

GENERATION HOPE

What is Generation Hope?

Generation Hope began in March 2010 when Nicole Lynn Lewis, a former teen mother who attended the College of William & Mary while raising her infant daughter, decided to put her dream of helping more teen parents beat the odds in motion. She envisioned an organization that would encourage and support other teen parents in their pursuit of a college degree. Nicole's life -- and her daughter's life -- was truly transformed by graduating from college, and she wanted to help others realize their full potential and obtain stable and successful futures.

What do Generation Hope Scholars receive?

- \$1,200/year in scholarship money if you are attending a 2-year college, \$2,400/year in scholarship money if you are attending a 4-year college;
- Mentoring—each Scholar is matched with a caring, adult mentor who works with you one-on-one until you graduate, providing you with emotional support, guidance, and friendship;
- Support of Generation Hope staff, who can help you access resources, manage crises, etc;
- Trainings in life skills, career readiness, etc;
- Free tutoring, as necessary;
- Access to an Emergency Fund for financial crises;
- Access to fun, family-friendly events such as field trips.

Who is eligible for Generation Hope?

To be eligible, a student MUST

- Be a teen parent (defined as pregnant/expecting by age 19) and 25 or younger at the time of application;
- Be raising or actively involved in their child's life (defined by regular support and care of your child);
- Be attending - or planning to attend - college starting the Fall 2017 semester in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area and seeking an undergraduate two or four-year degree;
- Be a US Citizen, legal US Resident, or have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status;
- If a US Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident, submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) or proof of FAFSA submission
- Be planning to take a minimum of 6 credits each semester.

What are the requirements of Generation Hope Scholars?

- Meet with your mentor in-person at least once a month, and communicate at least every other week;
- Attend an initial training on July 8, 2017 and at least one In-Service training each year;
- If you are a freshman, you must attend Generation Hope's Summer Bridge program, which will take place July 22 and 29, 2017.
- Attend the Generation Hope Gala and Hope Conference each June;
- Respond to communication from Generation Hope staff within 24 hours;
- Submit midterm and final grades each semester.



2017-2018 GENERATION HOPE SCHOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Current Grade (Check one):

- HS Senior
- College Freshman
- College Sophomore
- College Junior

Email Address: _____

Information regarding your application will be sent via email so please provide an email address you will check regularly.

Permanent Home Address: _____

Permanent Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

If different from above, please provide your mailing address and phone number for all Generation Hope correspondence:

What ward (DC) or County do you live in? _____

Citizenship (check one):

- US Citizen
- Dual US Citizen (please specify other country of citizenship)
- US Permanent Resident; citizen of: _____
Alien Registration Number: _____
- Non-U.S. citizen with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status: please attach documentation of DACA status and complete DACA supplement (at the end of this packet)

How did you find out about Generation Hope? Check one.

- Attended College Readiness workshop
- Attended the Hope Conference
- Social Worker/Case Manager
- Teacher/Guidance Counselor
- Internet search
- Friend
- Other (please specify): _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA:

College Enrollment Date (actual or anticipated): _____

College you currently attend or will be attending in Fall 2016: _____
(Must be attending college in Washington DC, Maryland, or Northern Virginia. Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to disbursement of funds. If your school has multiple campuses, please specify which campus you will be attending).

Student ID Number, if known: _____

Intended Major: _____

Possible career or professional plans: _____

Current CUMULATIVE grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: _____

Most recent SEMESTER grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: _____
*Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent **official** school transcript is required.*

Is there anything related to your GPA or academic record that you would like to explain or give us more information about?

High School(s) Attended:

Name of School	Number of Years Attended	Diploma?

College(s) Attended, if applicable:

Name of School	Number of Years Attended	Number of Credits Earned	Degree Earned?

FAMILY DATA

Please list your child/children's names and date of birth:

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Age	Gender

Name and address of parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s)

1. Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Address if different: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Is this your emergency contact? _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Address if different: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Is this your emergency contact? _____

Educational level of parents (check one):

- Both parents attended college
- One parent attended college
- Neither parent attended college
- Unsure

FINANCIAL DATA:

List any expenses you expect to incur each semester (*approximate figures acceptable*)

Expense	Amount
Tuition	
Books	
Room and Board/Rent	
Childcare	
Other expenses	

Comments: _____

List your income or other sources of financial assistance (*Approximate figures acceptable. Remember that you must include a copy of your Student Aid Report or proof of FAFSA submission*)

Source	Amount
Income from employment	
Other Scholarships	
Student Loans	
Assistance from family	
Other financial resources	

Comments: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR, PERSONAL, AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

List any academic honors or awards from high school or college:

List any community service activities, extracurricular activities, hobbies, and/or outside interests:

Personal essay (please type and attach): Describe a circumstance, obstacle or conflict in your life, and the skills and resources you used to resolve it. Did it change you? If so, how?

Recommendations: We require one parenting recommendation and one academic and/or personal achievement recommendation. A parenting recommendation comes from someone who knows you as a parent, for instance a social worker in a teen parenting program or a daycare worker. An academic/personal recommendation can come from a teacher, guidance counselor, employer, etc. Who will be writing your recommendations? Please provide names and email addresses.

1. Name: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Generation Hope Application Supplement for students who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Status

****If you are a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident, you do not need to complete this supplement****

If you are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid because of your residency status but have received deportation relief through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and are attending a 2-year college for which you are in-state and in-county*, you are eligible to apply for Generation Hope. Please complete this additional supplement and attach a copy of your DACA documentation.

