



NEW YORKERS FOR CHILDREN
NICHOLAS SCOPPETTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(NICK'S SCHOLARS)

2017 APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES



Dear Applicant:

We are proud to support young adults in their efforts to achieving their educational goals through the Nicholas Scoppetta Scholarship (Nick's Scholars) Program. We encourage applicants who plan to attend any CUNY School for the Fall 2017 semester to apply during this time. In addition, we invite students who currently attend a private college in New York City and have completed a minimum of one semester to apply.

Please review the enclosed guidelines and carefully complete the application. It is important that we have all of the requested information, so please take extra care to read the guidelines before finalizing and sending in your application. Please let us know if you should have any difficulties obtaining all of the information required by the submission deadline of **June 16th, 2017**. You may have the information sent directly to New Yorkers For Children in order to avoid further delay. An incomplete application will not be considered. The Nick's Scholars Program is only available to youth who are in, or have recently transitioned out of foster care, and that have been accepted to and/or enrolled in a New York City college or university. The school or college that you attend must be in the New York City area, as you must have the ability to travel to our office for monthly meetings with our Youth Academic Advisor. All applications must be received by **June 16th, 2017**.

Our goal is to serve as many foster youth from New York City as possible. If you have any questions or need help with the completion of your application please contact Ellen Ampofo at Eampofo@newyorkersforchildren.org or 646.257.2930.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S17" with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Saroya Friedman-Gonzalez

Executive Director

New Yorkers For Children



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NICHOLAS SCOPPETTA SCHOLARSHIP (NICK'S SCHOLARS) PROGRAM

The Nicholas Scoppetta Scholarship (Nick's Scholars) Program was developed by New Yorkers For Children to support New York City youth aging out of foster care to attain a college degree. It is a comprehensive program for youth in foster care and foster care alumni in New York City who are enrolled in any college in New York City. The Nick's Scholars Program provides essential personalized wraparound services in the form of financial, academic, and emotional support to help students transition to, and succeed in college. Nick's Scholars receive a monthly stipend to help them cover their educational and living expenses and allow them to focus on school. The program connects these students to academic and personal resources to help them overcome challenges as they navigate college on their own. As Nick's Scholars, they belong to a larger community where they are provided the opportunity to build relationships with other Nick's Scholars and supportive adult mentors to encourage them on their path to a college degree.

HOW IT WORKS

This scholarship is awarded each year to youth who are attending or have been accepted to a CUNY or private college. If a student attends a private college, they must have completed a minimum of one semester. The Nick's Scholars Program provides a holistic support program to foster youth who seek to obtain an undergraduate degree. Nick's Scholars are provided support throughout their college career in order to nurture educational success. **Students that have previously applied and not been accepted are encouraged to re-apply.**

NEW YORKERS FOR CHILDREN

New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) works in partnership with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) to improve the prospects of children supported by the child welfare system and to engage New Yorkers in that effort. With a focus on young people in foster care, NYFC supports programs that promote paths to stable adulthood through education and sustainable relationships with caring adults.

Please visit our website www.newyorkersforchildren.org for more information about our programs.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A NICK'S SCHOLAR?

Acceptance to the Nick's Scholars Program means you will commit to:

- Be a student in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Meet monthly with the Youth Academic Advisor
- Serve as an ambassador for New Yorkers For Children

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Assess Your Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for Nick's Scholars Program if you:

- Are a student currently or formerly in foster care in New York City
- If formerly in foster care, you must have aged out of care
- Are currently enrolled in or have been accepted and plan to attend a CUNY school during the Fall 2017 semester
- Are currently enrolled in a private college in New York City and have completed at least your first year
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

2. Start, Complete, and Sign the Application Form

3. Gather and Submit Necessary Documents

Information about all required documents is included in the application. If any of these materials are arriving after the deadline, please indicate when you will submit missing material. You must include the following documents with your application:

