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*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use
to change the world.” ~Nelson Mandela*

The Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund

The Calahan Foundation, an Illinois 501(c)(3), has established the Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund. The goal is to aid students who demonstrate excellence in education and a financial need.

Each year four (4) new scholars are awarded \$5,000.00 payable over a 4-year period. To qualify the applicant must be a graduating high school senior who has demonstrated academic excellence (minimum G.P.A. 3.0) and a financial need. A letter of acceptance to a 4-year university or college is required. The first distribution of \$2,000.00 is paid after the scholar's first semester. A minimum 2.5 G.P.A. is required along with an official transcript. The scholar should expect to receive payment at his/her institution by the end of January. All subsequent distributions of \$1,000.00 over the next 3 years have the same requirements as the 1st distribution.

Calahan Foundation's newest initiative is the Calahan League of College Scholars (CLOCS) Mentor Program. Our mentoring program extends our reach further into the lives of our scholars. The CLOCS Mentor Program prepares new scholars to successfully transition into college through workshops. It keeps returning scholars moving forward with the help of mentors and summer internships as they become available. All scholarship recipients will be inducted into CLOCS. They are required to attend the Induction Ceremony, which will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the foundation headquarters. Scholars are encouraged to attend one of the following events:

Annual 5K Run4Life Run/Walk – To Be Determined
Celebration of Giving Benefit Gala – Saturday, December 8, 2018
Annual Coat & Toy Giveaway – December 2018
CLOCS Winter Social – January, January 3, 2019
CLOCS Summer Soirée – Date to be determined

Additionally, the scholars will be required to take photos with the foundation's photographer and participate in a video interview regarding receiving a scholarship award. ***Please note that by submitting this application you give Calahan Foundation all rights to use photos and videos as deemed necessary and that the scholars are not entitled to any compensation associated with the donations received as a result.***

Applications acceptance period:	March 1 - May 1, 2018
Candidate Interviews:	To be determined
Scholarship Awardees announced:	July 1, 2018
Scholarship funds disbursed:	January (after the 1st college semester official transcripts are required)
<u>APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE: MAY 1, 2018 at 5:00 PM</u>	
<p>Your application and all required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm CST or postmarked by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.</p> <p>Please mail or hand deliver your application packet to: Calahan Foundation, NFP 7030 S. Halsted St., Suite 200 Chicago, IL 60621</p>	

Applications received after the deadline date will not be accepted. Additionally, if any items below are missing from your application it will not be considered.

Please confirm that you have included each of the following required items before submitting your application:

1.	Completed and Signed Application Form	[] Enclosed
2.	Official Transcripts (most recent completed semester)	[] Enclosed
3.	Two Letters of Recommendation	[] Enclosed
4.	Answer Essay Questions Attached (double-spaced and typewritten) 2 copies	[] Enclosed
5.	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)	[] Enclosed
6.	Letter of Acceptance to an Accredited College/University	[] Enclosed

Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund Application Form

PLEASE TYPE/PRINT CLEARLY!

Student Full Name		
Mailing Address <i>(Permanent)</i>		
City, State, Zip Code		
Phone Number		Date of Birth
Email Address		

High School Name		
High School Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
High School Phone Number		
Current G.P.A. <i>(Minimum 3.0)</i>		
Highest ACT/SAT Score	Reading	Math
	Writing	Composite
Honors (Awards/Activities/Accolades) <i>(Please attach any supporting information/documentation)</i>		

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College/Universities Applied to <i>(Circle One)</i>	1.	Accepted	Denied
	2.	Accepted	Denied
	3.	Accepted	Denied

Parent/Guardian Full Name	
Mailing Address <i>(Permanent)</i>	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

If selected, you will be available for an interview *(Circle One)*: YES or NO

****Note: Ten (10) applicants will be selected for an in-person interview.***

Applicant Certification	
I certify that this application is true, complete and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as a part of this application will result in disqualification. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I hereby give permission for my information, name and or picture to be used in press releases or other media outlets identifying me as a recipient of the Calahan Foundation Scholarship.	
Applicant's Full Name <i>(print)</i>	Parent/Guardian's Full Name <i>(print)</i>
Applicant's Signature	Parent/Guardian's Signature
Date	Date

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please complete each essay question in 500 words or less.

1. What life experience has influenced your decision to pursue a college degree?
2. What will your major be in college and why?
3. What challenge or hardship have you had to overcome that will make this scholarship have an impact on your life?

<u>Rubric Point System for Essay Guidelines</u> <i>(Please include copies of the essay questions!)</i>	POINTS
All sentences begin with a capital letter	5
Proper Punctuation	20
All sentences are grammatically correct	25
All sentences must be directly related to the question	25
Topic must be relevant to question	25

**If all items are not submitted, your application will not be considered.*

**We will not accept late applications.*

**If you have more than 4 mistakes, your final points will equal zero.*

**All application packets must be computer-generated with a hardcopy original delivered via mail or by hand.*

**Your parent or guardian signature is required.*