



The  
**EMPOWERMENT  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**2023/2024 APPLICATION**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please include a copy of your driver's license or state/school issued identification with your application.

Full Name: ..... Phone: .....

Email: ..... Birthday: .....

Full Address: ..... ZIP Code: .....

Last 4 Digits of your SSN: .....

**EDUCATION**

Highs School: ..... Graduation Date: .....

School City and State: ..... Current GPA: .....

If you received a General Education Diploma (GED), what date did you graduate? .....

**QUESTIONS**

What school, college or university do you plan to attend? .....

Have you been accepted as a student by a college/university or vocational/trade school yet? If so, where?

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What degree or certificate will you be working toward? .....



When do you plan to complete the degree or certificate you are working to obtain? .....

What assistance are you requesting? Please check all that apply:

Tuition Assistance     Housing     Books     Meal Plan/Meals/Groceries     Transportation

Laptop/Computer     Other

For each selection above, please provide the amount requested:

What other scholarships or financial aid have you received? .....

Have you prepared a budget for your needed college expenses and potential resources? .....

A budget is not mandatory for application review but is suggested to help you in your overall planning. We have provided an example of a budget template as a tool to assist you [here](#).

Below, check all that apply to you:

If you selected Other on the left, please explain:

- I turned 18 while in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- I spent at least six (6) months in licensed out-of-home care.
- I spent at least six (6) months in a court-approved group home or with a relative/non-relative placement.
- I was placed with a court-approved dependency Guardian ad Litem.
- Other

How long were you in care? .....

Contact information for the individual or entity that can verify your participation: .....

Please give the Contacts' full name.



Contact's Full Address: ..... Contact's ZIP Code: .....

Contact's Phone: ..... Contact's Email: .....

Were you assigned a Guardian ad Litem Volunteer? ..... If Yes, please give their full name: .....

Volunteer's Full Address: ..... Volunteer's ZIP Code: .....

Volunteer's Phone: ..... Volunteer's Email: .....

How did you hear about this scholarship?: .....

## TELL US MORE ABOUT YOURSELF!

Instructions: TYPE one essay answering the following questions with a MINIMUM of one paragraph for each question. Use Times New Roman font (12pt. font), double space, double check grammar, formatting and spelling before submitting.

Please respond to question 1, 2, and 3 in your essay.

1. In your response to question number 1, choose two of the following:  
What challenges have you overcome?  
How did being a youth in the dependency system impact you?  
How did having a Guardian ad Litem Volunteer impact you?
2. Please share some of your interests, achievements, activities and goals. This could include, but is not limited to, your experiences or time spent at a job, internships, involvement in church activities, hobbies, passions and more.
3. Why is higher education important to you and how do you plan to use your your degree/certification?



## PROMOTIONAL CONSIDERATION

By submitting your application and essay, you consent to Guardian ad Litem Foundation sharing portions of your essay or information to help promote or bring awareness to The Empowerment Scholarship WITHOUT releasing your identify (name) or likeness (image). Additional promotional opportunities are available to applicants who wish to participate in bringing awareness to The Empowerment Scholarship, including but not limited media coverage, interviews, check presentations, public engagements or other. These opportunities are NOT required and are solely voluntary for the applicant. Choosing to not participate in these engagements will NOT affect the chances of receiving a scholarship. The goal of any promotion of the scholarship is to reach and help as many qualified recipients as possible.

**BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH A TYPED ESSAY, PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE PROOFREAD YOUR ESSAY FOR SPELLING, FORMATTING AND GRAMMAR.**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Princess Evans at [info@theempowermentscholarship.com](mailto:info@theempowermentscholarship.com) or (904) 738-3882.

Please mail your completed application and typed essay to:  
Guardian ad Litem Foundation  
c/o The Empowerment Scholarship  
P. O. Box 10198  
Jacksonville, FL 32247

OR

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