



**FRANKLIN COUNTY
CHILDREN SERVICES**

Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

**Youth Scholarship
Guide**

2025

Questions?

Please Contact:

Chuck Cochran,
College Bound Mentor Coordinator
cjcochra@fcss.us / 614-275-2598

or

FCCS Volunteers Department
FCCSVolunteers@fcss.us /
614-275-2690

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:

January 31, 2025:	Deadline for postmark/receipt of all application materials.
March 3, 2025:	Notification of award recipients.
June 2, 2025:	Completion and Return of the FCCS Youth Scholarship Payment Request Form
July 15, 2025:	Contact Chuck Cochran at 614-275-2598 or via e-mail at cjcochra@fccs.us if payment is not received by accredited educational institution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete the Scholarship Application (separate form), including a Personal Statement (**PART A**)
- Sign Scholarship Agreement (**PART B**)
- Obtain caregiver signature on consent forms (**PART C**)
- Send the Scholarship Application Transcripts and Reference Letter (separate packet) to high school administrator and/or personal reference. (**PART D- E**) They should complete and email back to the fccsvolunteers@fccs.us

Franklin County Children Services

Youth Scholarship Opportunities

Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) is proud to offer the following scholarship opportunities to youth involved with the agency through an open case OR a current mentee relationship with an FCCS mentor:

JACK DONAHUE FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$16,000.00):

The Four-Year Jack Donahue scholarship is to be used toward completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. The award is \$4,000.00 each year on a renewable basis, details below.

Jack Donahue Two-Year Scholarship (up to \$8,000.00):

The Two-Year Jack Donahue scholarship is to be used toward completion of a two-year degree or continuing education (post high school program). The award is \$4,000.00 each year on a renewable basis, details below.

Alvin R. Hadley Four-Year Scholarship (up to \$16,000.00):

The Alvin R. Hadley scholarship is a four-year renewable scholarship, best suited for a youth working towards a four-year degree. The award is \$4,000.00 each year on a renewable basis, details below.

CME Sponsored Scholarship (\$1,000.00):

The CME Federal Credit Union Scholarship is a one-time non-renewable award of \$1,000.00 given each year to a deserving student. **At the conclusion of the scholarship award period, CME Scholarship recipients are eligible for conversion to a Merit Scholarship for renewal purposes provided they meet eligibility requirements.**

Merit Scholarships (up to \$4,000.00):

Merit scholarships are \$1000 renewable scholarships awarded each year based upon the number of eligible applicants for FCCS scholarships.

Douglas C. Moore Trade and Technical School Scholarships/ Stipends (up to \$4,000.00):

The Douglas C. Moore Scholarship is a one-year renewable scholarship, best suited for a youth seeking to attend an accredited trade, technical, vocational, or on job training program.

The Jack Donahue/Alvin R. Hadley/CME/ Merit Scholarships and Douglas C Moore Scholarships operate without discrimination as to age, race, religion, sex or national origin. Jack Donahue/Alvin R. Hadley/Merit/ and Douglas C. Moore Scholarships cannot replace other scholarship aid unless the reduction is required by federal or state law.

DOUGLAS C. MOORE TRADE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP / STIPENDS PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE DOUGLAS MOORE TRADE AND TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP?

The purpose of the Douglas C. Moore Trade and Technical School Scholarship/Stipends is not only to honor FCCS board member, Mr. Moore's legacy but also an opportunity to provide our youth with alternative post-high school options to help prepare our youth for well-paying jobs that could help forge a career path and brighten their futures.

MORE ABOUT DOUGLAS C. MOORE AND THE LOGO



For more than 21 years Mr. Moore served as the president of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the largest trade union of public employees in the United States. To his employees, he was known as a fearless advocate for what was fair and just. As an educator, Mr. Moore was committed to ensuring that the youth of Franklin County had opportunities to learn and grow in healthy environments. The logo, like the scholarships, pays homage to a man known to his family and friends for being a “jack of all trades, and for his mission to gain and provide knowledge and skillsets. We hope that these scholarships/ stipends help provide our youth with access to education, skills, and opportunities to gain self-efficacy and achieve their wildest dreams.”

