

General Instructions – Please Keep

Washington State Scholarships for Foster Youth

Use this application to apply for the following scholarships:

	<u>Complete Pages:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>
• <i>Washington State Education and Training Voucher (ETV)</i>	1-4	None
• <i>YMCA Transitions Scholarship (for program participants in King County only)</i>	1-4	None
• <i>Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth</i>	1-4 and 5-7	3/1/06
• <i>Treehouse's Coaching-to-College (for CTC participants in King County only)</i>	1-4 and 5-7	3/1/06, 9/29/06

Application Directions

Applicants should allow sufficient time to complete this application and seek assistance from a school counselor, social worker, teacher, foster parent, or other adult when filling it out. In order for your scholarship applications to be complete, please photocopy and **mail your Common Application and all supporting documents to EVERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** you apply for and keep one copy of all documents for yourself.

1. Read and keep informational pages A, B, C, D, & E.
2. Complete page 1 to find out the scholarships for which you are eligible.
3. Fill out all of the Common Application (pages 1-4).
4. Type your response to the essay question on page 3.
5. Make a photocopy of your **completed** Common Application (pages 1-4) for each scholarship you are applying for (including your essay).
6. Prepare supporting documents for each scholarship you are applying for, including:
 - a. **Official** copy of your current high school transcript (in a sealed envelope), or your GED score report
 - b. **Copy of a letter from your social worker** on their agency's letterhead documenting your ward of the court/ foster care status, and the dates which you have been a ward of the court/ in foster care.
 - c. **Copy** of your financial aid award letter, or if you have not received your award letter yet, a copy of your completed 2006-2007 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* or your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*. You can fill out your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov;



STOP HERE and submit your completed ETV and/or YMCA Transitions Scholarship applications.

To apply for the Governor's Scholarship and Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship, you will need to complete the supplemental application (pages 5-7) and submit the following documents in addition those listed above:

7. Your typed response to the additional essay questions listed on page 5.
8. Completed page 6 and an academic letter of recommendation.
9. Completed page 7 and a personal letter of recommendation.

REFER TO THE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE LOCATION TO SUBMIT EACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Scholarship Programs – Please Keep

Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth

The Governor's Scholarship provides **up to \$5000** per year for emancipating foster youth to attend an eligible college in Washington State and can be renewed for up to four additional years, until completion of the student's program of study. The application deadline for the Governor's Scholarship is Wednesday March 1, 2006. For important Governor's Scholarship details, see pages C & E. With questions, contact the Governor's Scholarship Program at 1-877-655-4097. To apply for the Governor's Scholarship, complete and submit both the Common Application (pages 1-4) and the Supplemental Application (pages 5-7). **Mail your Governor's Scholarship application to: Washington Education Foundation; Governor's Scholarship Program; 1605 NW Sammamish Rd, Suite 100; Issaquah, WA 98027-4097.**

Washington State Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

ETV is a grant funded by the federal government that can provide **up to \$5000 per year** to young adults who emancipate from the Washington State foster care system (or who were in foster care and adopted after the age of 16) and are enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary education or training program anywhere in the United States. There is no deadline for ETV applications, and students must reapply each year. To apply for ETV for the 05-06 school year, use the 05-06 ETV application instead of the 06-07 Common Application. With questions, please contact ilskids@dshs.wa.gov. To apply for the ETV program please complete and submit the Common Application (pages 1-4) and the supporting documents listed on page 1. **Mail your ETV application to your Independent Living/Transitional Living representative (if you have one) or call (360) 902-8243 for information on where to send your application.**

YMCA Transitions Scholarship (for YMCA program participants in King County only)

