



Vermont Foster/Adoptive Family Association Education Grant Application

In 1996 Marion Paris, a Vermont state employee, launched the education grant for youth who had experienced foster care in the state of Vermont. Marion, along with other state employees and the support of VFafa, organized a golf fundraiser called the Tournament for Teens for over 20 years to raise money for the VFafa Education Grant fund.

VFafa is proud to offer education grants and honor the work of Marion Paris and her supporters.

Eligibility:

1. Student having been in foster care; in the custody of the state of Vermont under Department of Children and Families, formally known as SRS, at any time during youth; regardless of age, duration of custody, and permanency.
2. Apply and provide mandatory documents each semester for which requesting a VFafa Education Grant by the due dates as listed below. All requests from previous semesters will be discarded.
3. Parent has a current paid annual VFafa membership (this will not preclude you from being eligible if noted as impossible or a hardship).

Grant:

1. \$500 education grant award per semester.*
2. Up to 8 semester education grants (\$4000 total) per individual
*While funds last

Maximum of five individual VFafa Education Grants will be awarded at random draw, per semester, per the schedule as listed below.

Application Deadlines:

April 30th – Summer semester

July 31st – Fall semester

December 31st – Spring semester

VFafa Education Grant random draw will occur at the regularly scheduled, monthly VFafa board meeting immediately following each deadline. VFafa Education Grant recipients will be notified via email and awards will be paid directly to the student, as named on the application, with checks mailed to the address on the application within 30 days.

VFafa Education Grants are considered supplemental to other aid, such as scholarships and loans. Grants, like scholarships are a form of “gift aid” meaning there is no obligation, if obtained lawfully through the eligibility factors, to repay the funds.

Vermont Foster/Adoptive Family Association (VFafa) reserves the right, at its discretion, to stop grant offerings or change, modify, add, or remove portions of these Terms at any time by posting the amended Terms to the website, www.vfafa.org.

Student Legal Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Month & Year of Graduation: _____

Vocational Program, College, or University attending: _____

Parent / Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone number: _____

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION

Applications missing these documents will be excluded from the grant drawing without communication.

Each document should include your full legal name.

- Proof of Vermont DCF custody with your full name. If your name changed after custody include a certificate of name change.
- Letter of acceptance to the school indicated above for the subsequent semester and the enrollment letter including the tuition statement.

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature (if applicant under 18 years old): _____

VFAFA member? _____ If no, please indicate why this is not possible or a hardship: _____

Submit via mail:

VFAFA

P.O. Box 205

South Barre, VT 05670-0205

Submit via email: board@vfafa.net