



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

FERRIS YOUTH INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Ferris State University is proud to announce the Ferris Youth Initiative (FYI). The overall goal of this program is to increase higher education opportunities for young people who are low-income (Pell eligible as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and are alumni of foster care. This program provides support that promotes success and well-being throughout the undergraduate experience at Ferris State. Recipients of the FYI Scholarship may receive up to \$4,000 per year, to be applied to any direct cost at Ferris (tuition/fees, room/board, and/or books/supplies). The FYI program is limited to 22 students, so please apply early. Application deadline for incoming Fall students is July 1. Application deadline for incoming Spring students is November 1.

CRITERIA

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

1. Be accepted for admission to Ferris State University
2. Be enrolled as a full-time student and attending classes on the Big Rapids campus
3. Be under 24 years of age by January 1 of the year they will enroll for classes
4. Qualify for the Chaffee/Youth in Transition (YIT) or Refugee Educational Voucher (REV)
5. Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year
6. Demonstrate unmet need, as determined by the FAFSA
7. Successfully complete a background check/review to verify my eligibility for the scholarship and suitability for the scholars program

RENEWAL CRITERIA

The FYI scholarship can be renewed for as long as the student files a FAFSA each year and meets FYI Program Requirements.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student I.D#: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am applying for the FYI Scholarship as a (an): _____ Foster Youth

Case Worker name and contact _____

Semester and Year I plan to start at Ferris: _____

Written Questions:

- Why did you choose to attend Ferris?
- How do you plan to be a successful student while attending Ferris?
- Anything else you would like to tell us?
- Ferris State University will contact the state human service agencies/other agencies as needed and complete a background check/review to verify my eligibility for the scholarship and suitability for the scholars program.
- Certain personal information is required to process this application. It will be properly safeguarded, and is used only for legitimate purposes and only when absolutely necessary.
- Submission of this application does not guarantee admission to Ferris State University nor acceptance into the Ferris Youth Initiative Program.
- A phone interview may be required.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Addendum for foster youth, to gain information about case worker:

- Case Worker first & last name
- Agency name
- Address
- City, State & Zip
- Phone Number
- Email Address

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Ferris State University
Ferris Youth Initiative
1019 Campus Drive, BHC 202
Big Rapids, MI 49307