

# Foster Care Scholarships & Websites to Research Other Scholarships

## FOSTER CARE TO SUCCESS (FORMERLY: ORPHAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA) SCHOLARSHIP

Offers undergraduate awards from \$500 to \$5000 for academic or vocational training beyond high school to youth formerly and currently in foster care who are under the age of 25. Eligibility: Anyone in foster care for at least one year at the time of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or high school graduation; anyone with a GPA of at least 2.0 from the preceding year (senior year in high school, or previous year in college); anyone enrolled or planning on enrolling, in a college or tech school; anyone who has not been adopted.

Application: <u>www.fc2success.org</u>

#### HORATIO ALGER PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Awards \$5,000 scholarships to 50 students in the state of Pennsylvania who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education Eligibility: be enrolled full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation; intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution); critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred; if higher, an explanation must be provided); involved in co-curricular and community activities; demonstrate academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0)

Application: <u>www.horatioalger.org</u>

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOUNDATION (ISF)**

ISF supports former foster youth and orphans who are interested in pursuing a degree with a 2-year or 4-year college. Provide personal one-on-one mentoring for each of our student . Provide scholarships for those who are pursuing their Bachelor of Arts, Masters or Ph.D. Eligibility:

- have been in public or private foster care; OR have been placed into legal guardianship from foster care; OR have been orphaned, prior to the age of 18, without the support of both parents for at least one year. If currently adopted or in the process of adoption then applicant is not eligible.
- have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited college or other postsecondary school as a full-time (minimum 12 hours) student.
- have a current overall GPA of 2.0 or greater.
- be under the age of 26 on March 31 of the year in which they first apply.
- have submitted the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application
- be willing to commit to a minimum of 2 hours per month (via phone) to a personal mentor and to reading assigned curriculum throughout the life of the ISF agreement.

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#### NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION (NFPA) YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eligibility: scholarships for foster youth, adopted youth, or biological youth of licensed foster parent, who wish to further their education beyond high school, including college/universities, vocational/technical school or junior college. Application: www.nfapaonline.org

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE RESOURCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION (PSRFA) SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Eligibility: open to high school seniors who are presently in foster care in PA. Each year, a predetermined number of \$500 scholarships and one \$1000 scholarship are given to youth in need. They are selected by the PSRFA scholarship committee through a competitive process. The scholarship is a one-time grant and is award for the first year of continued education. Application: www.psrfa.com

www.educationplanner.org

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.scholarships.com

www.schoolsoup.com