

## DCF Scholarship Application for Youth in Out-of-Home Care

**NOTE: Instructions for completing application are on page 1. Page 2 is the actual application.**

**Use of form:** The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Scholarship Program awards scholarship funds for youth who have been in out-of-home care and are entering a degree, license or certificate program. Provision of your social security number (SSN) is voluntary; not providing it could result in an information processing delay. Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be used for school payment purposes only. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s. 15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a DCF Scholarship award, the applicant must:

- Have been in out-of-home care (OHC) placement (foster home, group home, residential care center or court ordered under Ch. 48 Kinship Care) for at least six months after the age of 15 and left OHC at age 18; or
- Have been in OHC placement for at least six months after the age of 15 and went to Subsidized Guardianship or Ch. 48 Guardianship or adopted after the age of 16.
- Aged out of OHC placement in another state but has become a resident of Wisconsin prior to attending a Wisconsin postsecondary institution.
- Be accepted into a postsecondary institution (i.e., college, vocational or technical program) at the time the application is submitted.
- Be age 20 or less, unless enrolled in a postsecondary program and receiving the DCF Scholarship on his / her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, extending eligibility to age 23.

Scholarships may be awarded up to the cost of attendance and may not exceed \$5,000. Funds for all scholarships **will be paid directly to the institution**. Funds may not be used for outreach, enrichment, special student programs or any other program participation costs. Unused funds will be returned to the DCF.

### Instructions:

This form must be fully completed for scholarship consideration. Incomplete forms will be returned to the applicant. A new form must be completed for each award requested. In addition, the following documents are required:

- A fully completed DCF application form, and
- For first time applicants, a copy of the acceptance letter from the institution of higher education.
- For applicants previously receiving this scholarship award, proof of successful completion of the prior semester(s). A copy of grades and / or college credits earned during the period in which this scholarship was received must be included **with** the application.
- For applicants over 21 years old, proof that you were attending college and participating in the DCF Scholarship Program when you turned 21.

### Send completed application to:

Foster care youth from Milwaukee County

Mary L. Kennedy, Program Coordinator  
Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare  
1555 N. Rivercenter Drive, Suite 220  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Telephone Number: (414) 220-7035  
Email: mary.kennedy@wisconsin.gov  
Fax Number: (414) 220-7062

Foster care youth from counties and tribes outside  
of Milwaukee County

Christine Lenske, Independent Living Coordinator  
Department of Children and Families  
P.O. Box 8916  
Madison, WI 53708-8916  
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