



Children's Aid, Inc. Paul Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Children's Aid, Inc. will award a one-time \$1,000 scholarship providing financial assistance to a student graduating from a Calvert County public high school who is pursuing an undergraduate, associate degree or Career and Technical Education (CTE) training (skilled trade/vocation) in an automotive related field (engineering, ASAP program, management, repair or sales).

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **Wednesday, April 15, 2020. (no exceptions)**.
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Applicants will be judged on scholastic ability, character, citizenship, community service and financial need.
4. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
6. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
7. You will be notified by email in May regarding the status of your application.
8. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Krista Brezina (KBrezina@TheChildrensAid.org)
9. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student's school account upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Criteria:

To be eligible for consideration, the student must:

1. Be a resident of Calvert County
2. Be a graduating high school senior enrolled in one of Calvert County's public high schools
3. Have a GPA of 2.0 or above
4. Be enrolled in the Calvert Career and Technology Academy
5. Be pursuing an undergraduate, associate degree or Career and Technical Education (CTE) training (skilled trade/vocation) in an automotive related field

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation, no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement with school/community activities.
4. Please provide a high school transcript. Transcripts do NOT need to be official and copies are acceptable.
5. Personal Essay. Please tell us about your plans after you finish the training/education program for which you are seeking aid. What job do you hope to obtain? Why did you choose this current course of study or career?
6. Scholarship recipient shall provide a high school senior photo (or similar style photo), granting Children's Aid, Inc. permission for use in press releases and for solicitation of future scholarship funding.
7. Scholarship recipient is expected to attend Children's Aid, Inc.'s scholarship reception to be held on June 16, 2020.

Application deadline: April 15, 2019

Upload completed applications online at www.TheChildrensAid.org or

Mail to: Children's Aid, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 207, Barstow, MD 20610



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Scholarship Application**

General Information

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Primary Phone # _____ Email Address # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age _____ Gender: _____

Mother's Name _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's Occupation: _____

Ages of other dependent children in family: _____

Number of brothers/sisters in college or technical school: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship: _____

Academic Information

Current High School: _____ Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Course of Study at CTA: _____

What trade school, technical school or community college will you attend in 2020/2021? If undecided, please list schools under consideration: _____

Anticipated field of study: _____

Technical/Vocational Certification or AA Degree you are planning to pursue: _____

Financial Information (Attach a copy of your Student Aid Report from FAFSA, if applicable.)

Have you received any grants or scholarships thus far for 2020/2021? Yes No

If yes, list the grant/scholarship source and the dollar amount: _____

Describe any special circumstances in your home/family that may affect your finances or future ability to pay for your education. Use additional pages if necessary.



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Use an additional sheet if additional space is required to answer the following questions regarding educational goals, academic honors and community service activities.

Please list the coursework you have completed at CTA and any additional experience you may have from employment, etc.

Please list school-related membership activities and/or community organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Please include years of involvement and roles/offices held (if applicable).

Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.



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The following items must be included in the application package in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

Application Checklist	
Application Form	Completed two-page form.
Letter of Application	The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
Letter(s) of Recommendation	Submit at least one letter of recommendation, but no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's educational experience and involvement with school/community activities.
Student Financial Information	Please submit a PDF copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Request a copy of your SAR from www.FAFSA.gov .
Proof of Community College or Trade School Acceptance	Please provide a copy of your acceptance letter.
High School Transcript	Please provide a recent high school transcript. Transcript does <u>not</u> need to be official and copies are acceptable.
Personal Essay	Essay must be a maximum of 1,000 words, typed in 12-point font, double-spaced. On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us about your plans after you finish the training/education program for which you are seeking aid. What job do you hope to obtain? Why did you choose this current course of study or career?

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Children's Aid, Inc.'s memorial scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Children's Aid, Inc.'s Memorial Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____