

PROJECT FAIRNESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***** Suggested word limits are in parentheses following each question that requires an essay style response. These word limits are suggestions only and you will not necessarily be penalized for providing shorter or lengthier responses, although the best responses tend to provide an adequate amount of detail to stand out. *****

Part 1: Biographical Information

Student Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Sex (select one): Male Female Decline to answer

Citizenship (select one): I am a U.S. Citizen. I am a U.S. permanent resident.

Other _____

Ethnicity (select all that apply below):

- Native American or Alaskan
- Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White or Caucasian
- Hispanic or Latino
- Decline to answer

Part 2: Project Fairness Scholarship

Name of educational program the scholarship would support:

Amount requested for scholarship: \$ _____

Expenses covered by scholarship (i.e., tuition, enrollment fee, books). Please list your expenses, and provide dollar figures for each:

How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals for the future? Please explain how the educational program will advance your education and career goals. (Approximately 50 words.)

Part 3: Personal Interest and Background

Please describe your career trajectory. Where do you see yourself in ten years (e.g., career, professional development, other interests, etc.)? (Approximately 100 words.)

What motivates your career choice and aspirations? How do you plan to make a difference in this field? (Approximately 100 words.)

Describe an event in your life that has shaped who you are today. What lessons did you learn and how did this experience influence your goals and approach towards life? (Approximately 200 words.)

How long have you been in foster care (please state beginning and end date, or total time in care in case of multiple placements)? *Note that Project Fairness scholarship recipients must have been in care for at least two calendar years.* (Approximately 10 words, for example: "4 years, from 2016 to 2018 and from 2020 to 2022")

Do you have any habits that you find particularly helpful to you or any you would like to change? If so, please describe a habit that you find helpful and a habit that you would like to change. Please explain why you find these habits to be helpful or unhelpful (i.e., should be changed). (Approximately 50 words.)

If you are awarded a Project Fairness scholarship, will you commit to participating in the Project Fairness mentorship program? This entails periodic meetings (or phone calls) with Project Fairness professional mentors. Mentors are assigned based on the mentee’s stated career goals and interests. Please answer yes or no, and briefly explain why or why not.

Part 4: Education

Highest grade level completed: _____

Are you currently enrolled in school, college or another program? No Yes, part time Yes, full time

If applicable, name of school, college or other program in which you are currently enrolled:

Street Address of Program: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Grade Level (if applicable): _____

High School (check one of the boxes below):

- I certify that I am a high school senior expecting to graduate this academic year.
- I certify that I am scheduled to take the exam to receive a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) this academic year.
- I certify that I have already graduated with a high school diploma or have already received a GED.
- Other (please explain): _____

Name of High School Attended: _____

Street Address of High School: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Community Activities: List and describe any community service or volunteer activities you have participated in and include an estimate of the total number of hours you spent participating in each activity.

Part 5: Employment Information

Are you currently working? (please select one) No Yes, part time Yes, full time

If you are currently working, answer the questions below:

Name of Employer: _____
Job Title: _____
Length of Employment: _____
Average number of hours worked per week: _____

Part 6: Supporting Materials

Please provide the following materials along with your completed application form (note that Project Fairness may request additional supplemental materials):

- 1) A record of your enrollment or application to the educational program the Project Fairness Scholarship would support. We will consider providing scholarships for programs that you haven't yet enrolled in at the time of your Project Fairness application, but will require that this record be submitted before the scholarship is awarded.
- 2) A letter of recommendation from an adult (such as a teacher, case worker, foster parent, employer, supervisor or mentor) who can attest to your character. Please provide their contact information as well.

Note: Your application is not complete without the record of enrollment or application, and the letter of recommendation from an adult, described in Part 6. Applications that do not include these elements will not be eligible to receive the Project Fairness Scholarship.

*******A part of our mission is to spread awareness regarding the issues that foster youth grapple with and raise awareness regarding the need for scholarships like ours. To that end, we share the success stories of the scholars we assist, and we generally ask our scholarship awardees to provide a version of a biography that we can publish. In the event that you are awarded a scholarship from us,**

by submitting this application for a Project Fairness scholarship, you are consenting to us publicizing certain information about you such as your name, school of attendance and course of study on our website, social media, fundraising materials, and email campaigns. If you have any concerns about confidentiality, please reach out to us before submitting your application, and we would be happy to explore options with you for what feels okay and safe such as having a profile with no photo, no last name, etc., or even no public profile at all.*****

By submitting this application, I certify that I understand the disclosures contained in this application form, and that the information provided about me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, I authorize the release of information about me to Project Fairness, Inc. and I consent to Project Fairness, Inc. verifying the accuracy of the information I provided. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship by Project Fairness, the scholarship funds must be used within the fall 2024 to spring 2025 academic year, although extensions of this expiration date for use of scholarship funds may be granted on a case by case basis at the sole discretion of the board of Project Fairness upon consideration of the attendant facts and circumstances.

By: _____ Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____