



2021 Merle Allshouse Scholarship Application

Merle Allshouse was a committed Guardian ad Litem volunteer with a lifelong passion for social justice and a fervent champion of providing accessible learning to all. Merle passed away in the Spring of 2016 and his family wanted to honor his passion for education and service to the Guardian ad Litem Program by creating an educational fund to support youth in care. This annual scholarship award will be given to one or more youth each year who is pursuing post-secondary education.

Details:

A minimum of one \$1000 will be awarded each spring/summer for fall semester. Scholarships are non-renewable and will be only awarded once. Application and relevant documents can be submitted to iamforthechild@galf6.org or via our online application found here: <http://www.herotoachild.org/menus/scholarship-opportunities.html>.

Timeline:

- Application opens on March 1, 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. Is a graduating senior, a high school graduate or has a GED
2. Applied and been accepted to an accredited Community College or College/University or technical school
3. Has financial need

Supplemental materials to include with your application:

1. Copy of high school transcript (attached to online application, emailed to iamforthechild@galf6.org or mailed to 14250 49th Street North, Ste 4000, Clearwater, FL 33762)
2. Essay (Attach the essay to the application or in online form)



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Applicant Last Name: _____ Applicant First Name: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

E-Mail Address:

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 _____

Name and Location of High School Attending/ed (if GED, please note):

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

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

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

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

What is Your Planned Major: _____

Have You Been Accepted to Named School? _____



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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:

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

**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 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.*

Essay (minimum of 250 words). **Please submit as an attachment to the application.**

1. Please tell us about a time you overcame a significant challenge in your life **or**
2. How has your Guardian ad Litem made a difference in your life?