To apply for the YMCA Transitions Scholarship you must be enrolled in the YMCA Transitions program. YMCA Transitions provides housing, independent living skills development, career development and educational supports to young adults who have been in foster care. To learn more about the YMCA Transitions program contact (206) 749-7450. Participants of the YMCA Transitions Program are eligible to receive **up to \$4000 per year** based on the participant's financial need. There is no deadline for YMCA Transitions Scholarship applications, and students must reapply each year. To apply for the YMCA Transitions Scholarship please complete and submit the Common Application (pages 1-4) and the supporting documents listed on page 1. **Give your YMCA Transitions Scholarship application to your Independent Living Specialist or the YMCA Education Coordinator.**

Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship (for CTC participants in King County only)

To apply for Treehouse's Coaching-to-College (CTC) Scholarship you must be enrolled in the Treehouse CTC program. The CTC program assists King County youth in foster care to graduate from high school and plan for appropriate post-secondary opportunities. Participants of the Treehouse CTC Program are eligible to receive **up to \$1500 per year**. With questions or to enroll in the CTC program, please contact Treehouse CTC staff at (206) 267-5147. There are two deadlines for the Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship: March 1, 2006 and September 29, 2006. To apply for the CTC Scholarship, complete and submit both the Common Application (pages 1-4) and the Supplemental Application (pages 5-7). Refer to page D & E for additional scholarship information. **Mail your Coaching-to-College Scholarship application to: Treehouse; Coaching-to-College Scholarship; 2100 24th Avenue South, Suite 200; Seattle, WA 98144-4632**

Important Program Details for Governor's Scholarship Only Please Keep

Dependent youth – To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must be (or have been until emancipation) a dependent youth in state, tribal or federally recognized foster, group, or kinship care in the state of Washington. For the purposes of this program:

- "State-recognized care" means that a dependency court order resulted from intervention by Washington State on behalf of the youth.
- "Federally-recognized care" means that the youth is classified by the United States Government as an unaccompanied minor refugee, is a legal permanent resident, and is in legal care (or was in care until their emancipation) of a private non-profit agency in Washington State.
- "Tribal-recognized care" means the youth's placement is under jurisdiction of the tribal court.
- A high school senior over 18, who is no longer living with his/her foster family is still qualified to apply for the Governor's Scholarship as long as he/she was in state, tribal or federally recognized care until their emancipation.
- "State-recognized kinship care", means the state intervened on the youth's behalf and issued a dependency court order resulting in the youth's ward of the court status. A youth residing with relatives in any other type of situation is not eligible for the Governor's Scholarship.
- A former foster youth who has been placed by the state back into the custody of his/her parent(s) before his/her 18th birthday, or who has been adopted, is not eligible for the Governor's Scholarship.

High school senior – Applicants must be enrolled as a Washington State high school senior at the time of application, plan to graduate from that high school during the 2005-06 academic year, and must submit their current high school transcripts. GED graduates are not eligible for this scholarship program.

Required documents – For Governor's Scholarship applications to be complete, applicants must submit all documents listed on page 5. Applicants must submit their current high school transcripts. Any additional documents will not be considered in the selection process. If a student is unable to obtain a letter from their social worker, WEF may verify their ward of the court/ foster care status with DSHS. The purpose of this letter is to show evidence that the applicant was or is a ward of the court/ in foster care. If the applicant is selected as a scholar, WEF may send this letter to the student's college to verify they were in care.

Full-time enrollment – To receive this scholarship, students must plan to enroll full-time (12 or more credits per term) and enroll in a college program of study towards the completion of a two or four-year degree or certificate.

Attend an eligible college – To receive this scholarship, students must plan to attend college beginning the fall 2006 term at any of the 56 eligible, public or private, non-profit accredited colleges or universities in the state of Washington. This includes all of the public community and technical colleges, as well as most public and private nonprofit four-year colleges and universities.

