



2023 Annual Course of Action Foundation Scholarship Program

The Course of Action (COA) Foundation began its scholarship program in 2014, by granting funds to highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to five of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

The program, designed to help cut out financial barriers for students seeking to obtain state-regulated or industry-recognized credentials with marketable job skills which lead to sustainable wage careers within their local communities. Students are recognized for their commitment to excellence, capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and local communities. Our application is open!

The Course of Action Scholarship offers five \$1,500.00 to high school students. Recipients of the scholarship will be selected by the COA Scholarship Selection Committee provided they meet all eligibility criteria. Preference will be given to students with limited or no access to financial aid from other programs.

Applicant must be a full-time student who is a high school graduate or has at least completed the General Education Development (GED) program, and enrolled in an associate degree, diploma or certificate program.

Scholarship recipients in good academic standing will receive the one time scholarship and must demonstrate scholastic achievement and maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale or attained a score of 3,000 on the GED test. Recipients must be eligible for in-state tuition and have demonstrated leadership, the excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement. The scholarship recipient must agree to continue at the community or local college.

COA Scholarship Worth: Four scholarships worth \$1,500 each will be awarded to students and can be used to pay for university educational expenses such as registration fees, books, certification fees, and course supplies.

Application Deadline: Completed applications for the 2023 year term scholarships will be due no later than March 10, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be announced via email by the end of March 2023. Award ceremony will be held in April 13th, 2023 during a scholarship luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Casa Santo Stefano in Ybor City, Tampa. Additional venue details will be sent to winning recipients.

Eligibility Requirement and Application process: Applicants must, not later than March 10, 2023, submit the following via email only to arlene@coafoundation.com:

- a. A personal letter stating his/her educational/vocational career plans and aspirations; as well as the planned use of the funds received.
- b. Their most recent official transcript, SAT score, and/or other evidence of academic or vocational aptitude.
- c. A reference letter from a teacher, counselor, or other school official.
- d. A copy of acceptance from the institute of higher learning or vocational/technical institute, and any current scholarship grants.
- e. A short biographic summary
- f. An essay that addresses:
 - Why is an education and attending college important to you?
 - How Course of Action Foundation will benefit if they are selected as a Scholarship Award winner.
- g. Current high school senior (or home-schooled) student attending a school in the U.S. who will graduate the 2023-2024 academic year.
- h. Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.
- i. From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American, and/or Hispanic American
- j. A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- k. In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- l. Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a U.S. accredited, not-for-profit, private or public-college or university.
- m. Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities)
- n. Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

Contact Information: For more information, please email to arlene@coafoundation.com. If chosen as a recipient, you must consent to the release of your name and image for use in promotional publications written/distributed by the Course of Action Foundation.

Sincerely,

Arlene Marie
Director, Course of Action 501c3
arlene@coafoundation.com
www.coafoundation.com

