



**FIRST CHANCE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
YMCA METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON D.C.**



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**UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX FIRST CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The First Chance<sup>SM</sup> Scholarship Program was created in 2006 to promote the life-changing benefits of education, and honor individuals who have shown desire to improve their lives and the lives of those around them through education. The annual program will empower 200 individuals to complete bachelor's degrees through full-tuition scholarships to University of Phoenix. The University has partnered with non-profit organizations across the nation to help locate potential students that may not have an opportunity to attend college without the aid of a scholarship like First Chance<sup>SM</sup>.

Through a partnership between YMCA Metropolitan Washington D.C. & University of Phoenix, are offering ten (10) full-tuition scholarships. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals to further their careers. We are excited about the partnership and look forward to giving our scholarship recipients the gift of education. The scholarship is for either a bachelor or master's degree program. Recipients may choose to attend a University of Phoenix on- ground campus or may attend University of Phoenix online.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Applicant must be a member, parent of member, or current employee of YMCA of Metropolitan Washington D.C.
3. Applicants must not be currently enrolled nor in the process of enrolling at any University of Phoenix campus or in any online program at any time prior to the scholarship award date. Applicants who enroll after submitting an application or before the scholarship award date are not eligible to be a recipient of this scholarship.
4. Student is not currently receiving or will not receive once enrolled 100% tuition reimbursement.
5. Are not employees or family members of employees of Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
6. Meet the requirements for one of the three categories of this scholarship program. Descriptions of the categories are located at [www.firstchancescholarship.com](http://www.firstchancescholarship.com).
  - a. Parent
  - b. Adult college student
  - c. Exceptional teenager or young adult
7. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the deadline date listed below. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
8. Submit a completed essay. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community for which they reside.
9. Only ten (10) full tuition scholarship(s) will be awarded.



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**SELECTION PROCESS**

1. This scholarship opportunity is in partnership with YMCA Met D.C., a non-profit organization and the scholarship process is managed by a staff member at the YMCA Met D.C. The process includes but not limited to application creation, application submission, forming selection committee and finalizing recipient list. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
2. The recipient(s) of this Scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and YMCA of Metropolitan Washington.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
4. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.
5. The scholarship award will be based on the committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score results in the higher probability of selection.
6. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.

**Deadline Date:**

A complete application and supporting documentation, if any, must be received on or before **August 14, 2009**. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. No exceptions.

**Award Date:**

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by **September 25, 2009**. You will be notified via email by the award date regarding the status of your scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

All materials must be either submitted by mail or hand delivered to the following address and received on or before the deadline date.

YMCA of Metropolitan Washington  
Attn: Celeste Crump  
1112 16th Street, N.W., Seventh Floor  
Washington, DC 20036

For any additional information, please contact Celeste Crump at (202) 232-6700 or [celeste.crump@ymcadc.org](mailto:celeste.crump@ymcadc.org).



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**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Full Legal Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your current plans to finance your college education other than receiving this scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Please check the box for which scholarship you are applying for (select only one):

- Parent     Adult College Student     Exceptional Teenager or Young Adult

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, VOLUNTEER WORK**

**Member or Alum**

Date joined organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Age When Joined: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent**

Name(s) and age(s) of child/children who belong: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LIST PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, VOLUNTEER SERVICE, AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Submit a complete and comprehensive essay. Answer the following questions under the scholarship program you indicated above. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:

- a. Each of the four questions should be answered in complete sentences and paragraph format with approximately 4-7 sentences,
- b. Double spaced,
- c. 12 point font,
- d. 8 x 11 paper, and
- e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples).

**Parent Essay Questions**

1. Why would you like to attend college?
2. What or who has inspired you to attend college?
3. What obstacles might you face in pursuing your degree and how will you overcome them?
4. What message will you share with other family members about education?

**Adult College Students Essay Questions**

1. What or who has inspired you to attend college?
2. What would you like to do with your college degree?
3. What obstacles might you face in pursuing your degree and how will you overcome them?
4. What message will you share with other family members about education?

**Exceptional Teenager or Young Adult Essay Questions**

1. What would you like to do with your college degree?
3. What are some of the challenges facing your community, or your family and friends?
4. How will you use a college education to assist in resolving the challenges described above?
5. What obstacles might you face in pursuing your degree and how will you overcome them?
6. To be considered the essay must meet the following requirements:

**CHECK LIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ University of Phoenix YMCA Met D.C Scholarship application completed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Essay (Essay title should include your name)
- \_\_\_\_\_ University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions completed and signed



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**UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions for the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, you agree to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to your University account in the amount stated by scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to student at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. If you are a current student you are not receiving or if you have not enrolled you will not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s).
6. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship, no exceptions.
7. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Applicants who enroll during the scholarship process or before the award date are not eligible for the scholarship and any such enrollment in violation of these scholarship terms and conditions will result in the termination of the scholarship award.
8. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break between classes.
9. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
10. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
11. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A–F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
12. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University and is non-transferable. This scholarship does not apply towards doctoral degree programs.
13. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular



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term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the University reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.

14. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
15. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of shall remain in full force and effect.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog in the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This form may be executed by facsimile. A facsimile signature may be used in lieu of an original signature. In such instance, said facsimile signature shall be valid and enforceable in all aspects as the original.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

**Printed Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (If different from child's):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening:** \_\_\_\_\_