

Jade Richard

SCHOLARSHIP

Application Information

The Jade Richard Scholarship provides financial support and encouragement to individuals who are survivors of human trafficking.

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ABOUT JADE & THIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Jade Richard Scholarship Fund has been established to honor the legacy of Arizona Survivor Leader Jade Richard who unexpectedly passed away in June 2022, only a month after graduating with her bachelor's degree. Jade was a beacon of light in the anti-trafficking community and worked at the Phoenix Dream Center serving both male and female victims of human trafficking. She was role model and mentor to those in the program as well those in community. Her legacy lives on to encourage survivors to continue to with their educational goals and dreams. This fund supports the education of survivors of human trafficking who are pursuing a higher education, trade school, advanced certificates, or other career readiness programs.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The scholarship can be used for tuition assistance, class, academic fees, books, and supplies at accredited two and four-year colleges and universities and recognized career (trade, technical or vocational) schools.
- The funds will be dispersed directly to the educational institution for the next term.
- Reimbursement of application fees to by scholarship applicant will be considered.
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher or a pass/fail where no GPA is applicable.
- Official Transcripts must be submitted after each semester is completed. Additional funding will not be released prior to distribution of next semester of funding without a transcript and/or a signed release to be able to check for grades. Funding semester to semester is not guaranteed.
- Tuition will be paid up front directly to the institution. No expectations will be made. Payments will be made in accordance with the schools' policy on deadline for payments.
- The amount of the award per applicant will be discussed as part of the evaluation process. We do not want to limit someone's ability to further their education.
- Scholarships will also be available to those who wish to seek advanced degrees.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION

- Applicants must be recommended by an agency and/or counselor or social worker.
- Applicants will receive an email to confirm receipt of scholarship submission.
- Applicants will be notified within 60 days of their submission on the decision regarding their application.
- Our scholarship committee meets on a regular basis to evaluate the scholarship applications we have received.
- Applicants will be invited to participate in a virtual or in person meeting. This meeting is for advisory members to get to know the applicant as well as answer any additional questions or concerns that they may have.
- During this period the advisory committee will be contacting your supportive figures.

You will not be penalized if you reach out to ask questions about the scholarship or application process.

We are here to help you and want you to succeed.

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"Through our scholarship, we aim to be more than just a lifeline; we are a beacon of hope, a bridge to a brighter future, and a testament to the strength and resilience of survivors. Together, we can empower survivors to become victors in their own inspiring stories, one scholarship at a time."

SCHOLARSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & PRIVACY

- AATN will gather and assess all submitted applications and disseminate the applications to the scholarship committee. We reserve the right to contact applicants and ask for additional information needed to further evaluate your submission.
- AATN and The Jade Richard Scholarship Advisory Committee does not discriminate against any applicant on the basis of race, national origin, religion, or membership in any other protected category.
- The award decision is final and is not subject to debate or negotiation.
- Personal Information that we collect, access, or process will be retained only as long as necessary for the fulfilment of the purposes for which it was collected. Personal Information that is no longer required to fulfill the identified purposes will be destroyed, erased, or made de-identified.
- AATN will not use applicant information for any purpose other than to consider the applicant's qualification for the scholarship, nor will AATN sell, share, or distribute applicants' personal or contact information.
- AATN reserves the right to post the scholarship winner's name, in whole or in part, on its website, social media accounts, annual events, or in a press release. Permission to share scholarship winners will be asked of all applicants. Denial toward the request of publicity of winner's name will have no bearing on application process.

ABOUT ARIZONA ANTI-TRAFFICKING NETWORK

The Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating an Arizona where no one is bought, sold or exploited.

We are a collaboration of programs fighting the multi-dimensions of Human Trafficking. Founded in 2016, our non-profit organization carries with it a legacy of impact that stretches back over a decade. While officially established seven years ago, some of our core programs have been actively making a difference in our community for more than ten years.

Our programs cover a wide spectrum that address community education, public awareness, prevention, demand reduction, male engagement on the issue and the tourism and hospitality sector. It is through these activities that we hope to eliminate Human Trafficking in Arizona by raising awareness, reducing demand and fostering prevention efforts with youth.

Our organization has passionate and committed team members who possess a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring awareness and foster community partnerships in Arizona.

Applications may be submitted via email, mail or through our web form.

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Application Form

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Address :

Date of Birth :

Phone:

Email :

Gender:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Please select the boxes on the following eligibility criteria that you meet. Candidates must meet all of the following eligibility requirements to apply:

- Survivor of human trafficking* Yes No
- U.S. Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States; DACA or DREAMer; Special immigrant juvenile status and deferred action. Yes No
- Enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited public or private post-secondary or vocational institution. Yes No
- Are you currently residing in Arizona? Yes No

Human trafficking survivors are defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and its subsequent reauthorizations as:

Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery (22 U.S.C. § 7102(9)).

- Before you were age of 18, did you ever trade/exchange sex to meet your basic needs? Some examples of basic needs are: something of value such as money, a place to stay, drugs, protection, or clothing.
- Have you ever been forced or tricked into trading sex for something of value like a place to stay, protection, drugs, clothing, or food?
- Have you ever had a person force, trick, or pressure you to exchange/trade sex for money or other items? Examples of a person could include Boyfriend, Family Members, Manager, Pimp, Partner.
- Did you ever have sex for things of value (money, housing, food, gifts, drugs, or favors)?
- Did you work where it may be common to be pressured into performing sex acts for money, such as a strip club, illicit cantina, or massage business?

To be eligible for this scholarship, it's not required that you have prosecuted your trafficker or assisted in an investigation against them.

APPLICATION FORM

RECOMMENDATION

Have you been recommended by an agency and/or counselor or social worker, who is willing to provide information on behalf of you as the applicant?

Full Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

PREFERENCES

5. Are you seeking your first college degree or technical job training? Yes No

6. Have completed at least one year of trauma counseling? Yes No

7. Do you have a financial need? Yes No

8. What are you seeking the funds for?

GED

Associates degree

Vocational School

Bachelor's degree

Technical School

Other:

9. Any additional information you would like to share – i.e., cost, school, length of program. etc.

EDUCATIONAL PATH

Last school attended:

Current grade level (if applicable):

Highest level of education:

10. What areas of study are you drawn to, and why?

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. Briefly describe any financial challenges you are facing that might impact your pursuit of higher education.

12. Are you currently receiving any financial support or scholarships? If yes, please provide details.

13. Estimate of funding needed:

APPLICATION FORM

ASPIRATIONS

14. What are your academic (or professional) goals?

SUPPORTIVE FIGURES

15. Provide contact information for two people who can vouch for your determination, strength, and potential.
Please include their name, email address and phone number.

Full Name:

Phone Number: E-Mail:

Full Name:

Phone Number: E-Mail:

ANYTHING ELSE (OPTIONAL)

16. Please share anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you or your application for the scholarship.

EDUCATIONAL PATH

17. Please share your thoughts (300-500 words) on at least one of the following prompts:
Please demonstrate that you can communicate your thoughts using complete sentences with proper punctuation and grammar:

Why do you want to go to college/trade school?

How will this scholarship make a difference for you?

Who is a person that has influenced you and why?

An additional page with extra response space is provided on the last page of this application or you can attach a separate page.

YOUR PLEDGE

By submitting this application, I confirm that the information I have shared is honest and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this scholarship aims to support survivors, and my privacy and comfort are respected. I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee that I will receive funding from the Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network.

Signature:

Date:

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ADDITIONAL RESPONSE SPACE

Please indicate which question number you need additional space for:

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