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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

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 2019 - 2020 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. The first distribution of \$2,000.00 is paid after the scholar's first semester. Funds are awarded upon the student maintaining a 2.5 G.P.A. and submitting an official copy of their fall semester 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.

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 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the foundation headquarters.**

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

Annual 5K House Music Run/Walk – Saturday, August 29, 2020
Celebration of Giving Benefit Gala – Saturday, December 12, 2020
Annual Community Outreach – Date to be determined
CLoCS Winter Social – January 2021



Applications acceptance period:	March 1, 2020 - May 1, 2020
Applicant Interview Dates:	June 1 – 12, 2020
Scholarship Awardees announced:	June 17, 2020
Scholarship funds disbursed:	January (after the 1st college semester official transcripts are required)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE: MAY 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Your application and all required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm CST or postmarked by May 1, 2020.

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:

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) - 1 Copy	[] Enclosed
5.	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) – All pages must be submitted.	[] 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>		



Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund Application Form (continued)

Do you currently reside in Cook County in Illinois? YES or NO

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



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.

Do you meet the requirements to be considered for the Hadiya Pendleton “Stop the Violence” Scholarship? (Circle One): YES or NO

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.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please provide a separate essay answer for each question below. Each answer should be 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?

**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 submissions must be typed.*

**Your parent or guardian signature is required.*