



2022 Cal Coast Cares Foundation – Foster Student Scholarship Criteria

Cal Coast Cares Foundation is pleased to announce a scholarship award program to support college-bound high school seniors and current college students who are in or have been in the foster care program in San Diego or Riverside County. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist foster students in furthering their education by enrolling in or continuing their studies at accredited colleges or universities.

1st Year Foster Student Applicants

1. To be eligible, the applicants must:
 - Provide official documentation the applicant is in or has been in the foster care program.
 - Reside in San Diego or Riverside County.
 - Have a weighted cumulative high school or college grade point average (GPA), or equivalent, of at least 2.5 on a scale of 0 - 4.0. An official transcript is required.
 - Have applied, been accepted, or currently attend an accredited college or university and enrolled in a minimum of 9 units.
2. Each scholarship will be awarded no later than December 31, 2022.
3. The award will be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by the Cal Coast Cares Foundation Board.
4. With the permission of the award recipient and (guardian's permission if a minor) the recipient's name and photograph may be included in public relations efforts. Note: guardian's permission is not required to apply for the scholarship.
5. The Scholarship Selection Committee will rely on information provided from the student's current school during the selection process.
6. Credit union staff, officials and their families are not eligible to participate in the scholarship program.
7. Applications should be completed and submitted online via DocuSign (including all attachments) no later than **March 31, 2022**. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

2nd Year Foster Student Applicants

Former foster youth that have received a Cal Coast Cares Foundation scholarship in the past are eligible for two years of scholarship funding.

1. Applicants ***do not*** need to submit another application but in order to be eligible, the applicants must:
 - Reside in San Diego or Riverside County.
 - Provide an Official College Transcript demonstrating a cumulative college grade point average (GPA), or equivalent, of at least 2.5 on a scale of 0 - 4.0. An official transcript is required.
 - Provide proof that he/she is enrolled in at least nine (9) units at an accredited college or university.
2. Each scholarship will be awarded no later than December 31, 2022.
3. With the permission of the award recipient and (guardian's permission if a minor), the recipient's name and photograph may be included in public relations efforts. Note: guardian's permission is not required to apply for the scholarship.
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