Scholars Program
2020 Application

Awarding College Scholarships to Detroit Youth for 38 Years

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Applications must be postmarked no later than
Friday, March 6, 2020

Application (.pdf) is available online at www.cayf.org and can be completed and submitted electronically. Upload or mail required attachments such as 2019 W-2 and tax forms, letters of recommendation, and essay to the CAYF office at the following address:

Coleman A. Young Foundation
7650 Second Avenue, Suite 206
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Phone 313.962.2200, Fax 313.962.2208
www.cayf.org

Acceptance and participation in the CAYF Scholars Program is the same for everyone without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability or sexual preference.

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Please print/type all information

APPLICATION DATA

Name: _______________________________ SS#: ________________ Birth date: ________________

(First, Middle, Last)

Address: _______________________________ City: ________________ Zip: ________________

(number, street and/or apartment #)

Home Phone #: _______________________________ Mobile or Other Phone #: ________________________________

Email address: ________________________________

(Write all that apply) I have read the eligibility requirements and I:

____ attend a high school located in the city of Detroit.

____ Prom Date: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ___________________________

____ I am a high school senior scheduled to graduate in May/June 2020.

____ I live in the city of Detroit, and I am claimed on tax documentation by a parent/guardian who also lives in the city of Detroit; and that person will submit a copy of a Michigan Driver’s License or State ID to support the tax documentation submitted.

____ I plan to attend a four-year accredited college/university in Michigan, or an Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the continental United States.

Please indicate your gender: ____ Man/Male ____ Woman/Female ____ Other: ________________

Race/ethnicity: ____ African-American ____ White ____ Native-American/American Indian

____ Asian or Pacific Islander ____ Hispanic ____ Other: ________________

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Name of College/University I will attend: ____________________________

I have been accepted: ____ yes ____ no

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________

My college major will be: ____________________________

I estimate it will take ____ years to earn my degree.

Estimated annual costs: Tuition & fees $________ Room & Board $________ Books $________

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _______________________________ SS#: ________________ Birth date: ________________________________

(First, Middle, Last)

Address: _______________________________ City: ________________ Zip: ________________

(number, street and/or apartment #)

Home Phone #: _______________________________ Mobile or Other Phone #: ________________________________

Please list the names and ages of all siblings, and other minors, age 18 and under, in your home, as well as any other people dependent upon your parent(s) or guardian(s) [explain the dependency in the “Need Declaration” section]:

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Please list both (regardless of with whom the student resides) the parent’s or guardian’s name(s), place of employment, position and title, and annual gross income (you must submit the parent’s or guardian’s 2019 W-2 and a completed and signed copy of the parent’s or guardian’s 2019 Federal Income Tax return statement, or welfare/general assistance benefits.) If you are self-supporting, please submit a copy of your 2019 W-2 form, a completed and signed copy of your federal income tax return, or a statement of SSI benefits or other welfare/general assistance benefits. If a legal independent, you must present State of Michigan authorized documentation supporting your legally independent living status.

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NEED DECLARATION

On a separate page, state clearly your need for this scholarship and provide any applicable information (include details concerning dependents in household) that may be useful in understanding said need. Please list each (regardless of with whom the student resides) parent’s/guardian’s name, place of employment, position and title, and annual gross income (you must submit the parent’s or guardian’s 2019 W-2 and a copy of a completed and signed copy of the parent’s or guardian’s 2019 Federal Income Tax return statement, or welfare/general assistance benefits.) If you are self-supporting, please submit a copy of your 2019 W-2 form, a completed and signed copy of your federal income tax return, or a statement of SSI benefits or other welfare/general assistance benefits. If a legal independent, you must present State of Michigan authorized documentation supporting your legally independent living status.

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Print name and organization clearly

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE APPLICATION

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, and HONORS
Provide a resume that includes all school, employment, community and ecumenical activities in which you have participated and received recognition during your high school career.

ESSAY
Write an original essay, typed, double-spaced with your first and last name on each page, numbered, no more than four pages in length that answers or explains ALL of the following inquiries:
1. Who are you, and what are your leadership abilities and potential?
2. How did you become interested in your chosen field of study?
3. Why is college attendance important?
4. How will you contribute to Detroit's growth and development after earning your degree?
5. Discuss two examples of Mayor Coleman A. Young’s leadership record, personality and/or level of professionalism that you feel you share.
6. Describe a significant event in the career of Coleman A. Young as Mayor of the City of Detroit that affects you and/or your family. Clearly explain how and why this event is significant to you.

