

Essex County Youth Foundation Challenge Scholarship

Criteria:

- Must reside in Essex County
- Must be graduating from high school, under the age of 23, or certificate of completion
- Involved in community
- Applicant is looking to overcome adversity and demonstrates an active and specific interest in further education or occupational training
- Need based
- Must have challenging disability(ies)

Application:

I wish to apply for an Essex County Youth Foundation Challenge Scholarship for a college/ continuing

education program for the study of _____, beginning: _____
(Month, Year)

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____
(Street Address) (Town)

(State) (Zip)

Mailing Address if different _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

Local Paper Address & Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Advanced Education/ Training plans _____

Name of School/ Program _____

Have you applied for admission? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Estimated cost of the first year of your program \$ _____

What sources of income are available to you?

Your earnings \$ _____

Help from parents/ guardians \$ _____

Other sources \$ _____

Have you applied for any other scholarships? _____

Have you received any other scholarships? _____

Estimated cost of educational or recognized occupational training endeavors for upcoming application year \$ _____

- Indicate your disability
- Submit copy of IEP or 504 that is in place
- Briefly explain any possible financial complication that might encourage awarding of the scholarship
- Applicant should submit a written essay of appropriate length. If the applicant is unable, parents are permitted to assist with completion of essay: It should include how the applicant's disability challenge has been met. It should also include the applicants perspective, need for the scholarship, life skills, experience, post education plans, and how the scholarship will assist them in furthering education. Minimum Length of essay considering disability. Physical – 500 words. Intellectual – 50 words
- Description of applicant's current program involvement and aspirations/ goals
- Support materials: photos of friends, activities described in essay section, artwork, work representative of child's interest or abilities
- Please submit a copy of a high school diploma, certificate of completion or documentation of current educational status (this could also be a high school transcript or letter from a teacher of current education program or mentor/ representative of occupational program)
- Please submit at least one letter of recommendation from a person who works closely with the applicant in an educational or occupational context (may be written by a relative)

- Please submit a second letter of recommendation not written by a relative from a reference in either an educational or occupational context

Deferment of Award:

- Must be used/ enrolled within 1 year

You may be invited to our customary scholarship recipients' reception where pictures will be taken of the recipient and family for our website and media venues to honor awarded winners.

Sign that all information given is correct to the best of your knowledge:

Signature _____ Date _____

*Final selection may require personal interview.

*Applicants can apply and be considered for more than one Essex County Youth Foundation Scholarship (Leadership, Challenge, 4-H), but may only receive one.

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Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Applications should be sent to:

Scholarship Committee

Essex County Youth Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 263
Topsfield, MA 01983

Postmarked no later than April 1st

If you have any questions, please call or text Tom Howland at 508-783-2204