



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.chicagohomeless.org/scholarships) for more information.

Questions? Contact Ali Heinen at [ali@chicagohomeless.org](mailto: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