

SULLIVAN-DECKARD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

APPLICATION PACKET

Please return completed and signed application form to:
Jarrett Pratt, Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement,
Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rhodes Tower 1254,
Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis. For additional information, email Jarrett Pratt,
j.g.pratt@csuohio.edu or telephone – 216-687-9388.

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Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program & Scholarship Overview

Program Purpose

The Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for youth who have experienced foster care to pursue an undergraduate degree. The Program promotes academic success and degree completion through a continuous system of support and resources. Scholars receive professional guidance, educational support, and peer mentoring as important components of the program structure. The goal is to assure successful planning and preparation for college, followed by structured academic coaching to make a smooth transition to university life and academic success. **Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**



Program Overview

The program is customized to address the complicated needs for economic security, academic coaching, and emotional support required for youth aging out of foster care with a comprehensive system of support. Participation in the CSU Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program offers the benefit of an excellent education with greater economic stability, personal and professional development, and skills that contribute to academic success and degree completion.

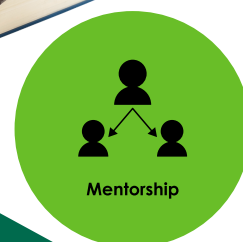
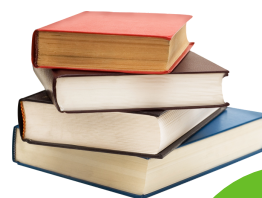


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Program Features

This is a four-year scholarship for up to ten awardees, awarded annually based on eligibility requirements.

- An intensive residential Fostering Success Summer Workshop (FSSW) to prepare for University life. The Scholar will live on campus and quickly make new friends as they attend workshops and classes to develop essential study skills and prepare for a smooth transition to university life and academic success.
- Funding for tuition, books, fees, and year-round campus housing
- Structured system of academic advising and learning support services
- On-campus employment, contingent upon Federal Work Study award, and access to Career Services
- Professional mentoring, peer assistants, tutoring and success coaches
- The scholarship is a needs-based scholarship applied after all other funding sources have been exhausted



Eligibility to apply for the program and scholarship

Participation in the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program is voluntary.

- A student in foster care who is a high school senior, at least 17 years old and younger than 20 years old
- A student who will age out of foster care by the time they begin their 2020 college enrollment
- A student must apply to the Program and be admitted to CSU to qualify
- Must be a legal resident of Ohio and eligible for in-state tuition rates



Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program & Scholarship Overview (continued)

Peer Assistance

The recipient of the CSU Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship will be matched with CSU students who will serve as peer assistants, offering encouragement and support for a smooth transition and academic success. In addition, a small group of volunteer Professional Mentors will support the student as they transition to university life and persist to degree completion.



Program Oversight

The CSU Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement – Division of University Engagement, administers the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program under the coordination of Jarrett Pratt, Director of Student Success.



Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Scholarship Selection Process

Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program On-line application is now available on the CSU Website:
<https://www.csuohio.edu/engagement/sullivan-deckard-scholarship-opportunity-program>

Applicants must apply for admission and already be admitted to Cleveland State University.
Applications to the Sullivan-Deckard program will be accepted on a rolling basis.

A selection committee that includes CSU staff, faculty, and community collaborators convened by Jarrett Pratt will review applications for participation in the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program. The process will follow these steps:

1. Applicants must submit completed Program Scholarship application for participation in the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program at Cleveland State University. A completed application packet must include:
 - a. Completed application form and supporting documentation including transcript and ACT scores
 - b. Personal Interest Essay (up to 1000 words)
 - c. Two written recommendations in support for applicant's participation and scholarship award.
2. Finalists must successfully complete an in-person interview conducted by a panel of interviewers selected by Jarrett Pratt, Director of Student Success. Interviews will be conducted prior to academic year enrollment.
3. Students will be selected to receive the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship upon completion of the Fostering Success Summer Workshop (FSSW). Final selection of program participants will reflect a strong, mature, and diverse cohort of participants.
4. The Scholarship recipient will automatically become part of the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program and will be required to comply with all eligibility requirements, including specific social, academic, and professional development events, as outlined by the program director. Program participant will be required to attend various "on campus" events and activities, receive guidance, and make a successful transition to college life.
5. Grades and participation in Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program activities, along with overall academic performance, will be reviewed regularly throughout each semester, at the mid-term, and at the conclusion of every semester. The Scholar must meet these 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.
The scholarship may be renewed at the end of each semester.

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Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Scholarship Requirements

By accepting the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship, the applicant understands that in addition to all rules and expectations that apply to Cleveland State University students, the recipient must also adhere to the following in order to remain eligible to receive the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship.

