



FOSTER YOUTH POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP Up to \$2,000.00

Application Criteria

1. Applicant must be a current or former dependent of the court in the foster care program of Contra Costa County.
2. Applicant must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited four-year college, community college or vocational school.
3. Applicant must be recommended by the I.L.S.P. Program Coordinator or the applicant's caseworker.
4. Submit completed application by **Tuesday June 1, 2021** c/o Don Graves, Children and Family Services, 1875 Arnold Dr. Suite #200, Martinez, CA 94553

APPLICATION

Please provide us with the following information:

1. Proof of enrollment in an accredited college or vocational school (letter of acceptance or class schedule).
2. Write an essay. In your essay, please touch upon the following topics to help us understand why you are applying for a scholarship from VESTIA.
 - a. Tell us about yourself.
 - b. What do you plan to study toward a degree?
 - c. Who in your life has been your biggest inspiration and why?
 - d. What are your passions, interests in life?
 - e. Is there an experience from your own life, which influenced your development? Please explain.
3. Copy of school transcript, if currently attending a post-secondary school.
4. Please attach your essay to the application form.
5. Review the attached sponsored-scholarships information and inform us if you also are applying for one of these.

Name: _____
Signature _____ Please print name _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Date of application: _____

I.L.S.P. Program Coordinator/caseworker signature _____

SPONSORED-SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vogt-Morentz Charitable Trust Scholarship

Andrea Washington Perseverance College Scholarship Protocol

Three scholarships of \$1,500 each may be awarded annually. An applicant

1. Has demonstrated a persistent attitude of striving for success, despite encountering obstacles and difficulties along the way; is displaying the same determination in pursuit of a post-secondary education;
2. Displays exceptional personal qualities;
3. Is currently or recently enrolled in an accredited four-year or community college, or credentialed vocational school/program; and
4. Is a former or current Contra Costa County Foster Youth.

OR

1. Is a former or current Contra Costa County Foster Youth.
2. Has been accepted into or is enrolled in a graduate degree program.

Note: Previous Andrea Washington Perseverance College Scholarship award recipients, and VESTIA, INC. Foster Youth Scholarship award recipients, also are eligible to apply.

STEM Scholarship Protocol

One scholarship of \$1,500 each may be awarded annually. An applicant

1. Is a former or current Contra Costa County Foster Youth; and
2. Is enrolled in a four-year college or university and specifically is majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; or is a community college transfer student to a four-year college or university and is specifically majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

OR

1. Is a former or current Contra Costa County Foster Youth; and
2. Has been accepted into or is enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics graduate degree program.

Note: Previous Andrea Washington Perseverance College Scholarship and VESTIA, INC. Foster Youth Scholarship award recipients also are eligible to apply.

Sergott Family Scholarships Protocol

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each may be awarded annually. An applicant

1. Is a former or current Contra Costa County Foster Youth
2. Is enrolled in an accredited college or technical school or enrolled in a formal training program (e.g. hairdresser school) or apprenticeship.

