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## FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY AND REQUIREMENTS

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This scholarship is offered by CHOICE Education Foundation (the "Foundation"). It is a full-ride scholarship available to one incoming freshman at a publicly funded Colorado college or university, including community and technical colleges. This scholarship includes tuition, fees, and all required books for a maximum of four years. This is a "last resort" scholarship, meaning that CHOICE Scholarship funds cover only the eligible tuition and fees that remain after all other scholarships, financial aid, and grants, have been applied.

### **Purpose of the Scholarship**

To provide financial aid to students with a demonstrated dedication to community service, financial need, and commitment to academic excellence.

### **Requirements and Details**

1. Only Colorado residents may apply. A completed CHOICE Application Form must be submitted to the Foundation by email to [mdave@hcnwf-law.com](mailto:mdave@hcnwf-law.com), or by mail or hand-delivery to 5350 S. Roslyn St., Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. **THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 12, 2018**. The Foundation must **receive** your application by this deadline, so please consider potential delays if mailing your materials.
2. **The Foundation will not consider any applications received after the deadline under any circumstances.** Nor will it consider timely-submitted applications that are incomplete on their face or that fail to include all required supporting documents. If you are relying on counselors, advisors, or other people to gather materials and submit them on your behalf, it is **your** responsibility to ensure that all materials are complete and submitted by the deadline.
3. Finalists must attend an in-person interview and must arrange interviews with a student advisor, counselor and/or teacher, and with the finalist's parent(s) or guardian(s), based on the CHOICE interviewing committee's scheduling preference.
4. **Once awarded, the scholarship recipient must:**
  - a. **Register for and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.**
  - b. **Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50.**
  - c. **Perform a minimum of 25 documented hours of community service each year of college, which shall be directly related to the community service project(s) that the scholarship recipient and her/his mentor agree upon.**
  - d. **Adhere to the Foundation's Code of Conduct (see attached).**
  - e. **Adhere to all of the policies stated within this Summary and Requirements statement.**
  - f. **Apply for, and continue to remain eligible to receive, financial aid each year of college by making satisfactory academic progress.**
  - g. **Apply all other scholarships, financial aid, and grants to tuition and fees each semester/quarter prior to receiving CHOICE Scholarship funds. Should the recipient qualify for other scholarships, grants, or financial awards after CHOICE Scholarship funds have already been applied to tuition and fees, the recipient must reimburse the Foundation with those newly-awarded funds.**
5. Once awarded, the Foundation may revoke this scholarship should the recipient fail to satisfy one or more of the requirements mentioned above in paragraph 4. The Foundation further reserves the right to revoke this scholarship based on conduct unbecoming a scholarship recipient as determined by the Foundation in its sole discretion.
6. The scholarship is not transferrable. Once awarded and submitted to the Colorado college or university of the individual's choice, it cannot be transferred to another college or university without the prior written permission of the Foundation, in its sole discretion.

7. If the scholarship recipient withdraws from school, the balance of any scholarship funds already remitted to the college or university by the Foundation on the recipient's behalf must be immediately refunded and returned to the Foundation.
8. The Foundation will pay scholarship funds directly to the college/university each semester or quarter, as applicable.
9. These scholarship funds include payment for the recipient's room and board while living on-campus. The Foundation has **no obligation** to provide any funds to cover the recipient's rent, meals, or other costs of living should the recipient move to off-campus housing. Further, these scholarship funds do not apply to the costs of study abroad programs.
10. It is the Foundation's preference that our recipients refrain from working during their first year of college in order to focus on their studies and on meeting the GPA requirements of this scholarship program. The scholarship recipient may not work during their first year without receiving prior permission from the Foundation. If working appears to be a necessity, the recipient must discuss this need with a member of the Board of Directors prior to accepting a job.
11. The scholarship recipient must provide a photo of themselves for the Foundation's use in marketing and promoting the CHOICE scholarship through social media (CHOICE website, Facebook, Twitter, or other social media) and print media and materials. By accepting the scholarship, the recipient authorizes the Foundation to use his or her name and likeness in the Foundations' public marketing materials.
12. Once each semester, the recipient must provide the Foundation with a statement describing the impact the scholarship has had on the recipient's life and updating the Foundation on the recipient's college experience and their community service project(s). This statement may be used by the Foundation to market the scholarship.
13. This scholarship applies to all remaining tuition and fees after application of grants and other scholarships received by the recipient.

