



Richard & Linda Harrell Foster Care Scholarship

Supporting academic aspirations for African American high school graduates of foster care.

Harrell Foster Care Scholarship Application

This scholarship program seeks to encourage and support African American high school students, who are or have been in foster care, pursue higher education by offsetting tuition costs, student loans, and/or expenses; while providing a mentor to help them transition and succeed through their first year of college. As this scholarship is offered to those associated to foster care, we adhere to the Iowa Department of Human Services' administrative rules definition of foster care as: "Foster care" shall mean substitute care furnished on a 24-hour-a-day basis to an eligible child in a licensed or approved facility by a person or agency other than the child's parent or guardian but does not include care provided in a family home through an informal arrangement for a period of 20 days or less.

The award will be disbursed in the following way:

1st payment \$1000.00 dispersed in August

2nd payment \$1000.00 dispersed in January

Eligibility:

- 1) African American high school senior of the current application year
- 2) Resident of the state of Iowa
- 3) Currently or have been in foster care with verification through the Department of Human Services
- 4) Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher (high school transcript required)
- 5) Two letters of recommendations (one must be from a teacher)
- 6) Typed essay (250-500 words) including the following:
 - a) Describe your foster care experience.
 - b) Describe how events and obstacles have shaped the person you are, and how these life circumstances have influenced you to pursue higher education.
 - c) Why this scholarship is important to you and how it will help you pursue higher education.

Applicants awarded the scholarship must:

- 1) Work with assigned mentor regarding scholarship allocation
- 2) Provide a written recognition of gratitude for the award by June 1, 2019 (templet will be provided with award letter)
- 3) Provide a recent photo suitable for publication (i.e., senior picture, cap and gown, or professional photo)
- 4) Attend the scholarship banquet in Des Moines, IA held Friday, August 2, 2019
- 5) Provide official class schedule prior to August & January disbursements

A completed application will include:

- ✓ This signed application form
- ✓ High school transcript
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Essay

Application must be submitted or postmarked by **Friday, May 10, 2019**. Send completed applications to: LaTonya Calderon, 8406 Sharon Circle, Urbandale, Iowa, 50322. Questions contact LaTonya Calderon at 515-778-6551 or pastorlatonya@hotmail.com.



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(Office Use Only: Date Rcvd: _____)

Personal Information

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Length of time involved in foster care: _____

Authorizing verification of relationship with foster care

By signing below, I authorize the Iowa Department of Human Services to verify ONLY that the above applicant is or has been in foster care through the state of Iowa. Parent/guardian signature is required for this authorization if the applicant applying for the scholarship is a minor, one who is 17 years old or younger.

Applicant's signature if not a minor: _____

Parent/guardian's signature if a minor: _____

Education

1. High School Attended:

(Name) (City) (State) (Date Graduated)

2. Extra-Curricular Activities or Community Involvement:

3. Institution you will attend:

(Name) (City) (State)

4. Intended area of study/major: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____