



2013 GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

NEW YORKERS FOR CHILDREN

New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) works in partnership with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) to improve the prospects of children supported by the child welfare system and to engage New Yorkers in that effort. With a focus on young people in foster care, NYFC supports programs that promote paths to stable adulthood through education and sustainable relationships with caring adults.

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GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The NYFC Guardian Scholars program is a comprehensive program for youth in foster care who are enrolled at Hunter College, John Jay College, and Kingsborough Community College. These youth are forced to make difficult transitions into adulthood, often without traditional family support. The Guardian Scholars program provides essential personalized wrap around services in the form of financial, academic, and emotional support to help students transition and succeed in college. Guardian Scholars receive a monthly stipend to help them cover their educational and living expenses and allow them to focus on school. The program connects these students to academic and personal resources to help them overcome challenges as they navigate college for the first time or on their own. As Guardian Scholars, they belong to a larger community where they are provided the opportunity to build relationships with other Guardian Scholars and supportive adult mentors to encourage them on their path to a college degree.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- Be a highly motivated student currently or formerly in foster care in New York City
 - If formerly in foster care, must be in care on or after 16th birthday
 - Be currently enrolled or accepted to Hunter College, John Jay College, or Kingsborough Community College
 - Be an incoming freshman or sophomore
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APPLICATION DEADLINE

We must receive your completed application by **Friday, July 12, 2013**. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

Please mail, email, or fax your application to:

Lindsay Adamski, Youth Program Coordinator
New Yorkers For Children
450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 403
New York, NY 10123
Tel: 646.257.2935
Fax: 646.257.2931
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APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

- Application Form
- Short Essay (typed)
- One Letter of Recommendation
 - Please ask a teacher, social worker, educational specialist, guidance counselor, mentor, or other adult (family member or friend not allowed) in your community who is familiar with your academic background and who can speak about your character and motivation to succeed in college
- High School and/or College Transcript
 - Student transcript is accepted. We will ask for an official transcript if you are invited for an interview
- Proof of College Enrollment
 - Official letter of acceptance or verification from Registrar's Office
- SAT or ACT scores (if available)

Please include ALL of the above application materials when submitting for consideration. If any of these materials are arriving after the deadline, please indicate when you will submit missing materials.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY WITH BLACK PEN.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender Female Male
Mailing Address _____ Apt. # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____
Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Without your accurate contact information, New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) will not be able to notify you if you are selected as a recipient. Please keep a copy of this application and send updated contact information to NYFC if your address or other information changes during the application period.

2. FOSTER CARE AGENCY/WORKER INFORMATION

Currently in foster care
 Formerly in foster care Date of discharge: _____

Agency _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Name of Agency Worker _____
Agency Worker Telephone _____ Agency Worker Email _____

3. EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School or GED Program _____
OSIS # (NYC Department of Ed ID #) _____
Year of Graduation _____
College Hunter College John Jay College
 Kingsborough Community College
Year (Starting Fall 2013) Freshman Sophomore



4. SHORT RESPONSE SECTION (PLEASE TYPE)

1. Why are you applying to be a Guardian Scholar? (1-2 paragraphs)

2. Please list some of your extracurricular activities (*sports, music and/or other school activities, etc*), community volunteer work and/or work experience. Include dates of involvement/participation. Feel free to attach your resume to this application.

3. Please list other forms of financial assistance you are currently receiving or anticipate receiving.

* Please attach additional paper if necessary and note that typewritten responses are preferred. If you must handwrite any part of this application, please use only black pen and print legibly.

5. APPLICATION ESSAY

DIRECTIONS: Please type an essay (500 words maximum) stating how a college education will help you achieve your personal goals and dreams.

6. SIGNATURES

I affirm that all statements made on this application are true. I realize that a false statement or intentional omission of any material fact may cause me to be disqualified from eligibility for this scholarship.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____



GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM

The NYFC Guardian Scholars program is a comprehensive program for youth in foster care who are accepted or currently enrolled at **Hunter College, John Jay College, or Kingsborough Community College**. Youth must be **currently in foster care** or **recently discharged from foster care** (must be in care on or after 16th birthday). Youth must be either an **incoming freshman or sophomore**. The Guardian Scholars program provides an academic scholarship that can be used towards tuition, room and board, textbooks, school supplies, and other living expenses. We provide the essential financial, academic, and emotional support for Scholars throughout their entire college experience.

Name of Applicant _____

Recommender's Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for providing a letter of recommendation in support of the above applicant's application for the NYFC Guardian Scholars Program. Your letter will be a crucial part of our selection process.

In your letter of recommendation, please be sure to address the following:

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- Please comment on the applicant's personal attributes (e.g. motivation, maturity, and drive to succeed).
- Please describe how this scholarship will assist the applicant in furthering his/her educational goals?

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