



## **PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY:**

To apply for a Mark Garwood Foundation Phoenix Scholarship, applicants must

- a. actively participate in a recognized recovery program.
- b. live full-time in the St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach or Broward County in Florida.

### **2. SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES AND FORMS:**

If selected as a semi-finalist, at the time of the interview, applicants will be expected to

- a. read, acknowledge, accept, and sign a copy of this document.
- b. read, acknowledge, accept, and sign the Random Drug Testing Policy.
- c. read, acknowledge, accept, and sign the Social Media Policy.
- d. read, acknowledge, accept, and sign the Authorization for the Release of Information.
- e. read, acknowledge, and sign the Student FERPA Consent Form for Access to Educational Records provide the Foundation with a signed Authorization for Release of Information and the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) waiver form for each of their chosen institution(s).
- f. copies of the aforementioned policies and forms are included at the end of this document and will be emailed to semi-finalists for review before their interview.

### **3. AMOUNT AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

The Foundation, at its sole discretion, will determine the total amount and duration of any award, based on the needs of the applicant. Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All scholarship recipients will be eligible to apply for continuation of grants beyond the initial award.

### **4. FASFA:**

Each year, scholarship applicants and recipients will be encouraged and expected to seek additional sources of educational funding through scholarships, grants, and loans and to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA).

### **5. ENROLLMENT:**

Upon notification of a scholarship award, the recipient, if not currently enrolled, must apply within sixty (60) days to an accredited institution of higher education, vocational training, or any other mutually agreed upon institution. Classes attended in person must be at an institution within one of the same counties within one of the counties listed in Article 1 of the requirements for each Phoenix Scholarship's geographic area. Enrollment at any accredited academic institution that provides online or electronic course work leading to a diploma must be pre-approved by the Foundation.

## **6. PAYMENT OF FEES:**

- a.** Scholarship funds will be paid only for tuition, books, fees and other required items for continued enrollment and participation in registered classes, if those fees are not covered by other grants or scholarships. The Foundation does not provide cash grants or pay for living or other personal expenses.
- b.** All funds for tuition or enrollment will be disbursed only to the institution of enrollment. The cost of fees, books, and any other approved study materials will be paid directly to the vendor or provider.
- c.** If tuition, books and/or fees are paid by the Foundation, any refunds of such must be made to the Foundation. Any refunds will be credited back to the recipient's scholarship balance. Scholarship recipients may not keep scholarship funds.

## **7. MAINTAINING SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:**

To maintain scholarship eligibility, the recipient must

- a.** remain actively involved in a recognized recovery program.
- b.** reside full-time within one of the counties listed in Article 1 of the requirements for each Phoenix Scholarship's geographic area.
- c.** be enrolled at a mutually agreed upon accredited academic institution within one of the counties listed in Article 1 of the requirements for each Phoenix Scholarship's geographic area and/or be enrolled in online classwork at a mutually agreed upon accredited institution anywhere in the United States.
- d.** provide the Foundation all institutional login and password information and grant full, unfettered access to all academic records, grade point averages, course schedules and credit hours earned.
- e.** remain continuously enrolled and take at least class each term, or receive an approved deferral.
- f.** provide verification of completion of courses at the end of each enrolled term.
- g.** advise the Foundation of any name, address, phone, email or social media account changes.
- h.** sign a Student FERPA Consent Form for Access to Educational Records and a Release of Information form for each new or additional institution of enrollment.
- i.** submit the FASFA each year by the application deadline.

## **8. SCHOLARSHIP REVISION AND/OR TERMINATION:**

Recipients will be subject to review of scholarship eligibility for the following violations. The Foundation, at its sole discretion may alter or terminate funding based on its review.

- a.** arrest for a criminal offense.
- b.** testing positive for any nonprescription drug or alcohol during a screening.
- c.** not reporting for or completing a required drug or alcohol screening.
- d.** not maintaining a 2.0 GPA.
- e.** withdrawal from school or failure to enroll in at least one class each term, without receiving a deferral from the Foundation.
- f.** not maintaining any mutually agreed upon course load or enrolled academic hours.
- g.** failure to disclosure academic records.
- h.** dismissal from school.
- i.** violation of the Social Media Policy.
- j.** violation of any other policy as contained in the Application Qualifications and Requirements.
- k.** making disparaging, slanderous or libelous comments about the Foundation.

**8. DISMISSAL FROM PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

Should the recipient be dismissed from the program for any reason, the recipient will reimburse the Foundation for any awards, payments, or grants on a mutually agreed upon pro-rata basis and within a mutually agreed upon timetable.

**9. USE OF LIKENESS AND PROMOTION OF THE FOUNDATION**

The recipient acknowledges the Foundation's need to promote its programs. Where appropriate and by mutual consent, the recipient grants the Foundation permission in perpetuity and without further compensation the use of their likeness, image, photos, statements, and academic records for the positive promotion and fundraising efforts of the Foundation. Additionally, with mutual consent and availability, the recipient may be asked to personally appear, speak, and/or otherwise support promotional activities and events of the Foundation.

If you have any questions, please email us: [info@markgarwoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@markgarwoodfoundation.org).

BY SUBMITTING MY APPLICATION FOR A MARK GARWOOD FOUNDATION PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT, UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS, AND ACCEPT ALL POLICIES AND CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF A PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.