



FreshSouls Scholarship Application

“Inspiring The Future”

FreshSouls shall award scholarships to students graduating from Akron Ohio Public School System through charitable contributions.

FreshSouls Scholarship Fund provides financial support to students who demonstrate financial hardships but maintain high academic success.

FreshSouls along with our donors support the idea that education is the instrumental factor in the future achievements of any young person. Scholarships are available for graduates of Akron Public Schools, specified majors and other requirements as listed on the scholarship application.

FreshSouls is committed to assisting any student interested in pursuing a post high school degree and **FreshSouls** works hard to support the dreams of any student through the assistance of **FreshSouls Scholarship Fund**.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Students must:

1. Must be at least 17 years old. First time applicant shall not be older than 21. Some exceptions may be considered.
2. Must be a high school graduate. GEDs are acceptable
3. First time applicants must be able to apply for scholarship fund within **one** year of graduating from high school or receiving a GED
4. Complete the scholarship application and abide by all its requirements.
5. Must be a full time student entering a four-year College or University, Junior/Community College or Vocational trade school.
6. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA or greater.
7. Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.

TIMELINE:

1. Both new and renewal applications are due **May 15, 2015**.
2. Candidates that are eligible for interviews will be notified by the Scholarship Committee (Board of Advisors) by **June 2015**.
3. Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by **July 2015**.

PROCEDURES:

1. Applicants must submit **FreshSouls** Scholarship Application in its entirety.
2. Scholarships are awarded based on a traditional academic schedule. A recipient is only eligible for one scholarship during the academic year; the academic year is made up of terms defined as follows: fall semester (August-December), and spring semester (January-May).
3. Student must apply for the FASFA Student Aid Application.
4. Students shall submit a copy of the FASFA Student Aid Report (SAR), the document receives once his/her FASFA application has been processed. This document provides information regarding financial need and eligibility.
5. Scholarship money is available for **Tuition** and **Books** only.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

1. Completed application form.
2. Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
3. Three academic references. (One from a guidance counselor **And** two from a teacher)
4. Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school of studies.
5. **In addition to this form, please submit a 250 word summary describing an experience where you were unsuccessful in achieving your goal. Include what lessons you learn from that experience, how has the neighborhood you've grown up in molded you into the person you are today, why have you chosen to spend the next four years of your life in college.**

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

1. Scholarships may be renewed annually if entering a full time program, and up to three times for a total of 4 years of study, if recipients maintain a 2.5 average GPA or higher.
 2. A personal statement describing their experience during their academic year and what they have learned that will help them move forward in life.
 3. Completed application form.
 4. Students must provide a transcript for consideration. Students may provide a transcript printed from an online college record through the prior semester or an official transcript. Awards will be made provisionally pending receipt of final grades from spring semester of that year.
- **Renewal applications are due by Friday, May 15, 2015.**

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

1. All recipients must apply for a Pell Grant.
2. If applicant is awarded a scholarship, four-hundred and eighty volunteer hours per academic semester for (1) year and must be worked within **FreshSouls** charitable organization. Volunteer hours are counted beginning of the semester in August and ends in December then in the beginning of January and ends in April 1st the following year.
3. All scholarship recipients will coordinate a plan for how they will meet their service requirement with **FreshSouls** Volunteer Coordinator after accepting the scholarship and before beginning their college studies.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

“INSPIRING THE FUTURE”

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FRESHSOULS

P.O BOX 534

AKRON, OHIO, 44309

Application 2015-must be filled out by applicant.

Please check one of the following: New Scholarship applicant _____ Scholarship Renewal _____
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Please type on a separate sheet or print your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.			
1			
Last Name:			
First Name:			
2 Mailing Address::			
Street: _____			
City:		State:	ZIP:
3			
Daytime Telephone Number: ()			
Email address: _____			
4			
Current High School: Number of years attended HS:			
5			
I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2012:			

Address/ Phone			
6			
What year will you enter school? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior			
7			
Will you be a full time student?			

8			
Will you be a commuting student? Will you live on campus?			

If you are not living on campus, where will you be living? _____	
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Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)	
Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.	
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ACT Score: _____	
Or	
SAT Score: _____	
A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.	
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Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space.	
Name (s) _____	
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____	
ZIP: _____	
Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	
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List the name of any college you have attended.	
Year	
Began	
Year	
Ended Year	
Graduated	
Type of Degree	
Received	
A.	

B.
C.
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What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?
14 List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable) Make additional comments if needed.
A. Tuition: Amount: \$
B. Books: Amount: \$
C. Other expenses: Amount: \$
D. Other expenses: Amount: \$ “
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List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:
A. Personal: Amount: \$
B. Other Scholarship(s): Amount: \$
C. Grants: Amount: \$
C. Student Loan(s): Amount: \$
D. Other Financial Resources: Amount: \$

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

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SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
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AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?
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ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
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RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.

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GOALS: What are the short and long term goals for your life?
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NEED: Please explain your need for the Bethlehem Center Scholarship
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CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?
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A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)
C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.
YES
NO
Two reference forms. Your references will mail these to the Bethlehem Center marked attention Renee Bromfield/ Scholarship Committee.
YES
NO
Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
YES
NO
Most recent official high school or official college transcript. Photocopies of your transcript are not acceptable.
YES
NO
Answers to questions 1-22

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the **FreshSouls** Scholarship Fund is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the “Inspiring The Future” Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to **FreshSouls** scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Witness _____

Date: _____