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***New Jersey
Scholarship & Grant
Programs***

2006

Foster & Adoptive Family Services is pleased to present these seven awards for the 2006 academic year. These awards are available to current high school seniors who are or were in foster care or who have been adopted through the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.



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FAFS Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide services, support, and training opportunities for foster and adoptive families, and others who have the responsibility for or the interest in the well being of children. Our purpose is to promote an enhanced understanding of foster care and serve as a catalyst for positive advances in the foster care system.

Foster & Adoptive Family Services Scholarship & Grant Programs 2006

For over twenty years, Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) has awarded scholarships and grants to deserving **high school seniors** throughout New Jersey. These awards have helped fuel the education of future lawyers, doctors, and social workers. Our opportunity grants have made independent living situations a reality for some students and eased the burden of debt for others. Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) is proud to announce the 2006 scholarship/grant season and wishes all applicants the best of luck.

The FAFS award programs are separated into two distinctions: academic scholarships and opportunity grants.

Scholarships are related solely to academic achievement, and can be used for four-year colleges and universities, junior or community colleges, trade or vocational schools, and supplies and services related to these institutions. Each scholarship has specific criteria and limitations regarding eligibility, awards, or usage.

Opportunity Grants are generally allotted to assist children in foster or adoptive care with the next phase of their lives, usually including, but not limited to, academic pursuit and independent living. Like scholarships, restrictions and criteria differ with each individual grant. Such restrictions may include types of documentation, such as reference letters and/or letters that verify employment.

*****Important Reminder to All Applicants*****

Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) is dedicated to helping award winners receive their award in a timely manner, either at a residential address or at the school of his/her choosing. Unless stated otherwise in the scholarship description, all awards will be sent directly to the bursar's office of the selected school, or to the student's address as given on the application, if applicable. Should enrollment status change, or a change of address become necessary, it is **required** that the award recipient notify the Project Supervisor, Natalie Petrillo at 1-800-222-0047 by July 1st. **Any award money returned to FAFS as a direct result of a student's failure to make changes to his/her account will result in forfeiture of the award money.**

GENERAL RULES AND TERMS

1. Scholarships and grants are available to high school seniors graduating in 2006.
2. Scholarships and grants are available only to children who have been in foster or adoptive care and have been under the care and custody of the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).
3. There is no application fee.
4. If a young person meets the eligibility criteria, they may apply for as many scholarships/grants as they wish.

Each application must be accompanied by the required documentation to be considered. For example, if you apply for three scholarships/grants offered, you must submit three separate application "packets" containing all required documentation, including transcripts. The same letters of support and recommendation may be used for each application. If applicable, you may make copies of letters of support/recommendation to include with each completed application packet.

5. **INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 7TH 2006**
6. Unless otherwise stated, awards are good for one academic year. If the award goes unclaimed or unused for more than one academic year, the award will be forfeited.
7. If any award is sent to a school or institution and it is discovered that the student has withdrawn unannounced from said school or institution, the award will be forfeited and the student will be responsible for any outstanding charges.
8. If chosen as a winner, the applicant will be invited to the 2006 Foster Parent Recognition Dinner on May 5th. We strongly urge winning applicants to attend this event, as many state leaders and the scholarship benefactors will be in attendance.

All information contained in this brochure is reproducible. Our intent is for this booklet to reach as many eligible young people as possible. Copied applications will be accepted.

For more information, or to learn more about other scholarships, please visit us on the web at <http://www.fafsonline.org/scholarship.html>

Special Note:

The Mark Wickley Memorial Academic Scholarship is funded through the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). DYFS is a child welfare agency within the New Jersey Department of Human Services, which provides comprehensive social services for children, families and adults; and child protective and child welfare services. DYFS participants include children and adolescents in out-of-home placements. The mission of DYFS is to protect children, support families, ensure permanency for children, and prevent violence and family disruption.



Several of these awards have been established to honor extraordinary individuals who dedicated their lives to foster and adoptive youth in New Jersey. Others have been given in memory of special loved ones. Many thanks go out to the people who have made these programs possible.

Hattie Talley Memorial Opportunity Grant

Hattie Talley was one of the founding members of Foster and Adoptive Family Services and the first President of FAFS (formerly the New Jersey Foster Parents Association). As an adoptive, biological, and foster parent, Ms. Talley personified the caring, nurturing spirit that enables resource parents to open their hearts and homes to New Jersey's neediest children.

Purpose: To create an opportunity for a young person to succeed in the next phase of his/her life. This might include additional training, trade school, vocational school, and/or independent living.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted who will be concluding his/her high school education in June of 2006.

Essay: Applicants must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- A detailed plan on how they intend to spend the grant, for example:
 - Materials for vocational school
 - Setting up an apartment
 - Security deposits
- Official high school transcript

Award: This award will be given in \$500 increments to a maximum of four individuals. Previous recipients may not reapply.