- Completed Application Form
- Personal Essay (3-4 pages)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
 - Please ask a teacher, social worker, educational specialist, guidance counselor, mentor, or other adult in your community who is familiar with your academic background and who can speak about your character and motivation to succeed in college (family members and/or friends are not allowed). By providing the names and contact information, you give New Yorkers For Children permission to contact your references.
- SAT or ACT Scores (if available)
- High school and/or college student copy of transcript. We will ask for an official transcript if you are invited for an interview.
- Proof of college enrollment
- Official letter of acceptance or verification from Registrar's Office.
- Completed income form



Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The Nicholas Scoppetta Scholarship (Nick’s Scholars) Program 2017 Application

Contact Information:

Applicant’s Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street Apt

City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Select one: Are you Hispanic/Latino Yes No

If Hispanic/Latino, select your background:

- Central American Cuban Dominican Mexican
- Puerto Rican South American Other Hispanic/Latino _____

All applicants, please indicate your race:

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black/African-American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Other _____

Please select which gender you identify with:

- Male Female Non-Binary/Third Gender Prefer Not to Say
- Prefer to Self-Describe _____



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Educational Information:

High School or GED Program: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Name of college you are currently attending/plan to attend: _____

Counselor's /Advisor's Name: _____

Counselor's / Advisor's Information: (_____) _____
Phone Number Email Address

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ Major (If Applicable): _____

Career Interest(s): _____

Please indicate the year you will be in during the Fall 2017 Semester:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Foster Care Agency/Worker Information

To be eligible for Nick's Scholars Program, you must have been in care on or aged out of care.

Are you currently in Foster Care? Yes No

If no, please indicate your date of discharge: _____ Age at Discharge: _____

Name of Foster Care Agency: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Name of Agency Worker: _____

Agency Worker Information: (_____) _____
Phone Number Email Address



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Income and Expenses

Are you currently working? Yes No

If yes, how many hours a week are you working? _____

Name of Employer

Phone Number

Monthly Expenses:	Amount
Rent	
Con Edison	
Cable/Internet	
Cell Phone	
Public Transportation	
Food	
Other (Please Specify):	
Other (Please Specify)	

Monthly Income:	Amount
ETV	
ACS/ Agency Stipend (Please Specify)	
Food Stamps	
Public Assistance	
Job (Pay Check)	
Other (Please Specify)	
Other (Please specify)	

Award Package for 2017 Fall Semester	Amount
Pell	
TAP	
Other (Please Specify)	
Other (Please Specify)	
Other (Please specify)	



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Personal Essay

Please attach a 3-4 page personal essay that demonstrates your candidacy for the Nick's Scholars Program. Your essay must address each of the questions below.

1. Why should you be considered for the Nick's Scholars Program?
2. What are your educational and personal goals?
3. What is your long-term vision and how can a college degree help you achieve it?
4. How would you support yourself in college if you don't receive this scholarship?
5. What challenges/obstacles have you faced in life and what did you learn from them?
6. What are your strengths and weaknesses?



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Recommendation Form 1

Name of Applicant: _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant (**recommendations from relatives are not accepted**): _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for submitting a recommendation in support of the above applicant for the NYFC Nick's Scholars Program. Your recommendation will be a crucial part of our selection process. Please attach a letter addressing the fields below to the best of your ability.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Please comment on the applicant's personal attributes (e.g. motivation, maturity, and drive to succeed).
3. Please describe how this scholarship will assist the applicant in furthering their educational goals?

Applications will **NOT** be considered without completed Letters of Recommendation

Please mail, email, or fax your letter of recommendation to:

Ellen Ampofo

Youth Academic Advisor

New Yorkers For Children

450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 403

New York, NY 10123

Tel: 646.257.2930

Fax: 646.257.2931

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Recommendation Form 2

Name of Applicant: _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Please keep a copy of this application and send updated contact information to NYFC if your address or other information changes during the application process so that we may contact you if we have any questions or if you are selected as a scholarship recipient.

Signature:

By signing below, I affirm that all statements made on this application are true. I understand that a false statement or intentional omission of any material fact may cause me to be disqualified from eligibility of this scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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