

CAFFA SCHOLARSHIP 2017

Attention High School Graduating Seniors!
Enter Our 6th Annual Essay Contest for a \$1,500 Scholarship!

[CAFFA](#) is pleased to invite incoming College Students to enter our Essay Contest in order to win an Educational Scholarship! This \$1,500 tuition scholarship will be awarded to one graduating high school senior that has been accepted to a 2- or 4-year college for the 2017-2018 school year. This award is intended for students who have come into their family through adoption, in the Chicago area.

The application and essay must be **submitted by June 15th, 2017** and the recipient will be notified July 2017. The winning essay and photo of the recipient may be published on our website and in our e-newsletter. In order to be considered for this award, please fill out the form below, and email the form along with your essay to president@caffa.org. Your attached essay entry must be in PDF or a text (.txt) document and include your full name and email address in the header of the document itself. The essay question and guidelines are listed below.

ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

- *2017 Graduating High School Seniors only (proof will be required if you are selected as the recipient--copies of diploma & final report card, as well as a copy of the acceptance letter from your college of choice)*
- *Entrants must have grown up in the Chicagoland area*
- *Entrants must have come into their family through adoption*
- *All essays must be typed*
- *Be sure to include your full name and email address in the header of your essay document*
- *All essays must have a minimum of 800 words, and a maximum of 1500 words*
- *Please be mindful of spelling and grammar--it matters!*
- *Past and present CAFFA Board family members are not eligible for this scholarship*
- *Applicants are not required to be CAFFA Members*
- *All entries are due by June 15th, 2017.*

APPLICATION FORM AND ESSAY

To apply, please fill out the application form below, create your essay, and email both to president@caffa.org.

APPLICATION FORM

First Name	
Last Name	
Address	
Phone Number(s)	
Email Address	
Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	
I identify my gender as	
High School Name, City, State	
Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)	
GPA / GPA Scale (<i>please list your current, cumulative GPA, or final, if you have already graduated—example 4.2/5</i>)	
Colleges to which you have applied (a copy of the acceptance letter to your school of choice will be requested if you are selected as the recipient of this scholarship)	
Anticipated Area of Study	
Have you received any other scholarships? If yes, please specify details.	
Check here to allow CAFFA permission to publish your name if you are selected as the scholarship recipient.	<input type="checkbox"/> I give CAFFA permission to publish my name if I am selected as the scholarship recipient
Check here to allow CAFFA permission to publish your essay on the CAFFA website and e-newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> I give CAFFA permission to publish my essay on the CAFFA website and e-newsletter
If you are under 18 years of age, please check here to confirm that your parent/guardian has reviewed the guidelines for this application and has given permission for you to apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am under 18 years of age and confirm that my parent/guardian has reviewed the guidelines for this application and has given permission for me to apply.
Please indicate your connection(s) to adoption (check any/all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> I was adopted as an infant/toddler <input type="checkbox"/> I was adopted as a child/teenager <input type="checkbox"/> I was adopted by a family member <input type="checkbox"/> I was born outside of the USA (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> My cultural background is different from that of my parents <input type="checkbox"/> I am/was in the foster care system <input type="checkbox"/> I have a sibling(s) that came to our family through adoption/foster care <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

ESSAY QUESTION

Please tell us about yourself. Include information about your family, your connection to adoption/foster care, and how adoption and/or foster care have touched/shaped your life. How will your background impact your future and your goals & dreams?

If you have any questions, please send your inquiry to Mike at president@caffa.org. Thank you for your interest in CAFFA's Scholarship - good luck to you!