Application for the Hattie Talley Memorial Opportunity Grant

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship/grant applied for must include a separate packet of information, including completed and signed application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DYFS Caseworker _____ Office Location _____

Caseworker's Telephone Number _____

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Official high school transcript
- Detailed spending plan
- Completed & signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Bernard and Sue Dondiego Opportunity Grant

This grant was started to honor Bernie and Sue Dondiego, both of whom are founding members of FAFS and FAFS past presidents. They have been dynamic child advocates for almost a half-century—during this time they fostered over 30 children. They continue to be actively involved by serving on several FAFS committees. Sue and Bernie's invaluable services continue to aid FAFS in achieving its mission to improve the lives of our children.

Purpose: To assist a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted with independent living, vocational training, or college expenses.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted who will be concluding his/her high school education in June of 2006.

Essay: Applicants must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- Official high school transcript
- Letter of acceptance from an accredited college/vocational school, if applicable
- Confirmation of other sources of funding/income, for example:
 - Verification of employment or intended employment
 - Award letters for other scholarships already received

Award: Multiple awards may be given based on eligibility & merit of application. No award will exceed \$1,000. Previous recipients may not reapply.

**Application for the Bernard and Sue Dondiego
Opportunity Grant**

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship/grant applied for **must** include a separate packet of information, including a completed and signed application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DYFS Caseworker _____ Office Location _____

Caseworker's Telephone Number _____

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Official high school transcript
- Letter of acceptance from college or vocational school (if applicable)
- Confirmation of other sources of funding
- Completed and signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Rosemarie Hill Memorial Academic Scholarship

For five years, Rosemarie Hill served her community as a foster mother. During that time, she cared for 30 children, ranging from four-year-olds to teenagers. Rosemarie was a certified daycare provider for 4c's and cared for children in all sorts of difficult circumstances. She helped pregnant teenagers, maintained contact with former children in care, and even won an award from DYFS for her work with a young boy with multiple sclerosis.

Purpose: To recognize academic achievement and support advanced studies at an accredited college, university, community college, or junior college.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted who will be concluding his/her high school education in June of 2006.

Essay: Applicants must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- Official high school transcript
- Two letters of support/recommendation to include (**one**) academic and (**one**) personal/character
- Copy of college acceptance letter to an accredited two or four year college or university (award contingent on acceptance)

Award: Multiple awards may be given based on eligibility and merit of application. No one award will exceed \$2,000. Previous recipients may not reapply.

Application for the Rosemarie Hill Memorial Academic Scholarship

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship applied for must include a separate packet of information, including signed application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DYFS Caseworker _____ Office Location _____

Caseworker's Telephone Number _____

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Sealed high school transcript
- Letters of support/recommendation (2)
- Copy of college acceptance letter
- Completed and signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Macy's Partners in Time Opportunity Grant

Macy's Partners in Time is a collective group of Macy's employees that is dedicated to contributing their time, efforts, and talents toward community based activities and fundraising efforts. Macy's Partners in Time recognizes the need that exists for scholarships and grants that are directed toward youth in care and is proud to sponsor this Opportunity Grant for 2006.

Purpose: To create an opportunity for a young person to succeed in the next phase of his/her life. This might include additional training, trade school, vocational school, and/or independent living.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted who will be concluding his/her high school education in June of 2006.

Essay: Applicants must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- A detailed plan on how they intend to spend the grant, for example:
 - Materials for vocational school
 - Setting up an apartment
 - Security deposits
- Official high school transcript

Award: One award will be presented in the amount of \$500. Previous recipients may not reapply.

Application for the Macy's Partners in Time Opportunity Grant

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship applied for must include a separate packet of information, including completed and signed application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DYFS Caseworker _____ Office Location _____

Caseworker's Telephone Number _____

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Official school transcript
- Intended spending plan (1)
- Completed and signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

The Nachi Franco Memorial Opportunity Grant

Nachi Franco dedicated her life to children in care until her untimely death after an illness in the summer of 2000. Nachi contributed significantly to the success of the DYFS Foster Administrative Unit from its inception, recruiting and training resource families throughout Passaic County. She showed genuine compassion for children and their families, and passed this kindness on to the many people she mentored. She had a celebrated faith in diversity, and her dedication and leadership abilities allowed her to touch the hearts of many.

Purpose: To create an opportunity for a young person to succeed in the next phase of his/her life. This might include higher education, additional training, trade school, vocational school, and/or independent living.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted in New Jersey, concluding his/her high school career in June of 2006.

Essay: The applicant must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- An intended spending plan, for example:
 - Security deposits
 - Materials for trade school
 - Buying furniture for an apartment
- A letter of support/recommendation from **one** of the following:
 - A resource parent or out-of-home placement provider
 - High school teacher or coach
 - School guidance counselor or social service worker
 - Civic or church group leader

Award: One \$500 award will be given. Previous recipients may not reapply.

