



Attention High School Seniors!

You can apply for a scholarship to support your journey through college!

About the 2018 Future Leaders Scholarship Program:

For the second year in a row, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is providing college-bound seniors who experience homelessness and demonstrate educational success with the opportunity to apply for the Future Leaders scholarship program. DHS will award several scholarships valued at \$2,000 each for the current academic year, which may be used for tuition, books, or other educational expenses to help students succeed and remain in college.

Who is eligible?

1. High school seniors, ages 17-21 (12th grade) at the time of application submission
2. Reside in a DHS shelter at the time of application submission
3. Have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) or can provide IEP documentation supporting learning needs
4. Have school attendance rate of 90 percent or higher
5. Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two year or four year college or university for the entire 2018-2019 academic year

How to apply?

1. Submit a completed application package electronically at education@dhs.nyc.gov (please include all attachments in one email). The application package includes:
 - a. Completed application form
 - b. Most recent unofficial high school transcript
 - c. A copy of your college school acceptance letter
 - d. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer or the shelter provider staff member demonstrating the student's accomplishments and character
 - e. A thoughtful, well-written, essay, no more than 500 words, answering the following questions: *1) What has motivated your pursuit of higher education and what factors in your life have enabled you to remain persistent and focused on those goals?; 2) What educational and/or personal achievements are you most proud of?; (3) What are the major obstacles you have had to overcome and/or what accomplishments have you had to achieve in order to get into college?; and 4) How would this scholarship help you in attaining your academic and life goals?*
 - f. While supplemental materials are not mandatory, we recommend noting/including: awards/achievements (academic, extracurricular, or athletic), community service/volunteer experience, and/or internships/employment experience

When will the scholarships be awarded?

The scholarships will be announced on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at the 2018 DHS Future Leaders Graduation Ceremony. Scholarship funds will be provided to students upon the submission of proof of enrollment into college in August / September 2018.

When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Monday, June 4, 2018.

Who can provide more information?

Your case manager can provide more information and application form. You can also visit www.nyc.gov/DHSeducation.