Scholarship award amounts and receipt of other scholarships – The scholarship award amount will vary dependent upon each recipient's financial need and the amount of financial aid that the student receives from other sources. It is expected that Governor's Scholarship recipients will receive a combination of scholarship, grant, loan and work-study employment assistance and the Governor's Scholarship award amount will be determined after considering all other sources of financial aid and scholarships that have been awarded to the. Scholarships range between \$1000 and \$5000 per year, with the average award expected to be approximately \$4000 per year. Awards will be limited to five years for students working on four-year college degrees, or the normal duration of programs that are less than four years. Should an applicant receive other significant private scholarships (such as the Washington State Achievers Scholarship, the Gates Millennium Scholarship or the Orphan Foundation of America Scholarship), WEF reserves the right to withdraw or reduce the amount of the Governor's Scholarship. If an applicant has already been selected as a Washington State Achievers Scholar, he/she is not eligible for the Governor's Scholarship.

Additional Student Services and Mentor Support - WEF will work with the colleges that Governor's Scholarship recipients are admitted to in order to help facilitate their financial aid and scholarship awards. Each recipient must do his or her part in completing all necessary WEF, college, and federal financial aid forms, such as the *FAFSA*, on a timely basis. WEF will work with each college to provide a mentor to each Governor's Scholar for at least the first two years of the recipient's enrollment.

Scholarships for Foster Youth – visit our website for information on scholarships for foster youth at www.waedfoundation.org/studentresources.

Scholarship Notification Date - WEF plans to notify, in writing, all applicants of the selection decisions by April 15, 2006 (postmark date).

Mandatory *Make it Happen* Summer Program - WEF will hold a four day, three night residential summer program during July 2006, and all Governor's Scholarship recipients are required to attend. All expenses will be paid and transportation will be provided. Students who apply for the Governor's Scholarship are automatically considered for *Make it Happen* and do not need to submit a separate *Make it Happen* application.

**Call toll free 1-877-655-4097 for assistance with the Governor's Scholarship application.
The Governor's Scholarship application postmark deadline is Wednesday, March 1, 2006.**



Important Program Details for Coaching-to-College Please Keep

Foster care status – To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must have been a foster youth in King County foster care between the ages of 15 – 18, for a minimum of one year and have not reached their 22nd birthday. Or, they must currently be a dependent youth in state, tribal or federally recognized foster, group, or kinship care in King County. For the purposes of this program:

- “State-recognized care” means that a dependency court order resulted from intervention by Washington State on behalf of the youth.
- “Federally-recognized care” means that the youth is classified by the United States Government as an unaccompanied minor refugee, is a legal permanent resident, and is in legal care (or was in care until their emancipation) of a private non-profit agency in Washington State.
- “Tribal-recognized care” means the youth’s placement is under jurisdiction of the tribal court.
- “State-recognized kinship care”, means the state intervened on the youth’s behalf and issued a dependency court order resulting in the youth’s ward of the court status. A youth residing with relatives in any other type of situation is not eligible for the Coaching-to-College Scholarship.
- A former foster youth who has been placed by the state back into the custody of his/her parent(s) before his/her 15th birthday is not eligible for the Coaching-to-College Scholarship. Former foster youth in King County foster care between the ages of 15 – 18, for a minimum of one year and who were adopted during this time may be considered for the Coaching-to-College Scholarship.

Educational Status - Applicants must be enrolled as a high school senior or GED program participant residing in King County (or if not residing in King County, having an open case file in King County or have been a foster youth in King County foster care between the ages of 15 – 18, for a minimum of one year and have not reached their 22nd birthday) at the time of application and plan to graduate from high school or receive a GED during the 2005-06 academic year. Applicants may also have graduated from high school or have received a GED in previous years to apply.

Required documents –In order for the Coaching-to-College Scholarship application to be complete, applicants must submit all documents listed on page 5. Any additional documents will not be considered in the selection process. If a student is unable to obtain a letter from their social worker, Treehouse Coaching-to-College program may verify their current or former ward of the court status with DSHS. The purpose of this letter is to show evidence that the applicant was or is a ward of the court/ in foster care. If the applicant is selected as a scholar, Treehouse Coaching-to-College may send this letter to the student’s college to verify they were in foster care. Any additional documents will not be considered in the selection process.

