

Alice E. Foster Memorial Scholarship Program

*Providing an opportunity
for foster youth to pursue
higher education*



Former member of the San Jose Chapter

Alice E. Foster was an advocate for foster adolescents. Her family provides funds on an annual basis for this memorial scholarship.

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San Jose (CA) Chapter*

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- 1) **HAVE BEEN IN FOSTER CARE**
- 2) Be enrolled or have been accepted to a Two year/Four year higher college or vocational school
- 3) Have financial need.
- 4) Be motivated to achieve your educational and career goals.
- 5) Reside in Santa Clara County
- 6) Be of African American

The application with one completed reference form + reference must be **postmarked by May 1, 2015** at the address listed on the back page of this brochure. Award recipients will be notified by June, 2015.

Deadline:

Applications are due May 1, 2015 (postmarked)

Step 2: Complete the application

All documents must be submitted by the deadline. Applications that are, complete or incomplete and, received after the due date will not be considered for the scholarship. It is essential that you include a photograph no larger than 3 x 5 inches in color or black and white with your completed application.

Step 3: Obtain references

Using the enclosed reference form, please submit one reference (from persons not related to you) with your completed application. Applications received without a reference will not be considered for this cycle.

Step 4: Submit your application and current photograph to:

Alice E. Foster Memorial Scholarship
c/o Mrs. Malaika Young
3462 Woodyend Ct.
San Jose, CA 95121

Selection process:

Selection will be based upon compliance with basic eligibility requirements set forth by the Links Incorporated, San Jose Chapter selection committee. Upon receipt of a completed application, personal statement, reference form and personal photograph a letter of invitation will be sent to attend a scheduled scholarship interview. All recipients' are required to attend the interview. The public announcement of the scholarship recipient(s) will be in November 2015 at our Authors Luncheon fundraiser.

Fund distribution:

Upon verification of selection by the Executive Board of the San Jose Chapter, recipients will be notified by letter, and funding for the scholarship amount will be issued to the recipient upon receipt of proof of enrollment. Scholarship recipients will be awarded \$750.00 per semester contingent upon enrollment, continued matriculation and academic performance based on maintaining a 2.0 or "C average or better, towards an undergraduate degree.

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PART II—PERSONAL STATEMENT APPLICATION

Using another sheet of paper, please tell us in 1000 words or less your career goals and how your education and/or skills training support those goals and why you would make a deserving Alice E. Foster Memorial scholarship recipient.

PART III: REFERENCES

Using the enclosed reference form, please submit one reference (from persons not related to you) with your completed application packet. Applications received without a reference will not be considered. A completed application must have the reference attached in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

PART IV—AGREEMENT

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the Links Incorporated, San Jose Chapter of any changes or modifications to this application.

I agree that Links Incorporated San Jose Chapter may use such photographs of me and written text with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Printed name _____

Signature, parent or guardian (if under age 18) _____

Attach Photograph Here

Submitted to:

Alice E. Foster Memorial Scholarship
c/o Mrs. Malaika Young
3462 Woodyend Ct.
San Jose, CA 95121
Email: malaika54@yahoo.com
(408) 225-5232

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Recommendation Form

Applicant Instructions: One recommendation is required unless otherwise stated. Please duplicate form.

Please give the recommendation form to a school employee (teacher, coach, administrator) at your attending school or a community member: a supervisor, community leader, pastor, family friend, coach (non-school affiliated), etc. It is your responsibility to include the form with your application packet.

PART I – To Be Completed By The Person Completing Recommendation

The student is applying for a Alice E. Foster Memorial Scholarship. Your assistance is requested in providing information which the selection committee will use to assist in determining the applicant's qualifications.

- When completed, attach and return the completed recommendation and form to the applicant. The recommendation form must be returned to the applicant so that they may include it with their completed application packet. *Please review the reference form and indicate the point on the continuum that best describes the characteristics of the applicant and return to the student by the deadline date.*
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Name of Reference _____ Title _____

Nature of acquaintance with applicant (e.g., Teacher, supervisor, pastor, community leader)

How long have you know the applicant? _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Reference

_____ Date _____

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Final Check List



Dear Applicant:

As you complete your application for the Alice E. Foster Memorial Scholarship Program, be sure that you complete the following:

- 1. Appropriate postage for mailing to the scholarship selection committee is important and you might wish to check with your local post office.**
- 2. Be sure that you mail your application information by the deadline of May 1, 2015 and your packet is postmarked by the United States Post Office.**
- 3. Did you complete all sections of the application?**
- 4. Did you include the reference form?**
- 5. Did you complete your personal statement on a separate sheet of paper in no more than 1,000 words or less indicating your career goals and why you are worthy for this scholarship?**
- 6. Did you sign Part IV-The Agreement? Did you sign your application?**
- 7. Did you complete all of the Personal Information in ink?**

Questions?

Contact us at malaika54@yahoo.com

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