



Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Application 2022 Overview

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 2021 - 2022 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. All applicants must live within Cook County in Illinois. Funds are awarded upon the student maintaining a 2.5 G.P.A. and submitting a official copies of their fall semester transcripts.

Students who receive scholarships are also inducted into 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 and persist to graduation and beyond. All scholarship recipients are expected to attend our monthly virtual mentor video sessions. All scholarship recipients will also be required to attend our Annual Induction Ceremony, which will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm. More details to come!

Scholars are also encouraged to attend as many of the following events as possible:

Annual 5K Run/Walk – Summer 2022
Celebration of Giving Benefit Gala – December 2022
Annual Community Outreach – Date to be determined
CLOCS Winter Social – Date to be determined

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

If you have any questions during the completion of this application, please send an email to scholarship@calahanfoundation.org.

Key Dates

Applications acceptance period:	March 1, 2022 - May 1, 2022
Applicant Interview Dates:	Interviews will be completed by June 15th
Scholarship Awardees announced by:	June 30th
Scholarship funds disbursed:	January (after the 1st college semester official transcripts are required)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE is May 1, 2022, by 11:59 PM CST.

Our preferred method for receiving submissions is by email. Please email all documents to scholarship@calahanfoundation.org by 11:59 pm CST on May 1, 2022. Make sure your files



include your name and the description of the file. For example, Jason Smith - Letter of Reference or Jenny Brooks - High School Transcript.

If you have to mail it, please complete the online application and all required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm CST or postmarked by May 1, 2022, at the address below.

Please mail or hand deliver your application packet to:
Calahan Foundation, NFP
7030 S. Halsted St., Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60621
ATTN: Scholarship Committee

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:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- Official Transcripts (most recent completed semester)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (signed)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) – All pages must be submitted.
- Letter of Acceptance to an Accredited College/University
- Current Professional headshot (like a graduation photo without the cap and gown)
- Essay Questions (double-spaced and typed). Please provide a separate essay answer for each of the first three questions below. Each answer should be 500 words or less. Please note the fourth question is optional and only if you meet the requirements.

1. **Question #1:** What life experience has influenced your decision to pursue a college degree?
2. **Question #2:** What will your major be in college and why?
3. **Question #3:** What challenge or hardship have you had to overcome that will make this scholarship have an impact on your life?
4. **Hadiya Pendleton “Stop the Violence” Scholarship**

The Hadiya Pendleton “Stop the Violence” Scholarship was created in memory of Hadiya Pendleton. She was tragically shot and killed while standing with friends inside Harsh Park in Kenwood community of Chicago. As a student at King College Prep High School, she was killed only one week after performing at events for President Barack Obama’s second inauguration. First Lady Michelle Obama attended the funeral. Students are eligible to apply for this separate scholarship if they have been victims of and/or are an advocate against gun violence. *Note: This question extra and is not required.*

Do you meet the requirements to be considered for the Hadiya Pendleton “Stop the Violence” Scholarship? If yes, please share how you have been a



victim of and/or an advocate against gun violence when you submit your essay question responses. Please note: your response should be in addition to the current essay questions listed below.

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