Enrollment Requirements - To receive this scholarship, students must plan to enroll full-time (12 or more credits per term) or half-time and enroll in a college program of study towards completion of a two or four-year degree or vocational certificate.

Attend an eligible college – To receive this scholarship, students must plan to attend college during the 2006-07 academic year.

Scholarship award amounts and receipt of other scholarships – The scholarship award amount will vary dependent upon each recipient’s financial need and the amount of financial aid that the student receives from other sources. It is expected that Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship recipients will receive a combination of scholarship, grant, loan and work-study employment assistance and the Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship award amount will be determined after considering all other sources of financial aid and scholarships that have been awarded to the recipient. Scholarships are up to \$1,500 per year. Awards will be limited to five years for students working on four-year college degrees and three years for students pursuing two-year degrees or certifications. Adjustments in the amount of annual CTC scholarship funding will be made in accordance to the student’s verified financial need.

Required Coaching-to-College program enrollment and Coaching Support– All students receiving Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship funds must be enrolled in the CTC program and be matched with a Coaching-to-College Educational Coach for at least the first two years of the recipient’s enrollment in post-secondary education. Students will also be required to participate in educational workshops to support their success in post-secondary education and submit feedback information when requested for program evaluation purposes.

Additional Student Services - Treehouse Coaching-to-College program will work with Scholarship recipients to help facilitate scholarship awards. Each recipient must do his or her part in completing all necessary Coaching-to-College, and federal financial aid forms, such as the *FAFSA*, on a timely basis. Treehouse Coaching-to-College program will provide an Education Coach to each Treehouse CTC Scholar for at least the first two years of the recipient’s enrollment in post-secondary education.

Scholarship Notification Date – Treehouse Coaching-to-College plans to notify, in writing, all applicants of the selection decisions by April 15, 2006, or October 31, 2006 (postmark dates).

There are two deadlines for the Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship: March 1, 2006 and September 29, 2006. Call (206) 267-5147 for assistance with the Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship application.

2006-2007 Common Application

Part One – Scholarship Eligibility Checklists

This section determines the scholarships for which you are eligible. Read the criteria for each scholarship and check the boxes that apply to you. If you have checked all the eligibility boxes for a scholarship, you are then eligible to apply for that scholarship. You should use this application to apply for every scholarship for which you are eligible. Make sure you check either "yes" or "not eligible" at the end of each scholarship section.

Washington State Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

ETV applicants meet all of the following eligibility requirements (check every box that applies):

- I am currently, or was until emancipation, or was until I was adopted after age 16, recognized as a dependent youth in Washington State or tribal out-of-home care.
I am 16-21 years old, or first enrolled in the ETV program prior to my 21st birthday and am under 23 years old.
I am a senior on track to graduate from high school, or enrolled in a GED program, or have graduated from high school or received a GED. Date of high school/GED completion (Month/year).
I am enrolled full-time or half-time (or accepted to enroll for next term) in a post-secondary degree or certificate program.
I have applied for financial aid, including submitting the 2006-2007 FAFSA. Date submitted: (Month/year).

I am applying for the Washington State Education and Training Voucher: Yes Not Eligible

Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth

Governor's Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements (check every box that applies):

- I am (or was until emancipation) recognized as a dependent youth in Washington State, federal or tribal out-of-home care.
I am a senior at a Washington State high school and will graduate during the 2005-06 academic year.
I have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or above.
I will have resided in Washington State for three academic years prior to graduating from high school.
I plan to enroll in college full-time, beginning the fall term of 2006, and complete a program of study at an eligible WA college.
I have applied for financial aid, including submitting the 2006-07 FAFSA. Date submitted: (Month/year).
I have applied for the Education and Training Voucher (ETV), if eligible. Date submitted: (Month/year).

