



CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS 2016 Scholarship



\$2,500 scholarships, renewable through college, will be awarded by CCH in June 2016 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 during the 2015-2016 school year by June 2016 from a Chicago metropolitan area school.
- A former youth client of the CCH Law Project who will graduate during the 2015-2016 school year by June 2016 from metropolitan Chicago area high school.
- A youth leader who is active with CCH and no older than age 22 as of April 15, 2016.

Every applicant must have:

- Experienced homelessness. 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 2015-16 school year as of April 15, 2016. Scholarships will not be awarded to attend for-profit schools.
- A cumulative weighted high school GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Filed a completed FAFSA (standard college financial aid form) application by April 15, 2016. FAFSA can be accessed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All of the following materials must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2016.

- The application must be fully completed by the applicant. An electronic or paper version of the application is 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.
- 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.

Applications will be available by January 31, 2016.

Visit www.chicagohomeless.org/scholarships for more information.

Questions? Contact Ali Heinen at ali@chicagohomeless.org or 312-641-4140 Ext. 223

Mailed or delivered application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2016 at:

CCH Scholarship Committee
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
70 East Lake Street, Suite 720
Chicago, IL 60601