



## THE CHANGE A LIFE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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*Application due to Change a Life Foundation office no later than **March 18, 2010** (not postmarked but **delivered by**). Late applications will not be accepted.*

Change a Life Foundation operates a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors in Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange Counties and for *Emancipated Youth* throughout California.

The Change a Life Scholarship Program wishes to bridge the financial gap that college-bound students face. The donor wishes to do this by providing scholarships to students with great potential, high financial need, strong academic demonstration and community/civic involvement. Scholarships are meant to assist economically disadvantaged students who excel academically to attend the University/College of their choice, with a scholarship of up to **\$5,000** to defray *unmet needs* such as: tuition, room and board, lab fees, books, and health care insurance.

Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the College/University in the name of the scholar from the Change a Life Foundation.

A copy of the student's financial aid package must be received prior to the scholarship check being sent to the College/University. Scholarships are restricted only for the expenses listed below.

**Eligible Expenses:** Students may request a grant of up to \$5,000 for the following unmet University/College expenses:

- Tuition
- Room and Board
- Lab Fees
- Books
- Health Care Insurance

*Student must be planning on enrolling in a 4-year College/University at full-time status (12 units)*

### **Selection Criteria for Change a Life Scholarship Program**

- 12<sup>th</sup> grade student enrolling in a four-year College or University
- Weighted Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above from ninth grade to first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Minimum SAT score of 1,500
- Enrolled in and/or passed Advanced Placement (AP courses)
- Economically disadvantaged: HUD standard of poverty to serve as a guide
  - *For Reference -HUD Low Income Guidelines for a family of four:  
Orange County: \$74,400; Los Angeles County: \$63,450;  
San Diego County: \$66,100*
- U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident
- Evidence of extracurricular activities (school/community involvement/employment)
- A minimum of 40 hours of Community Service from ninth grade to first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Above average attendance
- Must graduate from an approved Change a Life Foundation High School District to receive funds (Districts within the boundaries of: Los Angeles County Department of Education, San Diego County Office of Education, or Orange County Department of Education)

### **Selection Criteria for Emancipated Youth Scholars (former foster youth)**

Scholarships up to \$5,000 are available to emancipated college-bound students throughout the State of California from the Change a Life Foundation

- 12<sup>th</sup> grade student enrolling in a four-year College or University OR students currently attending Community College may apply when transferring to a four-year College/University
- Weighted Grade Point Average of 2.75 or above from ninth grade to first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade OR 2.5 cumulative GPA from Junior College
- Minimum SAT score of 1,350 (not applicable for transfer students)
- Economically disadvantaged: HUD standard of poverty to serve as a guide
  - *For Reference -HUD Low Income Guidelines for a family of four:  
Orange County: \$74,400; Los Angeles County: \$63,450;  
San Diego County: \$66,100*
- U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident
- Evidence of extracurricular activities (school/community involvement/employment)
- Community Service
- Above average attendance
- Must be applying through the emancipated youth scholarship program, which is available to former foster youth throughout California

## **Scholarship Application Procedure**

1. Eligible candidates may apply for this scholarship by **completing the online application** and submitting (via fax or email) the additional information requested:
  - a. SAT Score Verification
  - b. Transcript of Grades
  - c. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, college/guidance counselor or mentor
  - d. Copy of your college acceptance letters to the institutions you were accepted
  - e. Copy of W2 tax forms for income verification; both parent/guardian and student
  - f. Photograph of yourself
2. Scholarship recipients will be notified in **May 2010** of their award and will be requested to **complete a scholarship contract** which is **due to the Foundation by July 9, 2010** along with the following:
  - a. Copy of financial aid award package from the College/University you will be attending
  - b. Thank you letter to the Change a Life Foundation Board of Directors
3. **Scholarship checks will be sent** to the College/University of the student's choice in **August 2010** after verification of enrollment, copy of financial aid package, and a signed contract is sent to Change a Life Foundation.

**Important Note:** *The Scholarship Award is considered pending until the above information is received and financial need is verified. There is the possibility that a student would be denied the Change a Life Foundation scholarship or have it reduced based on their lack of unmet need as shown in their financial aid package. Parent and/or student contribution is not considered unmet need.*