

The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Application Packet 2020-2021



Please return completed and signed application form to Mr. Jarrett Pratt, Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement, Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rhodes Tower 1254, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. For additional information, email Mr. Jarrett Pratt, j.g.pratt@csuohio.edu or telephone – 216-687-9388.

The Pratt Center – Fostering Success & Leadership Programs

Program Purpose

The Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program seeks to improve academic outcomes, success rates, and degree completion for CSU students who have experienced foster care and are pursuing short-term certificates or an undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University.

The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Scholarship can provide gap tuition assistance, professional guidance, educational materials such as books, and or a meal plan up to \$1500 per semester, peer mentoring and one to one tutoring resources for Cleveland State Students who have experienced the Foster Care System. The goal is to assure successful planning and preparation for college-level success with structured wrap-around supports to address the transition to university life and academic success.

(Submission of applications for 2020-2021 program activities will be accepted continuingly)

Eligibility to apply for the program and scholarship:

- Participation in Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program activities.
- Students who have experienced foster care and are currently enrolled at CSU, incoming freshmen, transfer students with, at least, a 2.0 GPA.
- Students must apply to the Program and already be admitted to CSU to qualify.
- Must be a legal resident of Ohio and eligible for in-state tuition rates.



Fostering Success & Leadership Selection Process & Program Requirements

Applications for **The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Scholarship** will be reviewed by the Director of Student Success for the Pratt Center and staff of the Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement within the Division of Inclusion and University Engagement at Cleveland State University. The process will follow these steps:

1. Applicants must submit completed application which must include:
 - Completed application form and transcript(s), if a transfer student or short-term certificate candidate.
 - Personal Statement (up to 500 words).
 - One written recommendation in support for applicant's participation.
2. Finalists must successfully complete a brief introduction interview conducted by Director of Pratt Center. Interviews are ongoing throughout academic year.
3. Grades and participation, will be reviewed regularly, at the mid-term, and at the conclusion of every semester. Scholars must meet the above conditions and the University's standards for academic progress and behavior, including but not limited to the CSU Student Conduct Code, CSU harassment, discrimination and Title IX policies.

By accepting **The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Scholarship**, applicants understand that in addition to all rules and expectations that apply to Cleveland State University students, participants must also adhere to the following expectations listed below in order to remain eligible as a Mathilde Jane Gutow Scholar.

Participants are expected to:

- Participate in scheduled *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* activities, events and programs which include: regular meetings with the Program Director; study-table sessions; Program related seminars, workshop presentations and leadership development activities, as directed by the Program Coordinator.
- Maintain an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average, or higher, and maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to maintain eligibility in the program. Participants must adhere to standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by Cleveland State University.
- Maintain, at minimum, 6-12 credit hours while enrolled at CSU each fall and spring semester.
- Attend all classes according to the requirements of the instructor(s) and complete all projects, academic course work, duties and assignments required to earn a passing grade and meet requirements for satisfactory academic progress and graduation.

The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Scholarship Application

<u>Applicant Info:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Date of Birth:</u>
<u>Address:</u>	<u>Cell Phone:</u>	<u>County of Care:</u>
<u>Email:</u>	<u>Alternative Contact:</u>	<u>Short-term Certificate or Degree Seeking:</u>

Personal Statement: Please attach a personal statement that addresses 3 of the 5 questions and statements below in a total of up to 500 words.

1. **College/University Experience:** Briefly describe your recent educational experience including an explanation of educational need.
2. **Goal Statement:** Please identify 3 goals for your time at Cleveland State University. For instance, what you hope to achieve in the upcoming academic semester. Explain how you think a college level access will help you achieve these goals.
3. **Maturity and Character:** Explain why you are a good candidate for The Mathilde Jane Gutow Fostering Success & Leadership Scholarship. What do you consider to be your strengths? What personal values, talents and gifts do you feel you have that will help you to succeed?
4. **Leadership and Citizenship:** Describe ways you have demonstrated good citizenship and leadership in your school and community?
5. **Additional Comments:** Please include any additional information you would like to be considered with this application.

Completed applications must include the personal statement plus one written recommendation as support for your participation. *The recommendation can be from a community member, high school teacher, professor, counselor, or current supervisor.* Incomplete applications will not be considered.

My signature below certifies that the information I have provided, on and attached to this application, is true and correct. I understand that if, at any time, any of the information provided is found to be false, any scholarship funds I have received based on this information will be rescinded possibly creating a balance due to Cleveland State University that I will be responsible for paying. In addition, I do hereby consent to the release of information concerning my academic and financial status to Cleveland State University Foundation, scholarship donors and the Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program Selection Committee.

Signature:

Date:

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The Mathilde Jane Gutow Biography:

Mathilde Jane Gutow overcame significant challenges to complete her education, serve her country, raise a family and become an active member of her community.

The Mathilde Jane Gutow Endowed Scholarship, funded by her daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Thomas Hopkins, honors her memory and offers Cleveland State University students who have aged out of the foster care system the opportunity to follow her example and live meaningful and satisfying lives.

Born in Cleveland to an unwed mother on February 23rd, 1919, Mathilde Jane Landesman was raised in an orphanage and the foster care system from birth until “aging out” at age 16. After graduating from Cleveland Heights High School in 1937, she moved to the Youngstown, Ohio area where she worked as a Deputy Auditor for Mahoning County.

On September 1, 1943, Jane (as she was known) joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC) as a Classification Specialist. Her years of service included foreign deployments to New Guinea and the Philippines. While in the WAC, she worked as an auditor, stenographer and artist. Her many citations included two Bronze Battle Stars, a Philippines Liberation Ribbon, a Victory Medal and three Overseas Service Bars.

After her discharge in 1945, Jane returned to Cleveland and attended the Cleveland College of Western Reserve University, majoring in psychology. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1948 and became a social worker for the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department.

Jane married Bernard Gutow on May 25, 1950 and the couple had five children -- Anne, Eliot, David, Marsha and Jeremy.

Continuing her education, Jane earned a teaching certificate in 1965, as well as a master's degree from Case Western University in 1971. She worked as a teacher and also was active in adult literacy efforts, teaching adults to read at the Cleveland Public Library.

A voracious reader, skilled amateur artist and Girl Scout leader, Jane remained fun and spontaneous throughout her life despite a number of physical disabilities. She passed away on November 11, 1984 at the age of 65.

The Mathilde Jane Gutow Endowed Scholarship supports the higher education aspirations of former foster care students like Jane by helping them overcome the significant challenges they face as newly independent adults striving to earn their degree.