I am applying for the Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth: Yes Not Eligible

YMCA Transitions Scholarship (for YMCA participants in King County)

YMCA Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements (check every box that applies):

- I am a participant or an alumnus of the YMCA of Greater Seattle's Transitions program (please circle participant or alumnus).
I have finished high school or received a GED. Date of high school/GED completion (Month/year).
I am enrolled full-time or half-time (or accepted for next term) in a post-secondary degree or certificate program.
I have applied for financial aid, including submitting the 2006-2007 FAFSA. Date submitted: (Month/year).
I have applied for the Education and Training Voucher (ETV), if eligible. Date submitted: (Month/year).

I am applying for the YMCA Transitions Scholarship: Yes Not Eligible

Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship (for CTC participants in King County only)

CTC Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements (check every box that applies):

- I am not eligible for ETV or the YMCA Transitions Scholarship.
I have a current/open DCFS case file in King County, or am a former foster youth who was in King County foster care between the ages of 15 – 18 for a minimum of one year and have not reached my 22nd birthday.
I have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
I am a senior on track to graduate from high school, or enrolled in a GED program, or have graduated from high school or received a GED. Date of high school/GED completion (Month/year).
I plan to enroll full-time or half-time in a post-secondary degree or certificate program.
I have applied for financial aid, including submitting the 2006 –2007 FAFSA. Date submitted: (month/year)
I agree to meet the requirements necessary to actively participate in the Coaching-to-College program, including being matched with an Education Coach.

I am applying for Treehouse's Coaching-to-College Scholarship: Yes Not Eligible

Print Name: (First, Last) Date of Birth: (M/D/Y)

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Part Two – Applicant Information

Name of high school: High school principal: Mailing address of high school City: State: Zip: Home Phone: Cell Phone: E-mail: Student Mailing Address: City: State: Zip: County: Gender: Social Security #:

The following items are collected for research and program development purposes:

Are you a U.S. Citizen? If no, are you a legal permanent resident? Alien Registration #

If English is not your first language, what language do you speak best?

Ethnicity (how you best describe yourself; please read all choices and choose only one):

- African, American Indian, Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Black American, White or Caucasian, Hispanic – of European ancestry, Hispanic/Latino—of Mexican, Central or South American or Caribbean (Cuban, Puerto Rican, Dominican) ancestry, Multi-Racial (please specify), Other (please specify)

Will you be responsible for a child while in college? If so, please explain:

How did you learn about these scholarships?

Would you be interested in volunteering in the future for the scholarship program you are applying for? Yes No

Part Three – College Enrollment Information

I will be attending college: Full-time (12 credits or more) Half-time (6-11 credits)

2006-2007 expected terms of enrollment (check all boxes that apply): Summer 2006 Fall Winter Spring Summer 2007

Please identify the final degree/ certificate you expect to receive: Bachelor of Arts (BA) Associate of Arts (AA) Voc/technical Certificate

Please list the colleges to which you have applied, or will apply, for admission:

1st Choice Anticipated program of study Applied and admitted Applied, still waiting to hear (Date applied:) Have not yet applied 2nd Choice Anticipated program of study Applied and admitted Applied, still waiting to hear (Date applied:) Have not yet applied 3rd Choice Anticipated program of study Applied and admitted Applied, still waiting to hear (Date applied:) Have not yet applied

Print Name: (First, Last) Date of Birth: (M/D/Y)

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Part Four – Foster Care Information

Social Worker Name: _____ (First, Last) Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____
 Agency Name: _____ Agency Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Total time in out-of-home care: _____ (in months)
 Number of placements: _____ Type of out-of-home care: Foster Care Kinship Care Group Care Other _____

Please submit a letter from your social worker verifying the dates that you have been in foster care.

Part Five – Alternative Contact Information

Please provide contact information for an adult, preferably a person currently living with you:

Name of Adult Contact: _____ (First, Last) E-mail: _____
 Relationship to applicant: _____ Do you reside with this adult contact? Yes No
 Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Part Six – Essay Question One

Using 500 words or less, please type your answer to essay question one on a separate sheet of paper. Include your name and date of birth at the top right corner of each page you submit. Please be sure to address each of the four components in this essay question.

