CHOICES

CHILDREN HAVE OPTIONS IN CARING ENVIRONMENTS

CHOICES, Inc. will award individual scholarships up to $3,000* for tuition, fees, living expenses to full time undergraduate students enrolled in a technical school, college or university for the 2023-24 academic year. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial support to college-bound foster youth. Scholarship funds can be used to help eliminate education related expenses foster youth face in obtaining a post secondary education. The expenses include:

- Tuition
- Books
- Rent/Housing expenses
- Transportation costs/maintenance and support
- Utilities
- Childcare
- Computer
- Moving
- General school supplies
- Other* (approved by CHOICES advisory committee)

*amount is subject to change based on donations accrued until the application deadline

Scholarship applicants must meet the following qualifications for consideration:

1. Applicants must have received case management from CHOICES foster care or independent living after January 2015 for a minimum of 3 months.
2. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors, have obtained a GED or high school diploma and be starting or currently attending a technical school, college or university in pursuit of a certificate, associates or bachelor's degree.
3. **All completed applications must be received by June 22, 2023 at 11:59 pm to be considered.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Completed applications and essays can be turned into any CHOICES caseworker, faxed to (937) 264-0095, emailed to apester@choicesohio.org or mailed to CHOICES, Inc. 1785 Big Hill Rd. Dayton, OH 45439.

All information given on this application is confidential and will only be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Consideration of an application is not a guarantee for approval.

The CHOICES Advisory Committee will judge each application based on content, expression and overall impact. The scholarship recipients will be notified by August 9, 2023.

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the included stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that filling out this application in no way guarantees support from CHOICES, Inc. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature: _____Date:_____

Application must be postmarked by June 22, 2023. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted, no exceptions. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ashley at apester@choicesohio.org or call (937) 264-0084 ext. 122.

CHOICES Scholarship Application 2023-24 Academic Year

First Name:_____Middle Initial: _____Last Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Email address: _____

Program(s) participated in and years: □ Foster Care _____ □ Independent Living _____

□ Bridges _____

CHOICES caseworker(s): _____

Education:

What college/technical school will you/are you attending?_____

Intended course of study_____

Part 1: Complete if this is your first year of attending

Please indicate the following with an X and date:

□ I have been accepted – date of acceptance: _____

Please include copy of acceptance letter and class schedule if available

□ I have not been accepted – as of date: _____

What date to you anticipate knowing acceptance: _____

Part 2: Complete if you have some college experience

How many credit hours have you completed?_____ Current GPA_____

How many more hours do you need to graduate?_____ Expected date of graduation_____

Financial Information:

Are you employed?

_____No If NO, state the reason not employed _____

_____Yes If YES, name of employer _____

Hours worked per week _____ Salary per month _____

Do you receive any public support? No _____ Yes _____ If yes, amount per month $_____

From what agency? _____

Monthly expenses information: (estimates are okay)

Rent	$_____	Childcare	$_____
Transportation	$_____	Groceries	$_____
Utilities	$_____	**Total expenses**	**$_____**

How do you pay for these and other living expenses? _____

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Have you completed your FAFSA? No_____ Yes_____

Have you applied for ETV Funds? No_____ Yes_____

Gift Financial Aid:

Pell Grant	$_____	Ohio College Opportunity Grant	$_____
FSEOG	$_____	Institutional Scholarships	$_____
Other Grants	$_____	Athletic Scholarships	$_____
ETV	$_____		

Intended Use of Funds:

Please complete the next section based on how you anticipate using the funds receiving by our scholarship. Include a dollar amount that would help pay monthly expenses to enable you to pursue post-secondary education. Please note that while enrolled in Independent Living or Bridges with CHOICES you are unable to use scholarship funds to cover rent**.**

Expenses you can use funds towards: Tuition, books, rent/housing, transportation costs/maintenance and support, utilities, childcare, computer, moving expenses, general school supplies, other*(approved by CHOICES advisory committee)

Expenses:

1. _____ **Amount requested:** _____.

2. _____ **Amount requested:** _____.

3. _____ **Amount requested:** _____.

The scholarship money is paid directly to the institution or organization offering the needed service rather than to the recipient. All expenditures must be preapproved.

Getting to Know You and Your Future Plans:

Please complete the following questions in full sentences and with explanation and detail. The committee will review these in addition to your financial need to choose recipients and award amounts.

1. Please share what you have learned while being part of the CHOICES foster care or independent living program.

2. Tell us why you chose your area of study and what you would like to do when you earn your degree.

3. What worries do you have about starting your post-secondary education?

4. Explain to us how the CHOICES scholarship money would help you in the next year.