Karen E. Gordon Scholarship Application

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) provides services that empower people to develop independence in all life areas. CEO gives people the tools they need to build financial stability and lead healthier, happier lives. Our programs work with individuals, families, and the larger community to improve quality of life by meeting social, emotional, financial, and educational needs.

CEO’s programs are designed to be stepping stones to long-term success. They focus on education, skill building, and connecting people to resources they need. Our goal is to break the cycle of poverty by targeting poverty at its root causes – removing barriers and supporting change.

To further support the educational and employment success of participants in CEO programs and services, CEO has made available a scholarship fund to benefit CEO participants who are current or potential students in post-secondary education or training programs. Applicants must be current or past participants in a CEO program.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be current or past participants in a CEO program.
- Applicants must be currently attending or planning to attend a higher education college, university or training program (within 6 months of date of award).
- Applicants must complete the full scholarship application including all relevant information, and submit a signed Media Consent Form. The Media Consent Form will permit the agency to use the applicant’s name, likeness and story for publicity.
- Applicants must complete the CEO Karen E. Gordon Scholarship Application and submit an additional paragraph (approximately 200 – 300 words) explaining the impact CEO had on their life and/or any a description of obstacles or hurdles they may have faced and had to overcome.

Additional Details

- Priority will be given to first time applicants with good academic achievement, community involvement or financial need.
- In accepting the award, the applicant must agree to CEO using his/her name and likeness for publicity without any additional consideration. S/He also agrees to attend the Community Action Luncheon if available, to be held on Thursday, May 30th, 2013 to accept this award.
- A Selection Committee will be formed by the Commission on Economic Opportunity, which will not include anyone who has a current relationship with any of the applicants. This selection committee will determine which of the applicants will be awarded the scholarship and the decision of the committee is final. A decision will be made by Friday, May 10, 2012. The Selection Committee reserves the right to refuse an award if no applicant is qualified.
- A total scholarship in the amount awarded will be provided upon proof of enrollment in a higher education institution or training program.
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Submission
Applicants must submit their application by **Tuesday, April 30, 2013.** Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Applications should be submitted to:

*Katie Fike*
**Director of Planning and Evaluation**
*Commission on Economic Opportunity*
*2331 Fifth Avenue*
*Troy, NY 12180*

Any questions related to the application can be directed to Katie Fike, Director of Planning and Evaluation at 518-272-6012.
Part I: Personal/Educational Information

Student Name: ___________________________ Date: ____________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________ Cell Phone: ________________
Email: _____________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________________________________

**Family Income** (please check one):
- [ ] $0 - $25,999
- [ ] $26,000 - $45,999
- [ ] $46,000 - $65,999
- [ ] $66,000 - $85,999
- [ ] $86,000 - $100,000
- [ ] Over $100,000

**Schools Attended** (please give a chronological listing of schools attended):

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Part II: Activity Profile

Please list all extracurricular, school or community activities in which you participated indicating the year(s) involved and leadership position, if applicable.

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Part III: Employment (Please list all employment, dates employed and duties):

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Part IV: Character Traits

Please include a brief essay (approximately 200-300 words) explaining the impact CEO had on your life and/or any a description of obstacles or hurdles you may have faced and had to overcome.

Part V: Acknowledgements

I acknowledge that I understand this form completely and that I will be held accountable for the information outlined above. I authorize CEO to contact any and all individuals, organizations and/or educational institutions in order to verify information provided in this application.

______________________________________________  _________________________
Signature                                      Date

______________________________________________  _________________________
Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature               Date
(if applicant is under the age of 18)
MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Name: __________________________________________

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of names or quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tapes of the individual named above by The Commission on Economic Opportunity. I also grant to the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for non-profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media.

I also hereby release the Commission of Economic Opportunity and its agents and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

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Signature                                      Date

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Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature               Date
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