



# 2021 Scholarship Application

DECIDE TO DREAM



Asianna with her two children. She graduated from Delaware Technical & Community College December 2020 in Nursing.



DEADLINE  
**15**  
MAY  
2021

## **Our Vision:**

We envision raising up leaders and community changers that shatter the glass ceiling of higher education for single mothers and fathers.

## **Our Mission:**

To invest in families-We provide a pathway to prosperity for single parents, who might otherwise live in poverty. We give them an opportunity to build a new life full of hope, by inspiring, educating and empowering young single parents to reach higher and obtain their goal of graduating college/training. With the help of sponsors, mentors and volunteers, our scholars learn to successfully balance college, work and family life while looking forward to a brighter future and leaving a lasting legacy for their children and our communities.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### 1. If I am selected as a Hope and a Future Project Scholar, what do I receive?

Every Scholar will receive a need based college/training scholarship, a one-on-one mentor, Life Skills training, and support from Hope and a Future Project staff and the community.

### 2. What can I use my award towards?

The scholarship award will be given beginning the Fall 2020 semester. The award can be applied towards tuition, books, fees and other direct educational expenses. The awards will be sent to the college/training organization of choice directly.

### 3. Who can apply?

Junior and Senior Teenparents (Defined as having a child at age 19 or younger) both male and female. Be age 26 or younger at the time of application. Having a C average or above.

## **Key Dates:**

- March 1, 2021 Hope and a Future Project scholarship application opens
- May 15th Application deadline: Notification of receipt will be within 5 business days
- June 1st-7th Interview dates if selected
- June 8th-15th Notification of Awards
- Awards Ceremony and Arising Stars Gala (TBD)

## **Please Note:**

- The Scholarship recipient must attend the Award Ceremony to receive their scholarship.
- HAAFP scholarships are renewable yearly as long as the student remains full-time or part-time in college, in good standing with their college and in good standing with Hope and a Future Project for up to 3 years for an Associate's degree and up to 6 years for a Bachelor's degree.



**Purpose:** To provide tuition assistance and empowerment to teen parents who are entering a training program or college or a current or returning college student. To encourage training or degree completion, improve their life and opportunities. To provide one-on-one mentoring support and life skills training. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, disability, or national origin.

**Eligibility:**

Candidates must:

- Be a teen parent. **(Defined as having a child at age 19 or younger) and be under the age of 26.**
- Be raising or actively involved in child's life (defined by regular support and care of your child)
- Be a HS Junior or Senior, an entering or current college student.
- Be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Be a resident of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Maryland
- Have a high school diploma or G.E.D (or obtaining one within 6 months)
- Be attending or planning to attend an accredited Delaware college in a two or four year degree program at the undergraduate level in the Fall of 2021. (Students who previously earned a bachelor's degree are not eligible).
- Be attending a qualified training program.
- Have at least a C average or above
- Certify financial need
- Be available for an interview if a scholarship finalist
- Motivated to work hard to accomplish your dream

**Application Checklist:**

**Applications are evaluated on the information provided; therefore, answer all questions as completely .  
*Incomplete Applications will not be considered. All materials must be submitted for consideration:***

- Completed application including financial data
- Signed Consent
- Recommendation from HS Counselor, Social Service Agency or College/University Representative
- Official** copy of high school transcript or GED certificate OR, if applicable, copy of **official** college transcripts
- Personal Statement

**Mail application to:  
Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program,  
P.O. Box 658, Bear, DE 19701**

**DEADLINE: COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 15, 2021**  
**Award Notification:** All applicants will be notified on or before June 15, 2021

**THE HOPE AND A FUTURE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
*Academic Year 2021-2022*

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marital Status: Married Single Separated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names & ages of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where did you hear about the Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program? Internet \_\_\_\_\_ High School Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
 College Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Social Service Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION DATA**

Name of **High School** you are attending or graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expected Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTACH OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT)  
 Name of **College** you are attending or plan to attend during Academic Year 2021-2022: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degree Expected: Bachelors \_\_\_\_\_ Associates \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year in school next year: Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Number of Credits completed as of 5/2021 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Semesters OR Credits remaining before graduation? \_\_\_\_\_ Semesters \_\_\_\_\_ Credits \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ If currently enrolled, cumulative college GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTACH OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT)

*Students who have completed less than one semester of college must attach copy of High School Transcript or GED.*

**Estimated annual costs of college:**

Fall 2021 Semester: tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ books \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spring 2022 Semester: tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ books \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How many credit hours do you plan to take per term/semester? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or been awarded other scholarships or grants for the 2021-2022 academic year? (All applicants are encouraged to apply for Financial Aid from their institution.)

