



UNITED FRIENDS *of the* CHILDREN

Scholars Program

10th Grade Application

Congratulations! You have been identified as an outstanding candidate for the **Scholars Program!**

What is United Friends of the Children?

United Friends empowers current and former foster youth on their journey to self-sufficiency through service-enriched education and housing programs, advocacy, and consistent relationships with a community of people who care. The United Friends team is committed to ensuring that current and former foster youth have access to high quality education and the opportunity to pursue their academic goals at bachelor's degree granting institutions or community colleges.

Why join the Scholars Program?

United Friends scholars receive **academic and personal support** through interactive relationships with staff and fellow scholars. In addition, the program offers:

- One-on-one support from a college counselor
- Fun bonding events and activities
- Academic and test preparation
- College matching and application support
- Growth through career discovery and enrichment
- Persistence grants to assist with unforeseen financial emergencies in college

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered, you must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be an LA County foster youth with an open case (including reunification and family maintenance) or those in kinship or Legal Guardianship placements
- Be a current sophomore in high school
- Have plans to enroll in a college or university right after high school
- Attend an information session and in-person interview.
- Attend an overnight retreat in early August, date to be determined.

To be considered, please submit a completed application **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. We look forward to learning more about you and welcoming you into this prestigious group of scholars. If you have any questions about the Scholars Program, or the application process, please feel free to call Carol Larkin at 213.975.1386 or email her at clarkin@unitedfriends.org.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered, please complete the enclosed application and return with the following materials to United Friends **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**:

- ❑ Copy of current high school transcript including cumulative GPA (official or unofficial)
- ❑ One short answer response
- ❑ Recommendation form *OPTIONAL*

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE PACKAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

MAIL:

United Friends of the Children
Attn: Carol Larkin
1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1955
Los Angeles, CA 90017

EMAIL: clarkin@unitedfriends.org

FAX: 213-580-1820

NEXT STEPS:

Applicants will receive an email confirming we've received your application materials.

Applicants invited to participate in Round Two of the selection process will be required to attend an **in-person information session and interview**.

Applicants invited to join the program will be required to attend **an overnight retreat from August 7-9**.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Please complete the enclosed application and return it to United Friends by April 16, 2018. Feel free to attach additional paper if you require more space.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ CELL: _____

OTHER: _____ Preferred #: HOME CELL OTHER

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____ ETHNICITY: _____ GENDER: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED: _____ NUMBER OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS: _____

TYPE OF PLACEMENT (please check the box for the appropriate response):

RELATIVE CARE (not KIN-GAP) KIN-GAP NON-RELATIVE CARE GROUP HOME

LEGAL GUARDIAN, DATE: _____ ADOPTION, DATE: _____
(Adopted students must be ILP eligible to be considered)

DATE WHEN YOU ENTERED CARE: MONTH: _____ YEAR: _____ AGE AT TIME: _____

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PLACEMENT CHANGES SINCE ENTERING CARE: _____

LENGTH OF TIME AT CURRENT PLACEMENT: _____

CAREGIVER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CAREGIVER EMAIL: _____

SOCIAL WORKER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SOCIAL WORKER EMAIL: _____

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ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

List any extracurricular activities or programs (inside or outside of school) in which you have participated (e.g. work, clubs and organizations, sports, band, volunteer groups, student government, church, caring for family members, etc.):

| Name of Activity or Program | Title and Role | Years of Involvement | | | | Hours/Week | Weeks/Year |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----|------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | | Middle School | 9th | 10th | Total # of years | | |
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SHORT ANSWERS

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer one short answer question.

Note: Your answer should be about 150 words in length.

- Describe an accomplishment you are most proud of. How does that accomplishment define you?
- Why would you like to attend college? Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college? (e.g., cultural/financial background, family, teachers, and schools you attended)? Please explain.
- Tell us about a time you needed someone to assist or support you through a difficult situation or disagreement. Describe the situation and your process for finding that support?
- How has your time in care impacted your life as a student?

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcript that includes your fall semester grades of your sophomore year.



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10th GRADE APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION FORM

Note: This section is optional and can be filled out by a teacher, counselor, social worker, mentor, etc.

To the Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts on the students applying for the Scholars Program of United Friends of the Children. This program is committed to ensuring that current and former foster youth have access to high quality education and the opportunity to pursue their academic goals at a Bachelor's Degree Granting Institution or at a Community College. Your candid insight will help us ensure our program is a good fit this scholar. Your time and effort are appreciated.

Name of student you are recommending: _____

Recommender's Name *Relationship to Student*

School/Organization and Title *Phone Number* *Email*

| I recommend this student to join the Scholars Program... | Not Recommended | Recommended with Reservations | Enthusiastically Recommended |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| For academic potential | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For character and personal promise | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For ability to work well with others | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overall recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for the Scholars Program? What behaviors has this student demonstrated to you that show he/she will benefit from this opportunity?

2. Describe any long term goals or aspirations that this student has expressed to you.

3. Please describe any additional comments/concerns.

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