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Young adults who have obtained their high school diploma, or GED and have a current or closed case with Franklin County Children Services, including post emancipated youth. Case is defined as working directly with FCCS, or Managed Care partners.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Minimum GPA is not required.
- Ability to articulate in writing or verbally, their strengths, talents, extracurricular activities, and or community service.
- Ability to articulate in writing or verbally how their lived experience has impacted or motivates their desire to succeed and/or how a career in the trade, technical or vocational fields could support their dreams and or self-efficiency.
- At the time of application submission, young adult should have applied or been accepted to a trade, technical, vocational college, and or a job training program providing certification, licensure, or bonding.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Preferred programs are accredited trade, technical, vocational colleges, and or a job training program providing certification, licensure, or bonding. Other programs may be considered.

AWARDS

Two (2) renewable scholarships/ stipends in the amount of \$4,000 can be awarded annually toward the completion of a trade, technical, vocational college, and or a job training, certification, licensure, or bonding program.

Below are **examples** of trade, technical, and vocational colleges, as well as job training programs that offer certification, licensure, or bonding, include but are not limited to the following. **Please note** that this is not an exhaustive list of available programs. We encourage you to conduct your own research to explore additional opportunities.

Cosmetology	Construction	Message Therapy
Aveda Institute of Columbus (614) 291 - 2421	Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353	Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353
Paul Mitchell Hair and Beauty School (614) 478 - 0922	Culinary	Mechanical / Automotive
Fortis Colleges and Institutes (855) 436 - 7847	Hocking College (904) 824 - 4468	Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353
Career & Technology	Electrician	Career and Technology Education Centers (740) 784 - 4675
Career and Technology Education Centers (740) 784 - 4675	The Electrical Trades Center of Central Ohio (614) 463-5282	Phlebotomy
Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353	EMT, Firefighting	Ohio School of Phlebotomy (614) 262 - 6691
DACC Adult Education (740) 548 - 0708	Tolles Career and Technical School (614) 873 - 4666	Plumbing, Fitters & HVAC/R Service Technicians
Eastland- Fairfield Career & Technical Schools (614) 836 - 4530	Nursing	Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353
Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center (614) 365 - 6681	Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353	Joint Apprenticeship Training Center Mechanical Contractors Association of Central Ohio (614) 486 - 8980
DACC Adult Education (740) 548 - 0708	Fortis Colleges and Institutes (855) 436 - 7847	Welding
Carpentry	Hondros College (855) - 90 - NURSE	Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353
Columbus State Community College (614) 287-5353	PCHS Premier Choice Health Services (614) 896 - 6420	Joint Apprenticeship Training Center Mechanical Contractors Association of Central Ohio (614) 486 - 8980
Ohio Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program (614) 236 - 4205	Tolles Career and Technical School (614) 873 - 4666	Tolles Career and Technical School (614) 873 - 4666
		Rri-Rivers Career Center (740) 389 - 4681

Criteria and Conditions

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AWARDEE:

- A minimum of **2.0 GPA** in high school is required to apply. * **No minimum GPA is required for The Douglas C. Moore Trade and Technical School Scholarship.** GED (Graduate Equivalency Degrees) **are accepted** if applying for Douglas C. Moore Trade and Technical Scholarships.
- Exemplary qualities of **leadership in school; extra-curricular activities and/ or community service**
- Applied as a full-time, first year student in any accredited, post-secondary educational certificate/degree program (*e.g., a four-year university or a two-year technical college, trade school, vocational program or on the job training program*) at the time of **request for funds**, (*details below*).

EXPECTATION OF THE AWARDEE:

- The recipient will maintain contact with the College Bound Mentoring Coordinator and provide current contact information including address 📧, phone 📞, and e-mail 📧.
- If a recipient chooses not to continue in certificate/degree program in a particular year, without communicating to the College Bound Mentor Coordinator, informing them of the recipient's intention to take a gap semester or year, the scholarship award will be canceled and the unspent portion, if any, will be returned to the applicable scholarship fund.
- The recipient must start classes or training by January 31st, 2025, or the second semester of the academic year in which, the scholarship was awarded. Otherwise, the award will be canceled, unless the recipient has advised the College Bound Mentoring Coordinator that they are taking a gap semester or year.
- The recipient will submit their grades each semester to the College Bound Mentoring Coordinator, or at least twice a year for all scholarships except Douglas C. Moore Scholarship/ Stipends' Douglas C. Moore Scholarship / Stipend recipients will submit a verification letter of their continued enrollment and progress towards their trade or technical skill twice a year.
- The recipient must complete the FCCS Youth Scholarship Payment Request Form, which will be provided at the time of the award (*this form is not included in this application*). They should also include verification of school acceptance and submit these documents via email or by mail to the address below no later than June 1st 2024:

