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**2016-2017 FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Awards ranging from $500 to $4,000**

**WHO MAY APPLY?**

* **Current or former dependents of the court in the foster care program (1) of Contra Costa County and living in that county or elsewhere, or (2) of another county and living in Contra Costa County**
* High school graduates, G.E.D. recipients, or students eligible to attend or enrolled in an accredited four-year college, community college or vocational school, or

* Community college graduates transferring to an accredited four-year college or university

**To obtain an application, contact ILSP, your school counseling office or career center, or log on to diablovalley.assistanceleague.org. More information and applications will also be provided at an ILSP Scholarships Workshop in early 2017**

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**Assistance League of Diablo Valley provides funding for scholarships to help cover tuition, books and supplies, and other expenses. Scholarships will be awarded in two equal payments: (1) half on proof of registration for at least 9 units in the first term/quarter and (2) half on proof of registration for at least 9 units in the second term/quarter and a transcript showing at least a 2.0 GPA in the first term/quarter.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017.**

**Who may apply?**

* Applicant must be a current or former dependent of the court in the foster care program of Contra Costa County and living in the county or elsewhere, or a current or former dependent of the court in the foster care program of another county but living in Contra Costa County.
* Applicant must be a high school student, G.E.D. recipient, or other student eligible to attend or enrolled in an accredited four-year college, community college or vocational school, or
* Applicant must be a community college graduate transferring to an accredited four-year college or university.
* Applicant must not be an Assistance League chapter member, an Assisteens® member, the relative of a chapter member or an employee of Assistance League of Diablo Valley.

**Applications must include the following**:

* Completely filled-out application form.
* Official transcript of grades, with the official seal of the school and signed by the registrar or other designated school official. A copy of the transcript, with the seal and required signature, will also be accepted.
* Personal statement from the applicant, describing in detail the need for the scholarship. The statement should be specific about family situation, special or unusual circumstances, financial needs, work experience, school activities, community involvement, academic goals, etc.
* TWO letters of recommendation:
  + One from an advisor or faculty member, written on official school letterhead.
  + One from a member of the community, an employer, coach, or CASA volunteer advocate, describing applicant’s special circumstances, participation in community, school, church, or other activities.
* Ward of the Court verification document.

***Letters of recommendation should be submitted in sealed envelopes***

***and included with the application in one packet.***

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**Criteria for receiving the scholarship**

* + Scholarships Committee will consider each applicant’s personal circumstances, recommendations, scholastic record, financial need, and school/community activities and job experience
  + Scholarships Committee will interview semi-finalists, at which time applicants must fully disclose all other scholarships, grants or financial aid applied for or received.
  + Scholarships Committee will select recipients based on evaluation of all applications and interviews.

**Criteria for retaining the scholarship**

* Maintain student status of 9 credits or more and complete the school term for which the scholarship is paid.
* Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA or equivalent during the term for which scholarship is paid.

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**Mail your complete application with all required documents to:**

**Scholarships Chairman**

# Assistance League of Diablo Valley

**2711 Buena Vista Avenue**

**Walnut Creek, CA 94597**

Faxed or e-mailed applications or transcripts will not be accepted.

**Applications must be received in our office on or before Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Please retain copies of all materials submitted for your records.

Applications and other material will not be returned.

All scholarship recipients will be notified by April 30, 2017



# FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**Deadline Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

PERSONAL

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Number & Street/Apt. No. City Zip code

Email address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates in Foster Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ward of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

School currently attending:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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School address – number & street City Zip code

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School telephone number

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, EMPLOYMENT (attach additional page if necessary)

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| School and community activities | Dates | Hours per year |
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| Employment | Dates; hours per week | Job responsibilities |
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COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PLANS: List schools to which you have applied or to which you plan to apply and provide the following information for each.

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| College or vocational school | I have applied | I have been  accepted |
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What do you plan to study? What are your occupational goals?

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FINANCIAL PLANNING: ESTIMATED RESOURCES

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| **ESTIMATED RESOURCES** | Yes or no |
| Did you file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? |  |
| Did you file a Chaffee Grant Program Application? |  |
| Have you been notified that you will receive a Pell Grant? If yes, for how much? |  |
| Did you submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification form? Will you receive a Cal Grant? For how much? |  |
| Will you receive a Community Colleges Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW)? |  |
| Other scholarships and financial aid applied for: |  |
| Other scholarships and financial aid received, with amounts: |  |
| Expected school year employment income |  |

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FINANCIAL PLANNING: ESTIMATED EXPENSES

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| **ESTIMATED SCHOOL YEAR EXPENSES** | **AMOUNT** |
| Tuition and fees |  |
| Books and supplies |  |
| Room and board (rent, utilities, food) |  |
| Transportation |  |
| Clothing |  |
| Miscellaneous (cell phone, other bills) |  |
| **TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES** |  |

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I certify that all information in this application is true and correct. I understand that my application will be read and reviewed by volunteers in Assistance League of Diablo Valley’s Scholarships Program. All information will remain confidential.

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Applicant’s signature Date

Where did you learn about our scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Checklist: please remember that to be complete, your application must include the following:

( ) Application Form ( ) School Letter of Recommendation

( ) Personal Statement ( ) Community Letter of Recommendation

( ) Transcript ( ) Ward of the Court Verification