CAP & GOWN PHOTO
Submit a cap & gown photo with this application. Note: E-mailed photos are acceptable, but must be at least 300 dpi, or minimum 375x375 pixels. E-mail to info@cayf.org. Photos deemed too unclear for use will be rejected. Repeated failure to deliver a photo useful enough for print may result in disqualification.

Sign the essay and attach it to the application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Please submit with this application three letters of recommendation. Rules: All recommendation letters must be on letterhead. One letter must be from your high school counselor or an instructor, and must appear on official school letterhead. One letter must be from an individual who is not associated with the high school. Letters should provide as much insight as possible about you, including your history and your leadership potential.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION
Official transcripts are provided in a sealed envelope with the registrar's/principal's signature stamped across the document. Paper copies should remain in an unopened and sealed envelope until it is presented to the Coleman A. Young Foundation (CAYF). High schools should issue official transcripts to the student.
Submit an official copy of your high school transcript and have the following section completed by the guidance counselor:

Cumulative Grade Point Average: ___ / 4.0 scale  ACT Composite: ________  SAT Math: ________  SAT Verbal: ________  Remarks: ________

Certification
All of the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If asked by Coleman A. Young Foundation (CAYF), I agree to provide proof of the information I have given on this application. I realize that if I do not provide proof when asked, I will not be considered for a scholarship.

Applicant Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________  Date: _________________________

If submitting a hard copy of the application, all supporting materials must be submitted together in one package to CAYF, postmarked no later than Friday, March 6, 2020, to:
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2020 APPLICATION: COLEMAN A. YOUNG FOUNDATION (CAYF) SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Coleman A. Young Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable organization founded in 1982 to develop leadership among Detroit youth through college scholarships, mentoring, and other supports for personal growth and development.

Coleman A. Young Foundation (CAYF) Scholars Program
CAYF strives to reach as many students as possible who are confirmed to have leadership potential by teachers, guidance counselors, and community leaders, are committed to Detroit, and who may not be able to attend college without CAYF’s assistance. The Scholars Program provides academic mentoring and coaching, and counseling to all its scholars.

Eligibility
Applicants must be residents of Detroit who will graduate from a Detroit high school - public, private or parochial - during the award year. Applicants also must:
- Plan to attend a four-year accredited college or university in Michigan or an Historically Black College or University (HBCU).
- Meet all admission requirements of the college or university.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.
- Demonstrate financial need (proof of annual family income is required). A 2019 W-2 Federal Income Tax form filed with IRS is required to accompany this application and must be signed by a parent or guardian. Application is not accepted without this information.
- Complete a scholarship application and provide the required attachments.
- Proof of residence in Detroit.

The Scholarship Award
CAYF awards scholarships of up to $5,000 annually for a maximum of $20,000 over four or five years to eligible graduating high school seniors. Funds must be used to pay for expenses related to attending college including tuition, fees, room and board, books, and transportation.

Key Notification Dates for Finalists
Scholar semi-finalist notifications will be delivered via e-mail and postal service on March 18, 2020. Semi-finalists must participate in an interview process. Interview rounds are scheduled throughout the day on Wednesday, March 25, 2020; and at assigned times on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, and Wednesday, April 15, 2020. All interview dates are mandatory. Conflicts with the interview dates must be made known in writing at the time your application is submitted. Scholarship recipients must participate in the 2020 Annual Awards Experience on May 11, 2020, at the MGM Grand Detroit.

Renewal of Awards
Scholarship awards of up to $5,000 per year are renewable for a maximum of $20,000 over 4 or 5 years. Recipients must continue to 1) demonstrate financial need, 2) maintain satisfactory academic performance, 3) demonstrate their ability to succeed, with proper tutoring, counseling and guidance, and 4) maintain a high level of community commitment and involvement.

CHECKLIST — The CAYF Scholars program application becomes complete and valid only when you have submitted all of the following material in one package (please review this checklist carefully):

The Completed Application Form must be accompanied by the following ATTACHMENTS:

1. Statement of need declaration
2. Proof of family income (2019 W-2 and 2019 Federal Tax Return; or a statement of welfare)
3. Proof of Residency in the city of Detroit.
4. Resume
5. Essay
6. An official transcript of grades and either the ACT or SAT results.
7. Three letters of recommendation (see “Letters of Recommendation” rules on page 3).
8. A cap & gown photo (see “Cap & Gown Photo” instructions on page 3).

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