### **Application Materials**

**14. All materials listed below must be timely submitted in order for your application to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Foundation under any circumstances:** (You can use the below boxes to check-off your progress as you complete each step.)

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM**
- OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**
- APPLICANT'S LETTER TO THE FOUNDATION:** *Two-page limit.* Typed is preferred. The letter should discuss: (a) the applicant's background; (b) goals; (c) community involvement; and (d) financial need.
- FINANCIAL AID FORM:** Requires *both* the applicant's signature and that of the Financial Aid Officer at the College/University where the applicant has been accepted (assuming the applicant has been accepted as of the time of his or her application).
- COPY OF PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S MOST CURRENT AND COMPLETED TAX RETURN:** This information is kept strictly confidential and is used by the Foundation solely in consideration of the applicant's financial need, and for no other purpose. Please redact, mark-out, or black-out any social security numbers. If your parents/guardians do not file tax returns, then contact Mychael Dave at [mdave@hcnwf-law.com](mailto:mdave@hcnwf-law.com) to discuss potential application options. This discussion must occur before the application deadline and any alternate documentation requested pursuant to that discussion must be provided by the application deadline.
- FIRST LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** *One-page limit.*
- SECOND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** *One-page limit*
- LIST OF HONORS, WORK EXPERIENCE, AND/OR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Please provide this as a separate list; do not include it as part of the Applicant's Letter.
- SIGNED CHOICE EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT**

*\*Please do not staple or paperclip any of the above materials.*

## **CHOICE Education Foundation Scholarship Code of Conduct**

Those selected to receive the CHOICE Scholarship are chosen in part based on their character and the utmost faith the CHOICE Board of Directors has decided to place in you to honor and protect the CHOICE name, brand, and reputation. This Code of Conduct establishes expected behavior of all CHOICE Scholarship Recipients ("Recipient(s)"). All Recipients are expected to uphold the CHOICE standards, which include abiding by federal, state, and local laws, and adhering to all policies and standards of conduct of the college or university you attend, and this Code of Conduct.

Recipients who violate these standards will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the CHOICE Education Foundation Scholarship program and revocation of the scholarship, in the Foundation's sole discretion. Recipients of the scholarship are responsible for their conduct from the time this scholarship is awarded, through graduation.

This Code of Conduct applies to any behavior of a Recipient, whether it occurs on or off campus. Any Recipient found to have committed, or to have attempted to commit, the following misconduct is subject to disciplinary sanctions:

1. Academic Misconduct
  - a. Plagiarism, including any representation of another's work or ideas as one's own in academic and educational submissions.
  - b. Cheating, including any actual or attempted use of resources not authorized by the instructor(s) for academic submissions.
  - c. Fabrication, including any falsification or creation of data, research or resources to support academic submissions.
2. Dishonesty
  - a. Intentionally giving false or misleading information to CHOICE or an official of the institution.
  - b. Any forgery, misuse, misrepresentation, or unauthorized alteration of any CHOICE materials. This includes, but is not limited to, the inclusion of false information on any forms or documents submitted to CHOICE.
3. Disorderly Conduct
  - a. Any act, display, or communication that is disruptive, lewd, or indecent or causes a disruption of the educational, administrative, residential or other aspect of the campus and/or learning environment of the attending institution.
4. Drug Misuse
  - a. Possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of any illegal drug, or any unlawful possession or misuse of any prescription drug or other controlled substance.
  - b. Any act which causes a person to ingest any illegal or prescription drug or other controlled substance without their effective consent.
5. Endangerment
  - a. Any act that directly or indirectly creates a substantial risk to anyone's health or safety (including one's own health or safety) regardless of intent.
6. Harassment
  - a. Any act, display or communication that causes substantial injury or distress or would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety when it specifically targets any group or individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, or veteran status.
  - b. Any act, display, or communication that causes substantial injury or distress or would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety regardless of intent. This includes, but is not limited to, coercion, intimidation, or unwanted sexual advances.
  - c. Any attempt to repeatedly make contact with a person regardless of their stated objections, when that contact serves no legitimate purpose. This includes, but is not limited to, intentionally following another person or attempting to contact them through telephone, text messages, or any electronic social media.

