



## 2021 Lippitt Perseverance Scholarship Application

With determination to succeed, we believe you can achieve your dreams. Many of our youth have already endured many traumas but are resilient and diligent and with commitment and hard work have achieved what many foster youth do not-graduating high school and/or completing their GED. The Lippitt Perseverance Scholarship is available to help you continue to further your education. This scholarship may be applied for during your senior year in high school or if you are currently attending a post-secondary institution. It is also available to those who have aged out and may need additional assistance after attempting education and hitting some hurdles that have caused barriers for completion (e.g. losing PESS benefit or other academic issues.)

### Details:

A minimum of one \$1500 will be awarded each spring/summer for fall semester. Scholarship recipients can re-apply annually after the initial award but funds will not automatically renew and are subject to availability and reasonable progress on your educational plan. Application and relevant documents can be submitted to [iamforthechild@galf6.org](mailto:iamforthechild@galf6.org) or via our online application found here: <http://www.herotoachild.org/menus/scholarship-opportunities.html>.

### Timeline:

- Application opens on March, 2021. **Application deadline is May 16, 2021.**
- In person interviews if applicable will be held late May 2021.
- Awards will be noticed by June 1, 2021 with funds available by July 1, 2021.

### To qualify you must be a student who:

1. Demonstrates qualities of perseverance, the potential for success, and a plan to get there
2. Is a graduating senior, a high school graduate, has a GED, is a previous recipient or is currently attending an accredited community college, college/university or technical school
3. Applied to and been accepted by or attending an accredited Community College or College/University or technical school
4. Has a minimum GPA of 2.5
5. Has financial need

### Supplemental materials to include with your application:

1. Copy of high school transcript or most recent grading period's progress report if currently attending a post-secondary institution (attached to online application, emailed to [iamforthechild@galf6.org](mailto:iamforthechild@galf6.org) or mailed to 14250 49<sup>th</sup> Street North, Ste 4000, Clearwater, FL 33762)
2. Essay (Attach the essay to the application or in online form)
3. Two references (list below)

Interviews may be requested, depending on applications received.



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Applicant Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type of Placement: Relative Caregiver Non-Relative Caregiver Group Home

In Home or Re-unified Family Aged Out of Care Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and Location of High School Attending/ed (if GED, please note) or Post-Secondary Institution if you are currently attending one: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify scores on the following if available: \_\_\_\_\_ACT  
\_\_\_\_\_SAT

Have you received the Lippitt Perseverance Scholarship in the past (circle one): Yes No

If you have received the Lippitt Perseverance Scholarship in a past year, what progress have you made towards your educational goals? Have there been changes to your goals and/or school or status since your prior award(s):

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List any academic honors, awards and membership/club activities while in school:

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List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and volunteer activities and/or employment:

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Name and Location of School You Will Attend in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

What is Your Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Been Accepted to Named School? \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time; If part-time, please indicate course load: \_\_\_\_\_

How will attending a college/university/trade school, etc. help you to realize those plans:

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If awarded a scholarship what will you use the funds\* for? \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Scholarships must be used for school related expenses and will not be paid to the individual scholarship winner. If the funds will be paid to an entity other than the school to which the scholarship awardee will attend, please explain how and why this request relates to post-secondary education and how it will help you be successful in school.*

Will you receive any of the following\*?

PESS    Extended Foster Care    Tuition & Fee Exemption

*\*Checking any of these does not affect your scholarship application in any way.*



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Examples of perseverance include...

- Giving up your social media time to study
  - Keeping on studying even when the material is difficult
  - Working hard to better yourself despite challenges at home
  - Consistently staying up to date with your work or rapidly catching up after missing school
  - Saving money to get something you really want
  - Developing your talent(s)
  - Asking for assistance
  - Studying to improve your grades
  - Applying for something you didn't achieve the first time
  - Encouraging others to persevere
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Essay (minimum of 250 words). **Please submit as an attachment to the application.**

1. Please tell us about a time you persevered: how you overcame a significant challenge in your life or a time you have shown perseverance based on the examples above.
2. Tell us about yourself including your goals and how you plan to reach them, as well as, your personal strengths