**Name of Award**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Check One</b>
_____	\$ _____	Granted _____ Pending _____
_____	\$ _____	Granted _____ Pending _____

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Current Employer/Position	From-Mo/Yr	To-Mo/Yr	Hours/wk.	\$\$ Earned/Month

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please submit a typewritten essay that answers the following questions: **(Essay instructions: Two pages, double spaced, 12pt font)**

- What and/or who inspires you to go to college and to graduate?
- What barriers or challenges have you faced (or are you facing) in trying to continue your education?
- What do you plan to do with the higher education that you are seeking?
- How will it improve your life and opportunities for yourself, child(ren) and your family?

*Please note that your personal statement is an important factor in the selection process.*

**FINANCIAL DATA**

To be considered for an award, the section below must be filled out completely.

You may submit tax forms and any other documents you feel would assist us in determining your financial need.

**Check here if you will not file and/or are not required to file a 2021 U.S. Income Tax Return.\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Refer to instructions below in completing this section.)

**TOTAL annual Income of Applicant** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you reside with your parent(s) or guardian?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjusted Gross Income** (FORM 1040 Line 37, FORM 1040A Line 21 or FORM 1040EZ Line 4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly Housing Costs** (Do not include \$\$ paid by Section 8) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Federal Tax Paid** (FORM 1040 Line 63, FORM 1040A Line 37 or FORM 1040EZ Line 10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Mortgage Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you receive Child Support?** Yes No  
If yes, how much \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of people in your household, #** \_\_\_\_\_ Include:

➤ Yourself, your children and other people if they live with you and you provide and you will continue to provide more than half of their support from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022

**Total Checking, Savings, Cash Value of Stocks, etc.**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for completing Financial Data Section**

**Adjusted Gross Income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 (line 37), 1040A (line 21) or 1040EZ (line 4) and is gross income reduced by specific adjustments as allowed by law. **Include adjusted gross income for working adults living in the same household.**

**Total Federal Tax Paid** includes the amount of federal income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040 (line 63), 1040 A (line 43) or 1040EZ (line 10). This is not the amount withheld from employee paychecks. The amount paid should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes paid. Do not include state taxes.

**Total Income** earned should be reported individually for both the applicant and working adults living in the same household.

**Housing Costs** include monthly rent or mortgage payments less any amount paid through Section 8 funding.

**Total Cash, Checking, Savings, Cash Value of Stocks, etc.** includes liquid assets that can be used for educational purposes. Not included are IRA, 401K, or other retirement plans.

\*If accepted into the scholarship program, a letter of non-filing from the IRS will need to be presented. Letter can be obtained from www.IRS.gov

List the name, address, relationship, email and phone number of two references who are **NOT** members of your family:

**REFERENCE (1)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE (2)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT**

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby agree that, should I be awarded *Hope and a Future Project Scholarship, The Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program*, may use my name and picture in a press release and related publicity announcing the award. It is understood that the press release may include the qualifications required for the award and disclosure of the social service agency and/or college representative that endorsed the candidate’s application, in addition to some biographical information from the applicant’s application. I certify that the essay is my personal work and creation and I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form, including a copy of my U.S. Income Tax form, if requested. *Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.*

**Applicant’s Signature Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program Application\***  
**HOPE AND A FUTURE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP 2021**  
**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

(To be completed by High School Counselor, Social Service agency OR College/University representative.)

The undersigned does hereby endorse the applicant named below and recommends said applicant to *Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program* as an appropriate and deserving recipient of *Hope and a Future Project Scholarship*.

~ Please be specific as to the candidate’s financial need and personal challenges. ~

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Social Service Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Name of High School/College /University: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency or H.S./College/University Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you feel the Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program should award this candidate “Hope and a Future Project Scholarship”?** (Attach a separate sheet, if needed)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\***Hope and a Future Project Scholar Program, an outreach of Arising Ministries, Inc.** a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization

## Acknowledgement

I \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) certify and acknowledge that I have reviewed the herein enclosed materials and everything that I have written is accurate and truthful.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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