Email:

FCCSVOLUNTEERS@FCCS.US

OR

Physical Address:

Franklin County Children
Services
Scholarship Committee
ATTN: Volunteers Department
855 W. Mound Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

SCHOLARSHIP/STIPEND PAYMENT PROCESS:

- Scholarship payments will be mailed directly to the college, university, or trade/technical institution on behalf of the student in two equal payments.
- **Eligible Expenses:** Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, fees, room and board, labs, books, and any necessary tools, materials, or supplies for trade and technical programs. Stipends will be paid directly to the scholarship awardee in two equal payments and can be used by the awardee for tools, supplies, transportation costs, and living expenses.
- If the student does not utilize the initial award within one year, (apart from informed gap years) the award is forfeited and will not be paid.

DOUGLAS C. MOORE STIPEND CONDITIONS:

- If the recipient enrolls in a program that does not accept third-party scholarships, such as a trade/technical apprenticeship or a certification/licensure program without fees, they will be eligible for a stipend equal to the scholarship award amount.
- If the recipient chooses to attend a non-accredited or for-profit institution, the selected institution must meet at least two (2) of the following four (4) criteria before the scholarship can be awarded.
The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to decline the award based on these standards:
 - a) The institution must have no legitimate complaints listed in the Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Lawsuit Search. [Link to search](https://lawsuitsearch.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Search/Lawsuits). (<https://lawsuitsearch.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Search/Lawsuits>)
 - b) The institution must hold a rating of B or higher from the Better Business Bureau.
 - c) The institution must provide verification that at least 75% of its graduates are employed in their field of study within a reasonable time after graduation.
 - d) Non accredited or for-profit institution must have been in existence for a minimum of 5 years.
- If the recipient transfers from an accredited college/university or decides to continue in a different certificate/degree program, the stipend will cease. Any remaining scholarship funds will be sent directly to the new institution to cover eligible expenses.

CONDITIONS FOR RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS/ STIPENDS:

- Students awarded scholarships, are eligible to reapply for payments for three consecutive years for Jack Donahue four- year, Alvin R. Hadley, and Merit Scholarships and one consecutive year for Jack Donahue two-year scholarships and Douglas C. Moore Trade and Technical Scholarships/ Stipends. Students will receive additional payments if:
 - Enrolled as a full-time student or trainee.
 - Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.
 - Maintain regular contact with their mentor and/ or college bound coordinator.
 - Submit the Payment Request Form in a timely manner
 - Provide verification or progress towards certification, licensure, or bonding for on-the-job training programs.
- The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to contact the applicant's educational institution to verify academic standing and enrollment if needed. If a recipient is denied renewal, they will no longer qualify for reapplication.

MENTORING:

- All scholarship recipients are eligible to be matched to a College Bound Mentor through the FCCS Volunteer Department for additional support. Students will be assigned a mentor from the FCCS Volunteer Department. The mentor will maintain contact with the student two (2) to four (4) times per month to maintain a consistent relationship. The mentor will serve as a support person and liaison to the Franklin County Children Services Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarship recipients must contact the admissions and financial aid offices of their college/ university/ trade or technical school and authorize FCCS and their mentor to access disciplinary, academic, and financial aid information. The recipient will provide the name and contact information for the admissions and register departments of the college/university/ trade or technical school to the mentor AND/OR The College Bound Mentoring Coordinator

Submit all documents, including the Scholarship Application, Personal Statement, High School Transcript, GED Certificate, High School Recommendation, Applicant Recommendation, Parental Release & Waiver of Liability and Scholarship Agreement to:

Email:

FCCSVOLUNTEERS@FCCS.US

OR

Physical Address:

Franklin County Children Services
Scholarship Committee
ATTN: Volunteers Department
855 W. Mound Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

*** *The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all materials are postmarked and submitted to the Committee by the deadline of **January 31, 2025**. Applications that are not completed by this date will not be considered, and no exceptions will be made.***