

HOPE FOR TODAY AND BEYOND...

The Salvation Army Indiana Division addresses unmet human needs every day. Our *Pathway of Hope* initiative helps highly motivated families set goals that can help them break the cycle of generational poverty. Often these goals include educational objectives. We believe that in today's economy, a college education is essential to maximizing financial independence in families. On virtually every measure of well-being and career attainment, those with such an education fare better than those without. In fact, a college education can alter the whole trajectory of a life, a family, and a community.

The Salvation Army First Generation Hope Scholars Program has been created for these very reasons. These scholarships will provide financial assistance to hard working individuals seeking to be the first in their families to graduate from college. These promising students will no longer be spectators, but will become achievers who can, in turn, advise and encourage others to follow their dreams, as well.

The initial eligibility requirement is first generation college status, but the application process also takes into account need, prior academic success, demonstrated commitment to overcoming barriers, and insight into the long-term benefit of degree attainment for the student, the family, and the community.

High school counselors can obtain further information by contacting Ms. Kim Ketring at (317) 224-1028. Schools may submit only one candidate each year. Prior recipients may re-apply.

Our mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty and set young scholars on their own *Pathway of Hope*!

2020 SALVATION ARMY FIRST GENERATION HOPE SCHOLARS

Applications for 2020 are now being accepted for several scholarships that range between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Please nominate one member of your senior class to be considered. Applicants will be evaluated based on several criteria including:

- He/she must be the first member of their family (parent or grandparent) to attend post secondary education
- He/she must have a documented record of overcoming adversity
- Participation and accomplishment inside and outside the classroom
- Personal motivation

The application requires a personal statement of 1,200 words, written by the student and addressing why he or she should be selected to be a First Generation Hope scholar.

Applicants are encouraged to include how a college education will allow them to change the course of their family story. Two letters of recommendation are also required. One must be from the nominating counselor.



MESSAGE TO COUNSELORS

Fully completed application forms must be received in our office by noon on Friday, October 18, 2019.

Below are some other key dates to consider.

- Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - School counselors will be notified of the finalists
- Saturday, January 18, 2020 - Student interviews
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - Luncheon honoring scholarship winners

"The Salvation Army has assisted me in getting through college, and they have and continue to inspire me each and every day. I'm grateful for what they have done for me... The scholarship itself

has continued to push me to help others... This scholarship has helped me begin and continue to attend college where I focus everyday on getting a degree... This is all possible through The Salvation Army, and their kindness continues to drive me each and every day to reach my full potential."



Danielle Constant,
First Generation Hope Scholar

We look forward to receiving your nominations. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Kim Ketring at (317) 224-1028.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All nominations should be addressed to:

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FIRST GENERATION HOPE SCHOLARS MISSION

The First Generation Hope Scholars program will enable sufficiency and independence for highly motivated young adults, which will change the trajectory of their lives and that of their future families.



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