



Applications open for Uncommon Friends Foundation scholarships

Application deadline is April 1, 2018

FORT MYERS, Fla. (January 29, 2018) – The Uncommon Friends Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2018 student scholarships, which will be awarded to deserving students, veterans, struggling adults, disabled students and single parents who are pursuing degrees in education, law, technology, health sciences and other studies.

Qualifications require that nominees reside in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, or Hendry Counties, need financial assistance, excel in school and/or their personal lives, and possess high quality character traits. Scholarships vary in application requirements, duration and financial amounts, while some are for specific schools such as Florida Gulf Coast University, Technology Colleges, and PACE Center for Girls of Lee County.

Visit <https://uncommonfriends.org/scholarships/opportunities/> for specific scholarship requirements and links to all applications. Application packets include an application form from the nominating organization, a written essay on character, and one or more letters from a sponsor such as a service agency, school counselor, teacher, or principal. Completed scholarship applications must be submitted to scholarships@uncommonfriends.org by April 1, 2018. Winners will be announced in late April – early May and will be honored at the Uncommon Friends Foundation’s Uncommon Evening on Thursday, November 8, 2018.

For the 16th consecutive year, Uncommon Friends Foundation board member Brenda Stewart will chair the scholarship committee that includes volunteers and members of community service organizations. Over the past 22 years, the Foundation has awarded nearly 500 educational scholarships totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. All questions regarding scholarships should be directed to scholarships@uncommonfriends.org.

Uncommon Friends Foundation 2018 Scholarship Award Categories

NEW! James F. Chelius, Jr. Scholarship for Disabled Students – \$1000 - This scholarship is awarded to a student with a disability who has the desire and potential to succeed in school and possesses positive character traits. The disability can be, but is not limited to, dyslexia, hearing, sight, physical, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and others. Student must maintain a B average. This scholarship is not age or career specific.

The Hilliard Scholarships – \$2000 for 2 years = \$4,000 - Two 2-year tuition scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors in Glades and Hendry Counties who will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University

that have financial need. The \$4,000.00 scholarship is for \$2,000.00 for 2 years. The student must meet certain criteria during those 2 years.

Florida Prepaid College Foundation Scholarships - Uncommon Friends Foundation and Florida Prepaid College Foundation cooperate to provide scholarship for two years of state college tuition and local fees to select freshman high school students who contract to succeed in high school, stay free of drugs and crime, and fulfill other scholarship conditions.

Special Recognition Scholarships - These scholarships are awarded to students that demonstrate a financial need, the desire and potential to succeed in school, and possess positive character traits. These scholarships are not age or career specific.

Technical College Scholarship - This scholarship is to assist with the tuition, books and supplies for one term at a Technical College. There are no age requirements. This award is to be used for expenses not covered by other scholarships or grants.

Berne Davis Future Teacher Scholarship – \$5000 - Mrs. Berne Davis was dedicated to promoting lifelong learning, a sense of purpose, unending self-improvement, and a commitment to helping others. This scholarship in her name is for students matriculated in a program leading to a degree in education that demonstrate financial need.

Single Parent Scholarship – \$1000 - The Single Parent Scholarship helps single parents further their education to gain skills to enter the workforce. This scholarship is focused on single parents who have overcome extraordinary obstacles. This award is not for the current term that demonstrate financial need.

Lee County Bar Association Scholarship – \$1000 - High school and college students pursuing a career in law are encouraged to apply for the LCBA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The successful applicant will have a minimum GPA of 3.0, have the intent to pursue a law degree at a Florida college and will submit an essay of 450-500 words describing why he/she should be considered. Also required are two letters of endorsement from teachers or others who have taught or trained the student in pursuit of a career in law and a recent photo.

Veteran's Scholarship – \$1000 - This scholarship is awarded to a Veteran who has a financial need, the desire and potential to succeed in school, and possesses positive character traits. This scholarship is not age specific.

Health Sciences Scholarship – \$1000 - The Health Sciences Scholarship is for a student that has financial need studying toward a degree in a health field. Examples include nursing, dental hygiene, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, etc. This scholarship is not age specific.

PACE Center for Girls Lee/Sandra Stilwell Youngquist Scholarship – \$1000 - PACE Center for Girls, Lee County, nominates a current student for this scholarship under the Special Recognition Scholarships. The student must have completed the Uncommon Friends Character Education Curriculum and demonstrate the character traits of the Uncommon Friends including loyalty, friendship, honesty, and integrity.

PACE Center for Girls Lee Scholarship – \$1000 - PACE Center for Girls, Lee County, nominates a current student for this scholarship under our Special Recognition Scholarships. The student must have completed the Uncommon Friends Character Education Curriculum and demonstrate the character traits of the Uncommon Friends including loyalty, friendship, honesty, and integrity.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1993 and dedicated to lifelong character building among today's youth and business leaders. It promotes character education in schools, ethics in the workplace, and preservation of the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens and James Newton Archives. For more information, visit <http://uncommonfriends.org/> or email to scholarships@uncommonfriends.org.