

Olene S. Walker Transition to Adult Living Scholarship **Application/Eligibility Information for 2012–2013**

Application Deadline: April 1, 2012 for Fall Semester 2012

October 1, 2012 for Spring Semester 2013

Transition to Adult Living Scholarship: The scholarship is designed to assist qualified youth who are transitioning out of state foster care to complete a post-secondary education program (degree or certificate) at one of the Utah System of Higher Education institutions. The scholarship is sponsored by private donors in partnership with the Utah Educational Savings Plan.

Selection: Applicants will be selected based on their strong desire to complete a post-secondary program of study, potential for academic success, and financial need. Students who are awarded the scholarship are required to participate in extra-curricular activities and meet regularly with a mentor.

Scholarship Amount: The maximum *yearly* scholarship award is \$5,000 for full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours), \$3,750 for three quarters-time enrollment (9–11 hours), and \$2,500 for part-time enrollment (6–8 hours). The scholarship may be renewed up to four years depending on satisfactory academic progress and availability of funds. Students must re-apply each year to renew the scholarship.

Use of Funds: Scholarship funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and living expenses.

Exclusions: The scholarship will not provide funding for Study Abroad or Exchange Student Programs. No student seeking Double Majors, or Double Bachelor's Degrees will receive scholarship funding without prior approval from the scholarship sponsor. Students seeking Double Majors must submit a written request to the scholarship administrator indicating why a double major is an essential part of their education plan. Any student requesting the scholarship for a Double Bachelor degree must submit a written request making a case as to why earning double bachelor's degrees is of critical importance in achieving the scholar's education objectives. Requests must be submitted at least a semester in advance of starting such a program.

To be eligible for consideration, the student must:

1. Submit documentation from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to verify eligibility for the scholarship. Please contact Patti VanWagoner, 801-652-2173 or pwestern@utah.gov or Jennifer Larson, 801 707-9734 or jblarson@utah.gov for assistance.
2. Be under 26 years old at the time of application.
3. Be admitted to a Utah System of Higher Education institution, including Applied Technology Centers (ATCs) and Skill Centers.
4. Be a US citizen or legal resident.
5. Be a Utah resident.
6. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form (available at www.fafsa.ed.gov) and qualify for a Pell Grant. The scholarship committee may review the circumstances of applicants who do not qualify for a Pell Grant and waive the requirement in specific instances.
7. Complete and submit the attached scholarship application form.

Students who are selected for the scholarship will be required to:

1. Enroll for part-time (6–8 credit hours), three-quarters time (9–11 credit hours) or full-time (12 or more credit hours); or, enroll in equivalent clock hours for Skills Center or Applied Technology Centers.
2. Maintain a 2.0 GPA for the first two years of study and a 2.5 GPA thereafter until graduation.
3. Complete 70% of credit hours. The scholarship can be discontinued at any time if the student fails to make academic progress.

4. Commit 5 hours or more per week of extra-curricular activities such as college/university employment, service in a student leadership organization or some other approved activity. This requirement will be reviewed and approved by the student's mentor.
5. Meet with an assigned mentor a minimum of once a month to review progress. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the student monthly after meeting with the mentor.

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Complete the following information about the applicant:

Full Name (print):		
Address (print):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone: ()	E-mail Address:	
Date of Birth:	Gender (circle one): M F	Marital Status:
WIA Employment Counselor (if applicable):		
Counselor Phone: ()	Counselor E-mail:	

1. Are you a U.S. citizen or a legal resident of the U.S.? Yes No
2. Are you a Utah resident? Yes No
3. Name the college, university, or training program where you have been accepted:

4. Name the last high school you attended: _____
 Did you graduate? Yes No
 If **yes**, what year? _____
 If **no**, did you complete a GED? Yes No; If yes, what year? _____ Where?

5. Have you attended another institution of higher education? Yes No
 If yes, where? _____
 How many college credits have you earned? _____
Note: Your official transcript must be submitted to the institution's transcript office and an evaluation requested.
6. Have you taken the ACT? Yes No
 If **yes**, please submit your scores with this application.
 If **no**, have you taken the assessment/placement test? Yes No
If you have not taken the ACT, you must take your school's assessment/placement. Please contact your school's counseling office for more information about this test.
7. Have you applied for federal aid by completing the FAFSA form for 2012–2013? Yes No
8. Did you list the college/university you will attend on the FAFSA form? Yes No
 If **no**, you need to have your FAFSA form sent to the institution by accessing your record online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by calling 1.800.433.3243. *You must submit a FAFSA form to be considered for this scholarship.*
9. Indicate your intended major _____ and degree _____
10. Check whether you plan to enroll:
 full-time (12 or more credits) ¾ time (9–11 credits) part-time (6–8 credits)
11. List high school or community activities you participate in:

12. List your most recent employment experiences:

Date(s)	Company	Job Title	Hours per Week

Please attach the following documents to your application:

1. ____ Documentation from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services indicating eligibility for the scholarship. For help please contact Patti VanWagoner at DCFS: 801-652-2173 or pwestern@utah.gov.
2. ____ A **typed**, double-spaced personal statement of 1 to 2 pages written by the applicant. Your personal statement should accomplish the following:
 - Introduce yourself—write about your talents and areas of interest. Discuss your work ethic and your ability to set and complete goals.
 - Describe your educational background, the challenges you have faced in completing your education and what you are doing to overcome these challenges.
 - Describe your interests and goals in pursuing post-secondary education.
3. ____ One or more letters of recommendation from someone who knows you and who can address your academic promise, maturity, perseverance (such as a teacher, counselor, caseworker, employer or foster parent but not a personal friend).
4. ____ Schedule a meeting with an advisor at the institute you are planning to attend to develop a course plan (or educational plan) showing the courses and semesters you need to complete your certificate or degree. This plan must be completed with an advisor and submitted with the scholarship application...
5. ____ **High school transcript and college transcript (if applicable).**
6. ____ ACT scores **or** indicate that you have taken your school's assessment/placement test. Your school will forward assessment/placement test scores to the scholarship committee.

Please read the statement below and sign on the line provided:

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give permission for the information in this application to be shared with the scholarship committee, the institution where I have been accepted, and the mentor who will be assisting me. I also give permission for the scholarship representative to access my transcripts at any high school or higher education institution that I have attended or currently attend.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send completed application and attached documents to: Patti VanWagoner, Department of Human Services, Child and Family Services, 6100 South Fashion Blvd., Murray, UT 84107 or fax to 801 538-3993. Contact Patti VanWagoner at pwestern@utah.gov or 801-652-2173 or Jennifer Larson at jblarson@utah.gov or 801 707-9734 if you have questions about completing this form. **Application must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2012 for Fall Semester 2012 or October 1, 2012 for Spring Semester 2013.**