1. Explain your intended field of study at college and why it interests you. What have you done to prepare yourself to pursue this field of study? What are your education and career goals through the next six years? How will your personal strengths help you reach your goals?

Part Seven – Yearly Expenses and Income

If you receive a scholarship, your award amount may be based on information you provide below. Please consult with a financial aid advisor at the college where you plan to enroll for cost of attendance information prior to completing the budget below.

YEARLY EXPENSES	
\$	Tuition & Fees
\$	Books/Supplies
\$	Transportation
\$	Room/Board
\$	Dependent Child Care
\$	Costs Relating to Disability (tutoring, adaptive software, etc)
\$	Other Costs (please specify)
\$	Total Yearly Expenses
YEARLY INCOME	
\$	Income
\$	Savings
\$	Other Scholarships/Grants
\$	Total Yearly Income
\$	Total Amount of Scholarship Funds Requested

Print Name: _____ (First, Last) Date of Birth: _____ (M/D/Y)

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Part Eight – Applicant Consent and Certification

I certify by my signature and initials below (please initial after each line and sign at the bottom):
- To the best of my knowledge, all information submitted is complete and accurate and the essays accompanying this form are my own work.
- I give permission for the above programs to verify my foster care status with the Department of Social and Health Services.
- I understand that this application and the information it contains may be shared between other organizations with programs for which I may be eligible including the Washington Education Foundation, Department of Social and Health Services, Higher Education Coordinating Board, Orphan Foundation of America, Treehouse, the YMCA and other Independent Living Programs as well as the admissions, financial aid, and other student service offices at the colleges and universities to which I may be applying for admission or attending.
- I understand that information regarding my enrollment, financial aid and academic standing may be exchanged between the Washington Education Foundation, Department of Social and Health Services, Higher Education Coordinating Board, Orphan Foundation of America, Treehouse, the YMCA, Independent Living Programs as well as the admissions, financial aid, and other student service offices at the colleges and universities to which I may be applying for admission or attending.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part Nine – Common Application and Supporting Documents Checklist

In order for your scholarship applications to be complete, please photocopy and mail the following documents with your application to EVERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM you apply for and keep one copy of all documents for yourself. Complete only the Common Application (pages 3-6) and the supporting documents below to apply for the Education and Training Voucher and the YMCA Transitions Scholarship. To apply for the Governor's Scholarship and Treehouse's Coaching-to-College Scholarship, complete and submit all documents listed on page 7.

- Typed response to essay question 1 on page 3 (please include your name and date of birth)
- Official copy of your current high school transcript (must be in a sealed envelope), or your GED score report
- Copy of your financial aid award letter or if you have not received your award letter yet, a copy of your completed 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or your Student Aid Report (SAR). You can fill out your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Copy of a letter from your social worker on their agency's letterhead documenting your ward of the court/ foster care status, and the dates which you have been a ward of the court/ in foster care

Refer to the scholarship information on page 1 for the location to submit each scholarship application.

Print Name: _____ (First, Last) Date of Birth: _____ (M/D/Y)

Scholarship Details - Please Keep

Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth

Governor Gary Locke established the Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth in 2001 to assist youth who will emancipate from state, tribal or federally recognized foster, group or kinship care to enroll in and complete degrees or certificates at eligible colleges in Washington. Governor Christine Gregoire has continued support of the Governor's Scholarship and hosts the annual Governor's Golf Cup to raise money for the Scholarship. The Governor's Scholarship program is managed by the Washington Education Foundation (WEF).

