
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX FIRST CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The First Chance® Scholarship Program was created in 2006 to promote the life-changing benefits of education, and honor individuals who have shown desire to improve their lives and the lives of those around them through education. The annual program will empower 200 individuals to complete a bachelor's or master's degree through full-tuition scholarships to University of Phoenix. The University has partnered with non-profit organizations across the nation to help locate potential students that may not have an opportunity to attend college without the aid of a scholarship like First Chance®.

Through a partnership between Junior Achievement of Chicago & University of Phoenix are offering five (5) full-tuition scholarship opportunities. Recipients may choose to attend a University of Phoenix on-ground campus or may attend University of Phoenix online. These scholarships are directed toward recent high school graduates (Spring 2010) and can be used toward a bachelor's degree program of choice. The five (5) scholarships will be awarded.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Applicant must be a resident of Illinois or North West Indiana located within Junior Achievement of Chicago's franchise area.
3. Have participated in one or more Junior Achievement of Chicago programs in grades K-12.
4. Applicant must not be currently receiving or will be receiving once enrolled 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s).
5. Are not receiving any other scholarship from Junior Achievement of Chicago.
6. Applicants must not be currently enrolled nor in the process of enrolling at any University of Phoenix campus or in any online program at any time prior to the scholarship award date. Applicants who enroll after submitting an application or before the scholarship award date are not eligible to be a recipient of this scholarship.
7. Applicant must meet all [admissions requirements of the University of Phoenix](#).
8. Are not employees or family members of employees of Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
9. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation by the deadline date listed under the Selection Process section. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
10. Submit a completed essay. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community in which they reside.
11. Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. This scholarship opportunity is in partnership with Junior Achievement of Chicago, a non-profit organization and the scholarship process is managed by a staff member at Junior Achievement of Chicago. The process includes but not limited to application creation, application submission, forming selection committee and finalizing recipient list. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
2. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and/or Junior Achievement of Chicago.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
4. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.
5. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.
6. The scholarship award will be based on the Committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.

Deadline Date:

A complete application and supporting documentation, if any, must be received on or before March 12, 2010. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. No exceptions.

Award Date:

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by the award date of April 9, 2010. You will be notified via email by award date regarding the status of the scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All materials must be hand delivered or submitted by mail to the following address and received on or before the deadline date of (3/12/10).

Junior Achievement Scholarship Committee
Junior Achievement of Chicago
Attn: Peter Truschke
8383 West Belmont Suite 303
River Grove, IL 60171

For any additional information, please e-mail Peter Truschke at ptruschke@jachicago.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

Degree Program: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

If high school senior (applicant) is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian information must also be included.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address (If different from child's): _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address (very important to include): _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Principal's Name: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

Number of years attended: _____

Overall grade point average on 4 pt, 5 pt or 6 pt scale (circle): _____

Fall Semester grade point average: _____

List all activities involved in other than Junior Achievement:

EDUCATION PLANS

Expected high school graduation date: _____

Colleges/Universities applied to: _____

Course of study/major: _____

Please describe your current plans to finance your college education other than receiving this scholarship: _____

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT EXPERIENCE

Number of years in the program: _____

How many years in Junior Achievement programs: _____

Name of most recent Junior Achievement program: _____

Sponsoring Firm: _____

Volunteer Name(s): _____

Please describe in your own words what you have learned and experienced through your involvement in Junior Achievement:

GENERAL ESSAY QUESTION

Answer the following questions in essay format on a separate document; submit a complete and comprehensive two-page essay. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:

- a. Two – four page essay
 - b. Double spaced
 - c. 12 point font
 - d. 8 x 11 paper
 - e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples).
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- Why you are choosing to attend University of Phoenix?
 - How will a University of Phoenix education help you reach your professional and/or personal goals?
 - Why is higher education important and what does it mean to you?

CHECK LIST

- _____ University of Phoenix First Chance Scholarship application completed
- _____ University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions completed and signed
- _____ Essay Questions
- _____ Letter(s) of recommendation
- _____ Keep a copy of entire packet for your records

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions for the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, applicant agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to recipient's University account in the amount stated by the scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to award recipient at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. If applicant/recipient's a current student he/she is not receiving or not enrolled will not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s).
6. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship. No exceptions.
7. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Applicants who enroll during the scholarship process or before the award date are not eligible for the scholarship, and any such enrollment in violation of these scholarship terms and conditions will result in the termination of the scholarship award.
8. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break.
9. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for the selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
10. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
11. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A–F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
12. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University and is non-transferable. This scholarship does not apply towards doctoral degree programs.

13. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the University reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
14. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
15. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This form may be executed by facsimile. A facsimile signature may be used in lieu of an original signature. In such instance, said facsimile signature shall be valid and enforceable in all aspects as the original.

Printed Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

Printed Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date:** _____

Address (If different from child's): _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____