## Code of Conduct (continued)

7. Hazing
  - a. Any act, even if committed with the effective consent of all parties, which endangers the psychological or physical health or safety of a person, or by which a person is encouraged to engage in conduct that a reasonable person would consider to be humiliating, when the act is explicitly or implicitly a condition of admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any group. Actively or passively encouraging these acts is also prohibited.
  
8. Physical and Sexual Misconduct
  - a. Any act causing or likely to cause, bodily harm to any person, regardless of intent.
  - b. Any act resulting in physical contact with another person, when performed over their objections.
  - c. Any physical act that is sexual in nature and performed without the effective consent of all parties.
  
9. Property Damage and Theft
  - a. Any act causing or likely to cause, damage to property without the effective consent of the owner or person legally responsible for that property, regardless of intent. This includes, but is not limited to, acts of vandalism.
  - b. Attempted or actual acquisition or possession of property (including intellectual property) without the consent of the owner or person legally responsible for that property. This includes, but is not limited to, the possession of property a student should reasonably know to have been stolen.
  
10. Violation of the Law
  - a. Any violation or conviction of any federal or state law or local ordinance, or attempted violation of law.
  
11. Violation of Policies of the Attending Institution
  - a. Any act which violates any policies of the attending institution.

**I certify that I have read the above CHOICE Education Foundation Scholarship Code of Conduct and, if selected as a scholarship recipient, agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct each academic year until I graduate.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Home (Legal) Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

College/University of Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Minor \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational or Career Objective after College Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Aid Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP:**

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**APPLICATION MATERIALS:** Please send this completed Application along with the other required materials listed in Paragraph 14 of the Full-Ride Scholarship Summary and Requirements to: The CHOICE Educational Foundation by email to [mdave@hcnwf-law.com](mailto:mdave@hcnwf-law.com), or by mail or hand-delivery to 5350 S. Roslyn St., Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. . Your materials must be **RECEIVED** by the Foundation by **no later than March 12, 2018**.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

**I affirm that the above-information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient, I must provide evidence of my enrollment/registration at the Colorado institution of my choice before any scholarship funds can be awarded. I understand that this scholarship will only be used for educational or vocational related expenses, and that my failure to comply with the Code of Conduct or other terms of this scholarship award will result in my loss of the scholarship and will require me to fully reimburse the Foundation for all monies previously paid on my behalf.**

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID FORM**

If the Applicant has already been accepted into a college/university, this form must be completed by the Financial Aid Officer of the college or university and by the scholarship applicant, and must be signed by both of those individuals. If the Applicant has not yet been accepted into a college/university, please indicate below.

This information will be held in the strictest confidence. It will be made available only to appropriate officials of the college/university and to the CHOICE Board of Directors and applicable committee members of the Foundation. Since actual financial need is one of the determining factors for this scholarship, it is necessary that *all* of the requested information be supplied.

Below, please list the amounts and anticipated sources of funds and projected costs involved for attending the college/university of your choice in the **2018 - 2019** school year:

I have been  have not yet been, accepted into a college or university.

**ANTICIPATED RESOURCES**

**PROJECTED COSTS**

_____ From parent or relative	_____ Tuition and Fees
_____ From personal savings	_____ On-campus Housing
_____ 529 or other College Savings Plans	_____ Meals/Board
_____ Grants/Scholarships	_____ Books/Supplies
_____ Loans	_____ Grants/Scholarships
_____ Earnings	_____ Clothing/Laundry
_____ Other	_____ Transportation
	_____ Other
_____ Total Anticipated Funds Available	_____ Total Projected Costs

*WITH MY SIGNATURE BELOW I AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY FINANCIAL AID FORM TO CHOICE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, 5350 S. ROSLYN ST., STE. 100, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111.*

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID OFFICER:**

Is this student eligible to receive financial aid at your institution in the form of:

Grants/Scholarships:  YES  NO  
Student Loans:  YES  NO

Has this student applied for financial aid at your institution:  YES  NO

Financial Aid Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_