The Governor's Scholarship provides up to \$5000 per year toward attendance at an eligible college in Washington State and can be renewed for up to four additional years, until completion of the student's program of study for full-time students meeting satisfactory academic progress. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time, during fall 2006. Between twenty and thirty new Governor's Scholars are chosen each year. All Governor's Scholarship recipients are required to attend *Make it Happen*, a four-day college preparation summer program for Governor's Scholars and other foster youth during July 2006. All expenses will be paid and transportation will be provided. Students who apply for the Governor's Scholarship will automatically be considered for *Make it Happen* and do not need to submit a separate *Make it Happen* application.

Please refer to page 10 for important Governor's Scholarship program details or call 1-877-655-4097 if you need assistance with the Governor's Scholarship application. The Governor's Scholarship application postmark deadline is Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

To apply for the Governor's Scholarship, mail completed materials to:

**Washington Education Foundation
Governor's Scholarship Program
1605 NW Sammamish Road, Ste 100
Issaquah, WA 98027-4097**

Treehouse's Coaching-to-College Scholarship

The Treehouse Coaching-to-College program assists King County youth in foster care in graduating from high school and planning for appropriate post-secondary opportunities. Foster youth entering 9th grade up to their 22nd birthday, and former foster youth who were in care between the ages of 15 – 18, for a minimum of one year are eligible to participate in the CTC program. All students enrolled in CTC will be matched 1:1 with an Education Coach who assists with course advising, career and college exploration, financial aid/scholarship application, and the college admissions process. Qualifying students are eligible for up to \$1,500 per year in Treehouse scholarship assistance.

Please refer to page 11 for important Coaching-to-College program details or call (206)267-5147 if you need assistance with the Coaching-to-College application. There are two Coaching-to-College application postmark deadlines: Wednesday, March 1, 2006 and Friday, September 29, 2006.

To apply for Treehouse's Coaching-to-College Scholarship, mail completed materials to:

**Treehouse
Coaching-to-College Scholarship
2100 24th Avenue South, Ste 200
Seattle, WA 98144-4632**

Scholarship Selection Criteria

During the selection process for the Governor's Scholarship and Coaching-to-College Scholarship, the most heavily weighted components of each application are your essay responses and letters of recommendation. Give yourself enough time to produce essay responses that are thoughtful, specific and complete. Make sure the person you select for your academic and personal recommendation feels comfortable giving you a positive recommendation. Applicants will be selected based on the following variables as described in your essays and recommendations:

1. Educational and career goal-setting – the ability to set educational and career goals and take intermediate steps to reach these goals.
2. Resiliency – the ability to persist toward goals in the face of obstacles or challenges.
3. Openness to receive support – the willingness to seek and use support from others when needed.
4. Community engagement – the motivation and commitment to play a significant role in an activity, group, organization or one's family.

2006-2007 Supplemental Application

Part One – Supplemental Application Checklist

To apply for the Governor's Scholarship and Treehouse's Coaching-to-College Scholarship, complete, photocopy and submit the following documents with your Common Application to EACH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM you apply for and keep one copy for yourself.

- Typed response to essay questions 1-5 (Include your name and date of birth)
- Official copy of your current high school transcript (must be in a sealed envelope)
- Copy of a letter from your social worker on their agency's letterhead documenting your ward of the court/ foster care status, and the dates which you have been a ward of the court/ in foster care
- Copy of your financial aid award letter or if you have not received your award letter yet, a copy of your completed 2006-2007 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* or your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*. You can fill out your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Completed page 6 and an academic letter of recommendation
- Completed page 7 and a personal letter of recommendation

Part Two – Additional Essay Questions

When writing your essays, please keep the following in mind:

- Type your name and date of birth at the top right corner of each page you submit.
- All responses must be typed. You may include more than one answer per page.
- Respond to *all* of the essay questions. Be sure to clearly note the number of the question to which you are responding.
- Your response to each question should be 150 – 300 words. No answer should be less than 150 words.
- Applicants should get help proofreading their essays.

