

State of Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services
2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STUDENT APPLICATION

Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and submit a complete application packet on or before March 31, 2023 to be considered for the DCFS Scholarship Program.

Application packets must be emailed to:
DCFS.Scholarship@illinois.gov

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Race:

Ethnicity:

Sex:

Gender:

Sexual Orientation :

Address _____
(Number) (Street) (Apt. No.)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone _____

Email Address "REQUIRED": _____

DCFS Case ID Number _____ Adopted: Yes: Year _____ No

Subsidized Guardianship/KinGap: Yes: Year _____ No

Caseworker (If applicable) _____ Phone _____

Do you have a parent who is a veteran of the US Armed Forces?

Yes No

ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School Graduation or GED Date _____

Grade point average _____ out of _____ point system

Class rank # _____ out of _____

Currently Enrolled in College? Yes No

Grade point average _____ out of _____ point system

List and explain any employment and/or volunteer experiences.

Dates Employed or Volunteered

Employer or Volunteer Organization

Attach a TYPED, personal essay explaining why you want to attend college and why YOU should receive a DCFS scholarship. The essay should emphasize your perseverance to excel, obstacles you have overcome in order to do so, and how you will use this scholarship to its fullest benefit to successfully earn a post-secondary degree.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THREE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NON-RELATIVES WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

Persons that you should consider asking to write you a letter of recommendation include your teachers, counselor and employer. They should be individuals who know you and can write about your personal character and strengths. The letters of recommendation should be addressed to the DCFS Scholarship Committee and provide a brief description of your personal strengths, academic abilities, and/or work performance.

Youth who are offered and accept a scholarship board payment are not eligible to also receive a subsidy payment pursuant to an adoption or sub-guardianship subsidy Agreement. A scholarship recipient, “who has an active subsidy Agreement, and their parent or guardian must elect only one payment, either the subsidy payment or scholarship payment.” If the scholarship payment is chosen, any payment pursuant to the adoption/sub-guardianship agreement will be suspended while the youth is receiving the scholarship board payment.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Before submitting your application, please ensure the following MANDATORY ITEMS are included. All documents must be sent in together; do not send as separate pieces or from different sources. DCFS will verify that you are eligible to apply for a Scholarship.

- Scholarship Application (CFS 438, Rev 1/2023) Including Typed Personal Essay
- High School Transcript or GED Test Score Report
- College Transcript (if attending college)
- Three Letters of Reference from non-relatives
- Applicant Signature