How many credits are you planning to take each semester?

What will be your total cost of tuition and fees?

How do you plan to pay for your tuition costs? Please name all scholarships that you have been awarded and include the amount of the scholarships. Please also list any other resources that you will use to cover your tuition costs. Please do not include the Generation Hope funding or funding that you have applied for but have not been awarded yet.

If you have any questions about this supplement, please contact Generation Hope Director of Programming Caroline Griswold Short at caroline@supportgenerationhope.org or (202) 642-5649. Thank you!

**District of Columbia resident attending University of the District of Columbia-Community College; Montgomery County resident attending Montgomery College, Howard County resident attending Howard Community College, Prince George's County resident attending Prince George's Community College, or Virginia resident attending Northern Virginia Community College.*

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I hereby affirm that all of the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote Generation Hope's Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a Generation Hope Scholar, according to Generation Hope Scholar policy, I must provide official evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before Sponsorship funds can be awarded. Documentation satisfying this requirement will be determined by Generation Hope.

I also hereby understand that I am agreeing to the following:

- I am a US citizen or Legal Resident of the United States, or I have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status
- I reside in Washington DC, Maryland, or Virginia
- I have already been accepted into college in Washington DC, Maryland, or Northern Virginia as a full or part time student currently seeking an undergraduate degree.
- I am a teen parent (defined as having a child by age 19), and I am currently 25 years old or younger.
- If chosen as a Generation Hope Scholar, I will:
 - Maintain a 2.5 or above GPA
 - Take at least 6 credits per semester
 - Attend a one-time Mentee training on July 8, 2017 and at least one in-service training each year
 - If required, attend the Summer Bridge program in July 2017.
 - Complete a monthly online check-in form about my mentoring experience
 - Communicate with Generation Hope staff and my Sponsor at designated times throughout the year
 - Attend the end-of-year Gala and Hope Conference at the end of each academic year while in the program

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. We will be in touch with you shortly to inform you of your status.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following items must be completed and/or submitted in order for the application to be considered. If you do not complete the following, your application will be considered incomplete. Your application **will not be considered** if these items are NOT submitted with this application. Please check off each item to be sure you have submitted it. **Applications must be submitted in full by April 1, 2017.**

- **Proof of citizenship, permanent US residency, or DACA status:** copy of Driver's License, US Passport, Alien Registration Card, or DACA documentation. *These can be scanned/photocopied and mailed to our office or emailed to caroline@supportgenerationhope.org.*
- **Two recommendation forms:** *Please have those completing the forms mail them in sealed envelopes directly to our office or email them to caroline@supportgenerationhope.org.*
- **Most recent OFFICIAL high school or OFFICIAL college transcript or GED certificate.** Photocopies of your transcript are **not acceptable**. *Please have these mailed in sealed envelopes directly to our office.*
- **Copy of completed FAFSA.** *This can be scanned and emailed to caroline@supportgenerationhope.org or mailed to our office. If you are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid due to your immigration status, please complete and submit the DACA supplement.*
- **Statement of accuracy and participation agreement:** be sure to sign and date this form. *This can be scanned and emailed to caroline@supportgenerationhope.org or mailed to our office.*
- **Personal Essay and completed application form.** *This can be emailed to caroline@supportgenerationhope.org or mailed to our office.*
- **Signed Waiver and Media Release Form.** *This must be signed by a parent or guardian if you are under 18.*
- **DACA supplement, if applicable**

Should you have any questions about this application or your application status, please contact Generation Hope Director of Programming Caroline Griswold Short at 202-642-5649 or caroline@supportgenerationhope.org. Once your application is received in full, you will receive a confirmation email.

This application can be emailed to caroline@supportgenerationhope.org or mailed to:

Caroline Griswold Short
Generation Hope
415 Michigan Ave NE, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20017



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Letter of Recommendation Form

This section to be completed by applicant:

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant’s email address: _____

College Attending (or will attend): _____

Name of Reference: _____

Relationship to applicant (i.e. teacher, counselor, etc): _____

Recommendation Type (Check one):

- Parenting recommendation
- Academic and Personal Achievement Recommendation

Please note: we require one parenting recommendation and one academic/personal achievement recommendation. A parenting recommendation comes from someone who knows you as a parent, for instance a social worker in a teen parenting program or a daycare worker.

Applicants are permitted to waive their right of access to recommendations. The following statement indicates the wish of the applicant regarding this recommendation (check one):

- I waive my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note: This waiver is not required as a condition for admission into our program or receipt of financial support or any other services or benefits from Generation Hope. It is Generation Hope’s policy that letters of recommendation be used for the application process only.

To the reference: Please provide your opinion of this applicant for admission into the Generation Hope Program.

- If you are providing a recommendation regarding the applicant's parenting, please comment on their involvement in their child's life and their role as a mother or father.
- If you are providing a recommendation regarding the applicant's academic and personal achievements, please include comments on strengths and weaknesses, creativity, initiative, and aptitude for post-secondary studies.

Please also address the following questions:

- For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- How does the applicant compare to other students?
- What do you believe is the applicant's potential for future success?
- How would you rate the applicant's communication skills?

Reference's Name (print): _____

Position/Title: _____

Institution: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach your recommendation to this form and return to:

Generation Hope

ATTN: Caroline Griswold Short, Director of Programming

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