

PROJECT FAIRNESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***** These word limits are suggestions. We will consider responses that are longer or shorter than the suggested word limits as long as the responses are thoughtful and detailed, 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: _____

Gender (select one): ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Decline to answer

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:

Describe your personal background and how it has influenced your educational and career goals. (Approximately 200 words.)

What career field do you plan to pursue after you complete your education and what do you hope to accomplish in that field? How will this scholarship assist you in your journey? (Approximately 100 words.)

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Which personal trait has been the biggest source of strength in overcoming challenges and why?
(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”)

Describe a time when you contributed to your community and the outcome of your involvement.
(Approximately 50 words.)

We value applications written in a personal voice. We encourage you to submit responses that reflect your voice— how you think, feel, as well as who you are. We understand that authentic voices may have some grammatical errors and we also understand that some applicants may use artificial intelligence to help communicate ideas.

Did you use artificial intelligence tools (such as ChatGPT or other writing assistive technology) to help write your answers to any part of this application? If yes, please briefly describe how you used the tool (e.g., brainstorming, editing grammar, etc...)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Project Fairness scholarship recipients have the option to engage in a mentorship program. This voluntary program may involve meetings or calls with professionals based on your career goals or interests.

Are you interested in participating in the Project Fairness mentorship program? Please answer yes or no. If yes, please briefly share with us a goal, career interest, or other way in which you hope the mentorship program could support you. **Your response does not impact your candidacy for the Project Fairness scholarship.**

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 2026 to spring 2027 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: _____