Essay Questions:

1. Educational and career goal-setting - Explain your intended field of study at college and why it interests you. What have you done to prepare yourself to pursue this field of study? What are your education and career goals through the next six years? How will your personal strengths help you reach your goals?
2. Resiliency - Describe a significant challenge you have faced that illustrates your resiliency. How did you deal with that challenge? How did you persist toward your goals in the face of that challenge? Explain how having dealt with that challenge has shaped who you are today and influenced your plans for the future.
3. Openness to receive support - Explain how support from your school, social service professionals, family, peers, or community sources have helped you during your teen years. Explain the type of support you might need from now through your first two years of college, and your willingness to seek the support you might need.
4. Community engagement - Discuss a significant role you have played in any area of your life —school, work, athletics, family, church, community, etc. Describe how you became motivated and committed to play this role? How did this experience influence your personal goals?

Your response to the following question is optional and will not be considered in the essay scoring:

5. Optional question - Based on your experience in foster, group or kinship care, what recommendations would you make to improve the foster care system for other youth who are in similar circumstances?

Print Name: _____ **(First, Last) Date of Birth:** _____ **(M/D/Y)**

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Part Three – Academic Letter of Recommendation

Applicant:

Please fill out the top section of this form. Then ask your academic recommender—a teacher, counselor, or someone else who is familiar with your academic performance—to complete the bottom section and write your academic letter of recommendation. Remember that we cannot accept letters of recommendation from relatives, foster parents or foster family members, spouses, boy/girlfriends or peers. Please make sure the person you select as your academic recommender feels comfortable giving you a positive recommendation.

Applicant Name: _____ (First, Last) Phone Number: (_____) _____

Applicant's Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I give permission for _____ (name of individual or agency) to release the information requested for my Governor's Scholarship/Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship application.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this form and your *academic* letter of recommendation with your scholarship application.

Recommender:

The applicant named above has requested your recommendation to complete his/her scholarship application. Please complete this form and write a separate letter of recommendation for the applicant, which addresses each of the four criteria below.

1. Educational and career goal-setting – the ability to set educational and career goals and take intermediate steps to reach these goals.
2. Resiliency – the ability to persist toward goals in the face of obstacles or challenges.
3. Openness to receive support – the willingness to seek and use support from others when needed.
4. Community engagement – the motivation and commitment to play a significant role in an activity, group, organization or one's family.

Recommender Name: _____ (First, Last)

Title _____ Employer's Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Phone Number(s): (_____) _____

Employer's Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Please remember to enclose this form and your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant. The applicant must submit this envelope with their scholarship application. Governor's Scholarship applications are due Wednesday March 1, 2006. Treehouse Coaching to College Scholarship applications are due either Wednesday March 1 or Friday September 29, 2006.

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Part Four – Personal Letter of Recommendation

Applicant:

Please fill out the top section of this form. Then ask your personal recommender—someone who is familiar with your personal character—to complete the bottom section and write your personal letter of recommendation. Remember that we cannot accept letters of recommendation from relatives, foster parents or foster family members, spouses, boy/girlfriends or peers. Please make sure the person you select as your personal recommender feels comfortable giving you a positive recommendation.

Applicant Name: _____ (First, Last) Phone Number: (_____) _____

Applicant's Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I give permission for _____ (name of individual or agency) to release the information requested for my Governor's Scholarship/Treehouse Coaching-to-College Scholarship application.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this form and your *personal* letter of recommendation with your scholarship application.

Recommender:

The applicant named above has requested your recommendation to complete his/her scholarship application. Please complete this form and write a separate letter of recommendation for the applicant, which addresses each of the four criteria below.

1. Educational and career goal-setting – the ability to set educational and career goals and take intermediate steps to reach these goals.
2. Resiliency – the ability to persist toward goals in the face of obstacles or challenges.
3. Openness to receive support – the willingness to seek and use support from others when needed.
4. Community engagement – the motivation and commitment to play a significant role in an activity, group, organization or one's family.

Recommender Name: _____ (First, Last)

Title _____ Employer's Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Phone Number(s): (_____) _____

Employer's Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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