



Alumni Scholarship Application

About the Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Completion of the Winning Futures mentoring program or Keys to College Program
- A current high school senior or an alum who will be enrolled in a university, community college, technical or apprenticeship program, vocational or trade school, or other certificate programs in 2020

Scholarships can be used for any of the following:

- Tuition payments at a community college or university
- Technical training
- Apprenticeship training
- Certificate programs
- Other related educational costs

Amount: \$2,500 or \$5,000

Previous alumni scholarship award recipients are eligible to apply if they were awarded a scholarship totaling in less than \$5,000. All alumni who have already been awarded \$5,000 in alumni scholarship funds are not eligible to apply.

Application Process

1. Application

- Use the scholarship application instructions to complete all parts of the application packet
- Essay must be mailed and postmarked by March 30, 2020

2. Essay Judging

- Judges will read and score your essay based on:
 - Quality
 - Adherence to all listed essay requirements, including font, spacing, and margins
 - Responses to the questions

All submissions become the property of Winning Futures and may be used to promote the organization and its mission.

Scholarship Application Instructions

Step 1: Complete online application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlumniScholarship19-20> by March 31, 2020.

Step 2: Write and print your essay. Further instructions below.

Directions:

- Answer all five essay questions listed below with great detail
- Type essays with size 12, Times New Roman font, single-spaced, and one-inch margins
- In the header of each page, type your name, email, and phone number
- Type the number and question before each answer
- 4 copies required – staple each copy and paperclip all four together

1. Where will you be in one year?

Tips: (Minimum one paragraph but may exceed) Talk about what you plan to accomplish in the next year. Include details about how you will be successful in your college or other continuing education program, how it will help you towards your long-term career goal, obstacles you may encounter, and detailed action steps you will take.

2. Describe a time when you failed at something. What did you do next?

Tips: (Minimum two paragraphs but may exceed) Be sure to talk about what you failed at and what you learned as a result. Discuss how you bounced back from that failure.

3. Describe your long-term career goal.

Tips: (Minimum 4 paragraphs but may exceed) Include the career you are pursuing, how that career matches your strengths and values, why it is the right fit for you, and what training you will need to reach that goal. Take some time to discuss the obstacles that may stop you from reaching your goal and what you plan to do to overcome them.

4. Describe how the Winning Futures program has equipped you to be successful in your career plans.

Tips: (Minimum two paragraphs but may exceed) Discuss your long-term career goals, what you learned in the Winning Futures program that helped you progress towards your goals, and how your Winning Futures mentor/staff person impacted you. Please be detailed.

5. Write out the acceptance speech you would present if you were to win the Winning Futures scholarship.

Tips: (Minimum one paragraph but may exceed) Include who you would like to thank and why, how Winning Futures impacted you or what you learned, and how the scholarship will help you in your future.

Step 3: Sign and print the photo and video permission slip.

Photo and Video Permission Slip

Winning Futures may use scholarship essays, photos, and/or videos of scholarship applicants and winners to honor and recognize the students publicly at the awards event, in publications, with the media, and other ways to help promote Winning Futures and its mission. Applicants must return this signed form to be eligible for the scholarship. I hereby give my permission for my (or my student's) name, likeness (photo or video), and story to be used for the purpose of promoting Winning Futures and its mission.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

If applicant is under 18, please complete below:

Printed Parent or Guardian's Name

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Student's Name: _____

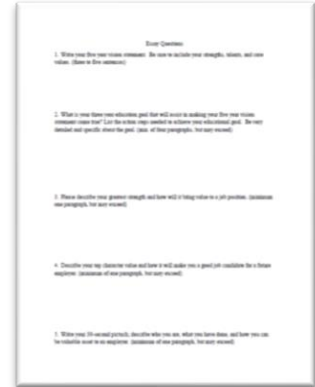
Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Step 4: Compile the application packet and postmark by January 10, 2019.

1. Print 4 copies of your essay answers and staple each separately.
2. Print and sign one copy of the photo and video release form.
3. Place all 5 items into a large envelope and send to:

Winning Futures Alumni Scholarship Program
27500 Cosgrove
Warren, MI 48092



Print essay pages 4 times



Print photo release 1 time

Additional Instructions

- Deadline for entries is March 31, 2020. It **MUST** be postmarked by this date.
- Questions? Contact Katherine Morgan at 586-698-4387 or Kathy@WinningFutures.org
- Winners will be announced by April 14, 2020.
- **Winners should plan to attend the Awards Celebration on June 17, 2020, 6-8:30pm, in metro-Detroit.**