

Mission West Virginia Inc. Scholarship Program 2017-2018 Academic Year



"A Union of Effort" is the philosophy grounding Mission West Virginia, Inc., a nonprofit organization created to collaborate with public, private and faith communities, equipping them to utilize existing resources to form new partnerships, encouraging innovative social change, and building stronger communities in West Virginia. The FrameWorks Initiative provides a variety of programs to support, build, and strengthen West Virginia families—especially youth in foster care. The **Mission West Virginia Scholarship Program** is a result of this union of effort across the state to help youth achieve their educational goals.

The **Mission West Virginia Scholarship Program** will provide at least six \$2,000 scholarships this year to help youth in their senior year of high school or older who experienced a foster care placement for 12 months, OR youth who had a parent incarcerated for 12 months during their childhood. Students meeting this criterion can utilize the funds for any post-secondary education or training program, including two or four year degree programs, vocational training or certificate program. The scholarship will help pay for tuition and fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation or computers.

- Applications are due February 17, 2017
- Recipients will be notified by March 31, 2017

Mail, Fax or Email completed applications to:

MWV Scholarship Program
168 Midland Trail, Suite 1
Hurricane, WV 25526
Fax: 304-562-0726
Phone: 866-CALL-MWV
kthompson@missionwv.org

Please visit www.missionwv.org or call 866-CALL-MWV for more information about the scholarship program.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a resident of West Virginia.
- Be a senior in high school or older.
- Be in possession of a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency (TASC/GED). High School seniors may apply before receiving their diploma, but the scholarship award is contingent upon graduation or TASC/GED.
- Plan to attend or currently attending an accredited post-secondary education or training program. This may include two or four-year degree programs, vocational training or certificate programs.

In addition, applicants must meet at least one of the following:

- Currently in OR was previously in the care and custody of the WV DHHR in an out-of-home placement, for a total of 12 months or more before your 18th birthday.
- Has had a biological parent incarcerated for 12 months or more while you were under the age of 18.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following items **MUST BE INCLUDED** with your application in order for it to be considered complete. Please double check your packet before submitting. Incomplete packets will not be reviewed.

New Applicants

- ✓ Application, including essay
- ✓ High School or college transcript (official copy is not necessary)
- ✓ If available, proof of acceptance or current attendance (may use current enrollment statement/schedule) from the post-secondary institution
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from an adult (non-relative) who knows you well
- ✓ Verification of residency in WV (i.e. driver's license, report card or school document, utility bill, benefits letter, etc...)
- ✓ Copy of ACT/SAT scores (official copy not necessary)
- ✓ Signature page

Returning applicants

- ✓ Application, including essay
- ✓ Copy of grades from first year of college/post-secondary institution
- ✓ Signature page

**MISSION WEST VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION
2017 - 2018**

Students must provide all of the information in order to have a complete application.

Applicant Information

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| Full Name (Maiden Name If Applicable): | | Birth Date: | | Age: |
| Mailing Address: | | City: | State: | Zip: |
| Email Address (if available): | | Home Phone: | Cell Phone: | |

Eligibility Information

New Applicants

Were you in custody of the WV Department of Health and Human Resources?
~~Yes~~, for how long?

OR

Have you had a parent incarcerated?
 If yes, for how long?

Returning Applicants

I am a current recipient of a MWV Scholarship.

Academic History

New Applicants

Current or last High School attended:

High School graduation year:

High School GPA:

Overall ACT or SAT score :

*If you received a GED/TASC in lieu of a high school diploma, year received:

If you have already attended an institution of higher education, please complete.

College(s) or institution attended:

Years attended:

GPA:

Returning Applicants

College or institution attended in 2016-17:

GPA for last semester of college attended:

School Information

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| Name of college or institution you plan to attend or currently attend: | |
| School Address: | I attend or plan to attend: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time |
| I will be a: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Voc./Cert. Program | I am currently seeking a/an: <input type="checkbox"/> Voc. Training/Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Field of Study: | Is program accredited? |
| Anticipated Year of College Graduation/Program Completion: | |

Miscellaneous Information

How did you hear about the Mission West Virginia Scholarship Program?

While attending school, where will you be living?

What is your work history?

Did you receive any assistance in completing this application (i.e. Guidance Counselor, parent, etc.)? If so, please list the name and relationship of the person assisting.

Financial Aid

How do you plan on funding your education (list any grants, scholarships, loans and other sources of financial aid and if it has been received)?

If received, what specifically will the Mission West Virginia Scholarship be used for?

Have you or do you plan on completing the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)?

Essay

Take time to prepare a developed, well-written, grammatically correct essay. This is your opportunity for the scholarship committee to know you individually. While GPA, ACT/SAT scores, financial need, etc. are important selection criteria, a good essay often sets one student apart from others. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and a minimum of two pages, no more than three pages. Please address the following questions in your essay.

New Applicants

- Who has had the most impact on your future plans and why?
- Pick an experience from your life and explain how it has influenced your development?
- How can you use your personal strengths and qualities to further your education?

Returning Applicants

- How was college life different from what you had anticipated?
- What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome during your college career so far?
- What has been your greatest success this past year?

Service and Awards

List major scholastic and community organizations you have participated in, community service you have performed, and awards you have received. For returning applicants, only list involvement during your most recent year of college.

In the space provided, please list anything else you wish the scholarship review committee to consider.

Disclosure and Signatures

Certification: I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of the Mission West Virginia Scholarship Program, I agree to provide documentation for information given on this form. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent me from receiving any aid. If awarded, proof of my enrollment will be provided if not already attached to this application. I agree to allow quotes or my essay in its entirety to be used by Mission West Virginia publications promoting this scholarship.

Conflict of Interest: I certify that: A) I have not a direct or indirect undisclosed business or financial relationship with Mission West Virginia. B) I have not had an immediate family member who has or had a direct or indirect business relationship with Mission West Virginia. C) I have not made myself or had an immediate family member make a large contribution to the scholarship fundraising efforts. If you can answer "yes," to any of the conflict of interest statements above, identify the person; describe the nature of the relationship with Mission West Virginia below.

Release of Information: I hereby permit the following entities to receive and disclose relevant information on an on-going basis for the purpose of providing effective and coordinated services to me while I am a participant in the MWV Scholarship Program:

- Mission West Virginia, Designated School, WV DHHR/Bureau of Children and Families, WV Division of Corrections

Signature of Applicant

Date