, Ste. 1, Lincoln, NE 68506

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- Must be submitted by April 1, 2015.
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  Scholarships are available in various amounts up to $1,000.
- Award winners must then present the award letter to the admissions office at the school of their choice.
- Funds will be transferred and applied directly to tuition and fees upon receipt of enrollment verification. Any funds not applied directly to tuition due to suspension, lack of need or an interruption of enrollment will be returned to the fund.
- If an award winner's academic plans change, it is the responsibility of the award winner to contact the CEDARS scholarship office so that alternate arrangements may be made.
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## Applicant Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Birthdate _____

Is this your first time submitting an application for this scholarship? Circle: Yes or No

### Education History

Date received High School Diploma or G.E.D. _____

Name of School _____

### College Currently Attending or Planning to Attend

Name of School _____

City _____ State _____

Start Date _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Major or Field of Study _____

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# Scholarship Recommendation Form

To Be Completed by Applicant

Name _____

College Currently Attending or Planning to Attend _____

Major or Field of Study _____

## To Be Completed by Person Providing Recommendation

Name _____

Affiliation/Organization _____

Position _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please answer the questions about the applicant on another sheet of paper. Thank you.

Please answer the questions below with as much detail as possible as your recommendation plays an important part in consideration of a scholarship.

1. Describe your relationship with the applicant.
2. Describe how the applicant has overcome past obstacles.
   When possible, please use examples.
3. Describe the applicant's strengths and potential to complete coursework.
4. Discuss the applicant's financial need.
5. What else should the review committee know in considering this applicant?

Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.