**2019 Scholarship Application**

Every year, City Youth Now provides foster and justice-involved youth in San Francisco with scholarships to help pay for higher education and vocational expenses. In the past, these scholarships have been awarded to approximately five youth per year, with each scholarship ranging in value from $1,000 to $3,000. The scholarship values and quantities may vary on a yearly basis depending on availability and youth need.

**Eligibility**

Eligible youth must be or have been wards of the San Francisco foster care and/or juvenile justice systems, including:

* Current foster youth
* Previous foster youth
* Youth receiving support under AB12
* Youth residing in group homes
* Youth detained in the Juvenile Justice Center
* Youth currently on probation
* Youth who have successfully completed probation in the past 12 months

Applicants must intend to enroll in higher education or an advanced job training program during the 2019-2020 school year.

**Terms and Conditions**

Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit proof of enrollment in order to access their funds. Scholarship recipients who do not begin their higher education or advanced job training by June 30, 2020 automatically forfeit their funds.

Scholarship funds may **only** be used for items or activities directly related to their education or vocational training, for example:

* Tuition
* Laptop
* Books
* Course-related software
* School supplies
* Special gear and equipment

Scholarship recipients will work with City Youth Now staff to purchase these items.

All funds must be utilized by June 30, 2020. Extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Application Instructions**

Part I: Personal information about the youth applicant

Part II: Personal statement about education/career goals, challenges, and important influences

Part III: Referral and letter of recommendation

Eligible youth must be referred by social workers, probation officers, case managers, CASAs, attorneys, or other youth advocates who work with the applicant on a professional level.

Referrals will be screened by City Youth Now and, through their processes, recipients will be selected.

**Email or mail completed application to:**

**City Youth Now**

375 Woodside Avenue, Room 201

San Francisco, CA 94127

Email: yvette@cityyouthnow.org

Tel: 415.753.7576

Fax: 415.682.0126

Application must be received in the City Youth Now office by Monday, April 8, 2019, 5pm.

**Part I: Applicant’s Information**

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| **I. Personal Information** | | |
| First Name: | | Last Name: |
| Address: | | Email Address: |
| Phone Number: |
| Date of Birth: | Age: | Gender:  Male  Female  Other: |
| Court System (check all that apply):  Juvenile Probation System  Foster Care System | | Ethnicity (check all that apply):  Asian/Pacific Islander  Native American  African American  White  Latinx  Other: |

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| **II. High School Record** | | |
| High School: | Graduation Date (MM/YYYY) : | GPA: |
| During your time in high school, which school/community organizations and extracurricular activities have you been involved with? Please include dates of participation.  *Example: Lincoln High School Track and Field, January 2017-May 2017* | | |

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| **III. College or Advanced Vocational Program** |
| Please list the colleges and/or advanced vocational programs to which you are applying. |

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| **IV. Statement of Financial Need** |
| Please check off the boxes that will apply to you during the 2019-2020 school year.  Enrolled in ILSP (Independent Living Skills Program): <http://www.sfilsp.org/>  Enrolled in AB12  San Francisco resident  Received other scholarships (please list names/amounts of your scholarships): |
| Briefly describe how this scholarship will help you afford your higher education/vocational pursuits. How do you expect to use your funds? |

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| **V. Scholarship Ceremony** |
| The scholarship will be presented at the City Youth Now Rise Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 222 2nd st, San Francisco, CA 94105, from 7-10pm. If selected, you and two guests will receive complementary tickets to join us for the evening program, which includes dinner. Scholarship recipients will be asked to read a portion of their Personal Statement (we will help you prepare beforehand).  Will you be able to attend the presentation? Yes  No |

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| **VI. Signature** |
| **I understand and fulfill all the eligibility requirements. I certify that all of the information I have provided in this form and my personal statement is true.**  Youth’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Youth’s Signature: Date: \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Part II: Personal Statement**

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| Write a personal statement in which you describe your educational/career goals. Please discuss any challenges that you have faced in meeting these goals and how you overcame them. Feel free to mention people who have helped you pursue your goals. (You can write your statement below or type/print separately.)  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  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**Part III: Referral and Letter of Recommendation**

Please attach a letter of recommendation from your social worker, probation officer, case manager, CASA, teacher, employer, or a representative from your school or a community-based organization who can address your potential for success in college, personal character, attitude, leadership skills, and challenges in meeting goals.

One letter is required from all applicants, but you are welcome to attach more.

Your social worker, probation officer, case manager, etc. who recommended you must also sign below.

**I have reviewed Parts I and II of this application. I support the application of this youth for City Youth Now scholarships.**

Name (please print): Phone:

Relationship to applicant:

Email address:

Signature: Date: