



# The SchoolHouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship Program

Helping You Get To and Through Higher Education



Our program is one of the nation's only national scholarship programs specifically serving youth that have experienced homelessness. The goal of our program is to provide financial assistance and staff and peer support to ensure that you are successful in getting to and through higher education and into the workforce.

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### Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

June 12, 2023: Application Opens

November 24, 2023: Application Closes

January 15-19, 2024: Applicants Notified

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**As a SchoolHouse Connection Scholar, You Receive:**

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### **\$2,500 Scholarship Award**

Flexible funds that can be used for anything related to your education.



### **One-on-One Support from SchoolHouse Connection Staff**

Receive academic, personal, and professional support from staff throughout the time you are in college and as you enter the workforce.

### **Three All-Expenses-Paid Trips:**



### **Awards Ceremony Celebration**

Meet SchoolHouse Connection staff and your fellow scholars for a 5-day fun-filled trip to celebrate your award.

### **Washington, DC Summit**

Join staff and your fellow scholars one year after receiving your award for a 5 day trip of advocacy opportunities and fun activities around the nation's capital.

### **Workforce Success Retreat**

Join staff and your fellow scholars between your third and fourth year of the program for a trip focused on post-graduation and workforce success.

## **Scholars Will Also Receive:**



### **Support from SchoolHouse Connection Scholars**

Connect and build supportive relationships with SchoolHouse Connection scholars from all over the United States.

### **Opportunities to Engage in State and Federal Policy Advocacy**

A platform for you to share your story and expertise with changemakers around the country.



## You are Eligible if:

- You are currently residing in the United States. Note: undocumented applicants are eligible.
- You were born on or after November 24, 2003
- You will begin college (four year, community college, or trade school) for the **First Time** in 2024 (not including dual-enrollment courses)
- You experienced homelessness in the last six years

## How We Define Homelessness:

Homelessness is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This specifically includes individuals whose living situations fall into one of the categories below:

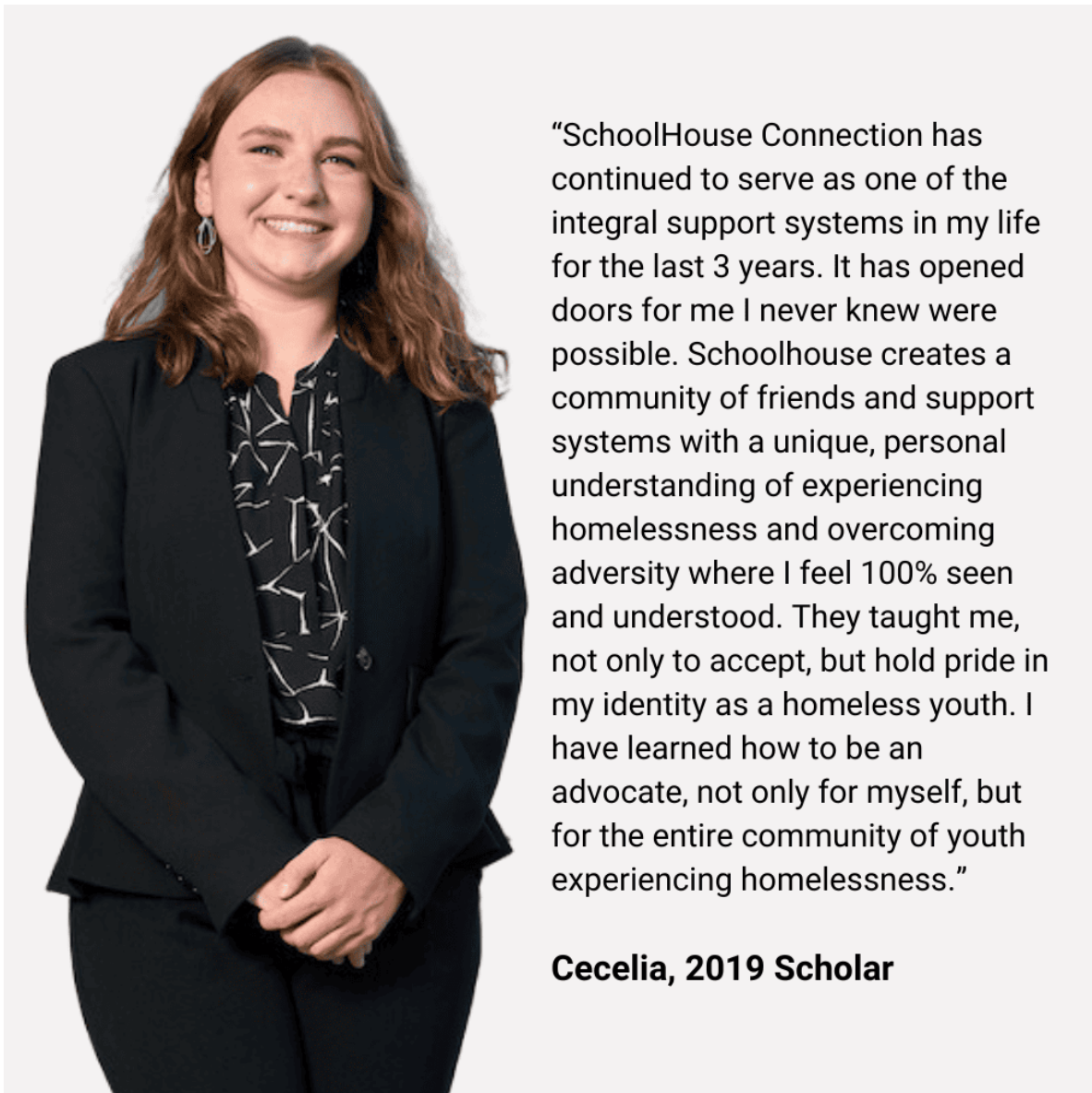
- Temporarily Staying with Other People (Couch-Surfing/Doubled-Up)
- Staying in Emergency or Transitional Shelters
- Staying in Motels, Campgrounds, Cars, Parks, Abandoned Buildings, Bus or Train Stations, or any Public or Private Place not Designed for Humans to Live in
- Staying in Substandard Housing

### Examples and Additional Information

## Application Components:

- Eligibility, Demographic, and Education Questions
- Full High School Transcript (Unofficial or Official)
- Essay (1,000 words maximum that answers **all three** of the topics below)
  - Your experience of homelessness and how it relates to your life and education.
  - Your commitment to education during your experience of homelessness.
  - Your desire to attend college
- Letter of Recommendation (at least one and a maximum of three)

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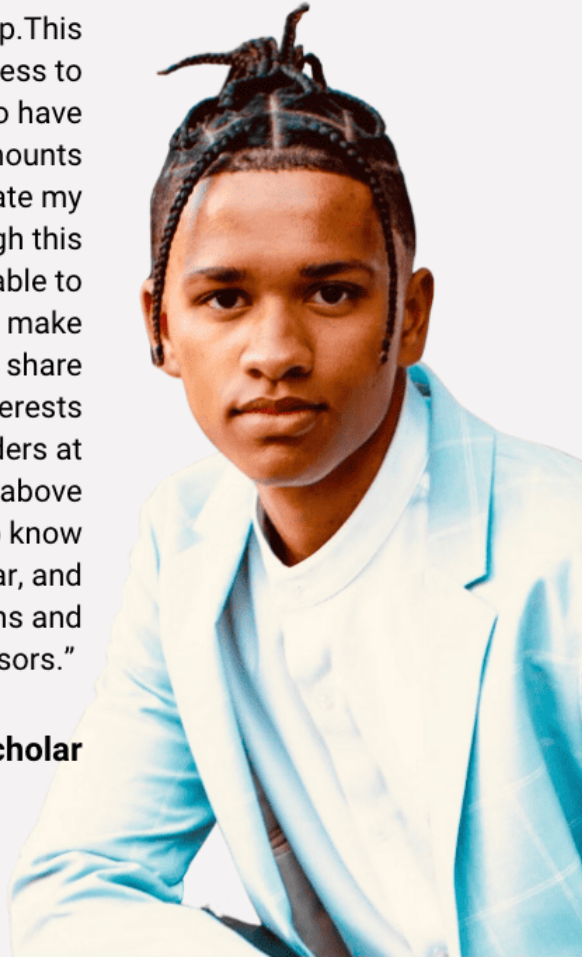
“SchoolHouse Connection has continued to serve as one of the integral support systems in my life for the last 3 years. It has opened doors for me I never knew were possible. Schoolhouse creates a community of friends and support systems with a unique, personal understanding of experiencing homelessness and overcoming adversity where I feel 100% seen and understood. They taught me, not only to accept, but hold pride in my identity as a homeless youth. I have learned how to be an advocate, not only for myself, but for the entire community of youth experiencing homelessness.”

**Cecelia, 2019 Scholar**



“The YLS program is far more than just a scholarship. This program gave me access to leaders and mentors who have guided me with endless amounts of resources to navigate my college career. Through this program I have also been able to travel to new places and make friendships with people who share similar backgrounds and interests as me. The leaders at Schoolhouse Connection go above and beyond to truly get to know each and every scholar, and become lifelong companions and advisors.”

**Conrad, 2022 Scholar**



## Application Tips:

**Demographic Info:** We will call the phone number you provide if you are selected as an awardee. If your phone does not work, we will email you. If we are not able to reach you via your phone number or email, we will then reach out to your point of contact listed in your application. Please ensure that your phone and email address are reliable and if they change, please email [Jordyn@SchoolHouseConnection.org](mailto:Jordyn@SchoolHouseConnection.org) to let us know.

**Transcript:** Make sure that your transcript shows your full name and date of birth and all high school grades that are available. An unofficial transcript is ok! We recommend reaching out to your school counselor to request an unofficial transcript. If you are having issues accessing a transcript, please email [Jordyn@schoolhouseconnection.org](mailto:Jordyn@schoolhouseconnection.org) prior to the deadline letting us know and we will do our best to help.

**Essay:** Make sure that you answer **all three** of the essay questions to be considered for our scholarship program.

**Letter of Recommendation:** We allow you to upload letters directly OR you can send a link to the person writing the letter. If you choose to send a link, follow-up to ensure that they submit your letter before the deadline.

## Frequently Asked Questions

I am a current college student. Can I apply?



I am undocumented. Can I apply?



I missed the deadline. Will you still consider my application?



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**Please contact Jordyn if you have further questions.**

[Email Jordyn](#)

## Meet SHC's Scholars

### SHC 2023 Scholars Announced

It is our pleasure to announce SchoolHouse Connection's 2023 scholar class:  
Jessica, Cole, CJ, Brenia, Kaylin, Te'yana, Kiki, Shyann, Harper, and Robert.

### SHC 2022 Scholars Announced

It is our pleasure to announce SchoolHouse Connection's 2022 scholar class:  
Narcizo, OR, Melody, GA, Daniela, TX, Jessica, MO, Juan, CA, Maya, HI, Alan, NC,  
Briley, GA, Lilly, MO, Conrad, LA, Dariel, FL.

### **SHC 2021 Scholars Announced**

It is our pleasure to announce SchoolHouse Connection's 2021 scholar class:  
Storm, AL, Precious, CA, Chandler, WA, Jordan, AK, Jahnee, FL, Hannah, OR, Eric,  
TX, Lexi, OR, Cire', OH, Samantha, FL

### **SHC 2020 Scholars Announced**

It is our pleasure to announce SchoolHouse Connection's 2020 scholar  
class: Diego, ID, Cecelia, CA, Samantha, MO, Kayla, NC, Caitlin, TX, Ashley,  
AZ, Lanie, MO, Hayden, KY, Carlos, OK, Phoenix, MT.

### **SHC 2019 Scholars Announced**

It is our pleasure to announce SchoolHouse Connection's 2019 scholar class: Anthony, CA, Brandon, CA, Cheyenne, NC, Hailey, IN, Juan, AK, Jayson, NC, Tara, MD, Rebecca, FL, Star, WA, Syerra, CA

### **SHC 2018 Scholars Announced**

It is our pleasure to announce SchoolHouse Connection's 2018 scholar class: Joshua, WI, Jonathan, TX, Miguel, NC, Christine, NY, Destiny, CA, Stormy, MT, Aseret, IN, Daniel, WA, Lorinda, MO, Nikki, NC.

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