



# 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 receive up to \$4,000 per year, to be applied to any direct costs at Ferris (such as tuition and fees, room and board, and textbooks and supplies). Applicants are advised to apply early, as the FYI program is limited to 30 students. 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