Application for the Nachi Franco Memorial Opportunity Grant

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship applied for must include a separate packet of information, including application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City County State Zip Code

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center Telephone Number

Address _____

City County State Zip Code

DYFS Caseworker Office Location

Caseworker's Telephone Number

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Intended spending plan
- Letter of support/recommendation (1)
- Completed and signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant Date

Paul Hinton Memorial Opportunity Grant

Paul showed love and compassion to everyone he met. After serving in Korea in 1952, Paul became a basketball and baseball official. Paul dedicated his life and service to others by teaching young people not only the skills of basketball and baseball but the skills necessary to live a purpose-filled life. Paul was always present with a helping hand, reaching out to family, friends, and anyone in need. Paul died February 8, 2001, leaving a legacy of compassion and caring to all lives he touched.

Purpose: To create an opportunity for a young person to succeed in the next phase of his/her life. This might include additional training, trade school, vocational school, and/or independent living.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted who will be concluding his/her high school education in June of 2006.

Essay: Applicants must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- A detailed plan on how they intend to spend the grant, for example:
 - Materials for vocational school
 - Cost of books
- Official high school transcript
- Letter of support/recommendation (1)

Award: Multiple awards may be given based on eligibility and merit of application. No one award will exceed \$1,000. Previous recipients may not reapply.

Application for the Paul Hinton Memorial Opportunity Grant

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship applied for must include a separate packet of information, including application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DYFS Caseworker _____ Office Location _____

Caseworker's Telephone Number _____

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Intended spending plan
- Letter of support/recommendation (1)
- Official high school transcript
- Completed and signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

The Mark Wickley Academic Scholarship

The Mark Wickley Academic Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Mark A. Wickley, who passed away in 1996. At the time of his death, Mark was serving as an Assistant Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). He was known as a vastly knowledgeable and compassionate advocate for children, especially for children in care. Mark worked tirelessly to improve DYFS policies and practices that still affect foster and adoptive families today.

Purpose: To fund academic studies at an accredited four-year college or university.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a child who has been in foster care or who was adopted concluding his/her high school education in June of 2006.

Essay: The applicant must submit an essay that addresses the following statement:

Describe your personal history and how your experiences in foster or adoptive care have shaped your goals.

Documentation: Each applicant must submit the following:

- Official high school transcript
- Copy of an acceptance letter from the accredited four-year college or university that the applicant will attend (award contingent on acceptance)
- A letter of recommendation/support from each of the following:
 - Academic high school teacher or school guidance counselor
 - Personal reference from a civic or church leader, volunteer worker, etc
- Proof of a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Award: One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 per year will be awarded. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years. **Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in subsequent years to remain eligible for funding.**

Application for the Mark Wickley Academic Scholarship

Please type or print the following information. Applications and supporting documentation **must be returned by April 7, 2006** to: FAFS, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 518, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Each scholarship applied for must include a separate packet of information, including application; essays; letters of recommendation/support; documentation; etc. Only application packets that are signed and completed will be considered. All awards are contingent on availability of funds. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-222-0047.

Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Application _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My involvement with DYFS is best described as:

Foster Child Adopted (age) _____ Other _____

Resource Parent(s) or DYFS/Residential Center _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DYFS Caseworker _____ Office Location _____

Caseworker's Telephone Number _____

Application Checklist: You must submit the following information

- Essay
- Official high school transcript
- Acceptance letter from accredited 4 year college or university
- Letters of support/recommendation (2)
- Proof of completed FAFSA
- Completed and signed application

I give FAFS permission to reprint my scholarship application essay. I understand my name will not be used.

Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

How Can You Help?

The scholarships and opportunity grants contained in this publication are made possible by the members of Foster and Adoptive Family Services and contributions from caring people like you.

If you would like to become a member of FAFS, or if you would like to contribute to the lives of children in care, please fill out a membership form on the next page, or contact us at:

Foster and Adoptive
Family Services
P.O. Box 518
4301 Route 1 South
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

Or call our **Hotline**: 1-800-222-0047

Why should I become a member of FAFS?

By joining with hundreds of other caring people from across the state as a member of FAFS:

- You will demonstrate you care about New Jersey’s foster children and resource families.
- You will support the belief that a scholarship fund for foster and adopted children is important.
- You will enhance legislative efforts on behalf of children in foster care, and those who have been adopted.
- You will become identified with an organization whose philosophy is that foster children are the community’s children with the same hopes and dreams of all youngsters.

Yes! I want to become a member of FAFS and help families and children!

Annual dues per household are \$20 (bronze); \$30 (silver); and \$50 (gold).

Please check appropriate box: \$20 \$30 \$50

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