

## UNCHAINED Scholarship Application

The UNCHAINED Survivor Scholarship Program works to empower survivors of human trafficking through education. The UNCHAINED Survivor Scholarship was made possible by the collaborative partnership between the anti-human trafficking organization UNCHAINED and THE LIMITED women's clothing stores. The UNCHAINED bracelet was featured in THE LIMITED stores nationwide with proceeds benefitting the scholarship fund. Monies will be awarded to survivors to be utilized to pay tuition, books, fees for classes, and a portion may be used to pay other expenses which support the survivor's education efforts, such as child care, transportation and housing.

### **PLEASE CAREFULLY READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION:**

- To be eligible to apply, **you must be a survivor of human trafficking** and you must have either completed a rehabilitation program including but not limited to CATCH COURT, Magistrate Sanchez Juvenile Court, SHE HAS A NAME Job Training or be currently enrolled and have written approval by the program you are currently enrolled in.
- Only completed applications will be considered. **DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS BLANK.** Attached to this application you must submit two signed letters of recommendation one from a mentor and one from a peer (non-relatives).
- You must have a GED or high school diploma to apply
- Eligible programs include any form of higher education including but not limited to private and public universities, 2 year or 4 year colleges, trade schools, job training programs, cosmetology schools, online schools, vocational-technical and career colleges in the United States with priority given to survivors seeking their first degree or job training program.
- You must have taken the SAT or ACT to apply only if you are applying to a 2 year or 4 year college or university.
- Must provide documentation for proof of income if available
- Please also complete a FAFSA application by visiting <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.
- You must submit this application and all supporting documents by no later than February 1, 2017. Monies will be awarded in Fall of 2017 or January 2018.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Consideration is contingent upon applicant admittance to a program or university and award may be adjusted based on FAFSA funds received. All applicants will be reviewed by the Scholarship Board and will be selected based on a point system of how well each question is answered, educational background, financial need, and clear and attainable pathways. Top 3 applicants will be chosen from the applications and will proceed to an interview process with the Board to determine the awardee.

- **Please deliver application, letters of recommendation and any supporting documents to UNCHAINED by February 1, 2017 at PO Box #14032 Columbus, OH 43214.**
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(\*please print legibly in blue or black ink)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Safe Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Household \_\_\_\_\_

**(To verify your income, please provide either (a) last year's tax return, with social security numbers blacked out; (b) three recent pay stubs; or (c) a letter from your employer verifying your income. If you cannot provide one of those three, please include a short explanation here.)**

Please circle or fill in the highest level of education you have completed **and provide a copy of your transcript.**

Through grade level \_\_\_\_\_

GED/High School

Diploma Two (2) Year

Degree Four (4) Year

Degree Graduate Degree

Other:

Where and when did you complete that level of education?

Have you taken the ACT or SAT and if so what was your score? Have you taken any prep courses?

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

Have you applied to other scholarships including FASFA?

Have you received rehabilitation services from any program in Ohio if so which program and approximately when (for example, CATCH COURT, SHE HAS A NAME, Magistrate Sanchez Juvenile Court)?

Please attach pages with your answers of approx. 300 words for each question.

- 1) Tell us your story from your background to your journey of healing and recovery. Please give a timeline and describe the specific programs you successfully completed and summarize the organizations, programs, therapy/counseling with the length of time you invested in said items and helpers you had along with the way.
- 2) What are your dreams and aspirations and what current steps are you taking to meet your goals? How will receiving the UNCHAINED Survivor Scholarship help you reach your dreams and take you from survivor to thriver?
- 3) What advice would you give to another survivor who shared a similar journey as you and what would you want him/her to know about the future?
- 4) What universities have you applied to/plan on applying to and have you already been accepted? What major will you choose and what career are you aspiring to?
- 5) Where do you see yourself in ten years? What motivates you to reach these goals? What in your experience prepared you to overcome the obstacles you will encounter?
- 6) What is your relapse prevention plan? Who will you turn to when you feel like you are going to relapse and what are your coping mechanisms in those moments?
- 7) What is your safety plan should you run in to an old pimp or john at your university? Would you be willing to talk to the Human Trafficking task force anonymously if you were able to run in to an old pimp or john?
- 8) How has human trafficking impacted your ability to seek education in the past? How has your past impacted your desire for an education now?
- 9) Is there anything else you think we should know about you, or your experience of human trafficking?
- 10) Please provide two letters of recommendation: one from a peer and one from a mentor.

I hereby faithfully acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that if awarded a scholarship under false pretenses, I will be asked to forfeit the scholarship amount. I understand that I must provide receipts and documentation for those expenses for which UNCHAINED Scholarship will pay. **I understand and agree that information provided herein and my first name only may be released to the program funders and in potential news media coverage if giving my full name would jeopardize my safety. I agree to appear at several public events as requested by UNCHAINED as long as my safety is not jeopardized by doing so.** I will receive the scholarship with several caveats- monies will be awarded on a semester basis and they must have an 80% attendance rate, I must maintain sobriety, have a quarterly check-in with UNCHAINED, submit quarterly class schedule, have a 2.5 or higher, and must explain a change of major via essay form to UNCHAINED.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Application Checklist:

- Application
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- GED/High School Transcript
- Copy of College, University or other program Acceptance Letter (if available)
- Copy of Verification of Household Income (if available)
- Apply for FASFA funds