Scholarship recipient must:

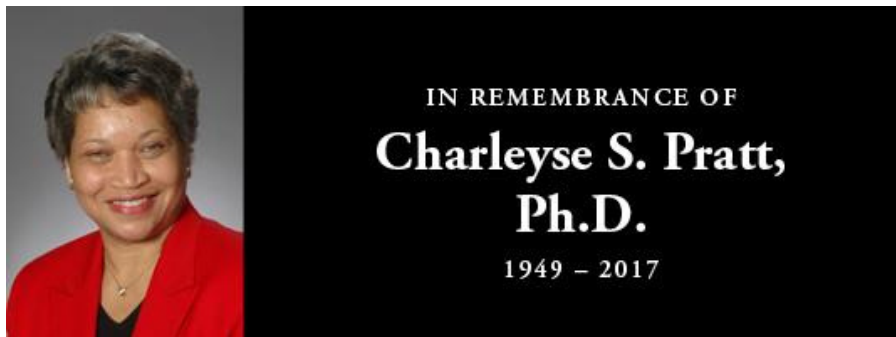
- Participate in and complete a minimum of 80% of all scheduled Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program activities, events, and programs that include: regular meetings with the Program Director; daily study-table sessions; Program related seminars, workshop presentations, and leadership development activities, as directed. Failure to participate in required activities may compromise eligibility for continuation of the scholarship.
- Maintain an overall 2.5 Grade Point Average, or higher, and maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to be eligible to receive the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship. The Scholar must adhere to standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by Cleveland State University.
- Maintain an appropriate number of credit hours (minimum 12 hours-maximum 15 hours) while enrolled at CSU each Fall and Spring semester and no more than 6 credit hours, during the summer sessions, with approval of the Program Director.
- Attend all classes according to the requirements of the instructor(s) and complete all projects, academic coursework, duties, and assignments required to earn a passing grade and meet requirements for satisfactory academic progress and graduation. If, at any time, the semester academic performance results in academic probation (below 2.0 GPA) the Scholar will no longer be eligible to receive the scholarship award, permanently.
- Meet with an Academic Advisor and review the academic graduation plan, degree audit, and course schedule each semester.
- Live in CSU student residence halls throughout the period of enrollment at CSU. If the Scholar chooses to live off campus or is suspended from the residence hall by Residence Life or, involved in any other violation of the CSU Student Conduct Code, or Title IX which results in suspension from the residence hall, then the scholarship will be forfeited, permanently.
- Accept and maintain work study through financial aid, on campus, for a minimum of 10 hours per week each semester.



Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Scholarship Requirements (continued)

- Refrain from obtaining employment off campus while at CSU and a Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship recipient.
- Scholar may NOT own a vehicle or have a vehicle on campus during the freshman year.
- Scholar may NOT participate in pledging for a sorority or fraternity during the freshman year or, if NOT in good academic standing.

The Scholarship recipient assumes responsibility for taking steps necessary to ensure their success.



Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Scholarship Application

**Personal Information:**

Date:

Last Name:

First Name:

Local Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Place of Birth:

Date of Birth:

Academic Information:

School you are attending now:

Current Grade:

Grade Point Average (GPA):

Expected Graduation Date:

Favorite Subject:

Community or other activities:

Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Scholarship Application (continued)

Personal Interests: Please attach a personal essay that addresses all of the questions and statements below in a total of up to 1000 words.

1. **High School Experience:** Briefly describe your recent educational experience including involvement in school. What were your most difficult challenges? How did you address these challenges? List specific school activities you were involved in, including sports and organizations. Describe your motivation for participation in these activities.
2. **Future Goals:** Describe your future goals including college, career aspirations, and other aspirations you hope to achieve in the next 3-5 years. Explain how you think a college education and a degree will help you achieve these goals.
3. **Maturity and Character:** Explain why you are a good candidate to participate in the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program. 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:** Include anything else you would like the selection committee to know about you for this application.

Completed applications must include the essay plus two written recommendations as support for your participation.

One recommendation should be from a school teacher or agency representative. The second recommendation should be completed by another responsible adult of your choice. 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 Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Selection Committee.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
(Please Print)

School currently attending and School District: _____
(Please Print)

I support the application of _____ for the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program.

Name of individual completing the recommendation form: _____

Relationship to the student applicant: _____

How long have you known the student applicant? _____

What do you consider to be this student's two greatest strengths?

1.

2.

What other attributes does this student possess that make you want to recommend her/him?

Additional Comments:

Signature of individual making recommendation: _____

Title: _____ Contact information: _____

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Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program Precollege Scholarship Academic Release Form

Applicants must obtain a copy of school transcript(s) or report card(s) for the full year of their last completed grade and submit it along with this Academic Release Form.

To be completed by guardian or legal agent:

I, _____, give my permission to _____
(Guardian/Legal agent's name) (Name of school releasing records)

and authorize the release of the academic records of _____
(Applicant's name)

to be used in the selection process of the Cleveland State University, Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Program application for program participation and scholarship competition. I confirm that at the time this application is being submitted, the applicant is currently in 12th grade and positioned to graduate before the beginning of the upcoming fall semester.

I understand that the transcript and the entire nomination packet will become the property of Cleveland State University and will not be returned.

Signature of Student Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of guardian or legal agent: _____ Date: _____

Title _____ Telephone: _____
(Please Print)

Address or Agency: _____

All applications accepted on a rolling basis. The competitive selection process requires a completed application, personal statement, and personal interview. Call 216-687-9388 or email Jarrett Pratt, j.g.pratt@csuohio.edu.





The Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Opportunity Program provides an opportunity for highly motivated youth who are aging out of foster care to pursue an undergraduate degree. The program offers the benefits of a world-class education at Cleveland State University with a system of support that is customized and structured to meet the academic, social, and financial needs of college students.


The goal is to help students make a smooth transition to independent living, successfully complete engaged learning for personal and professional development, and ultimately earn a Bachelor's Degree.

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